

National Freshwater Conference 2024

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Water New Zealand

- Industry association
- Membership from across the supply chain
- Independent
- Promote and enable the sustainable management of the water environment

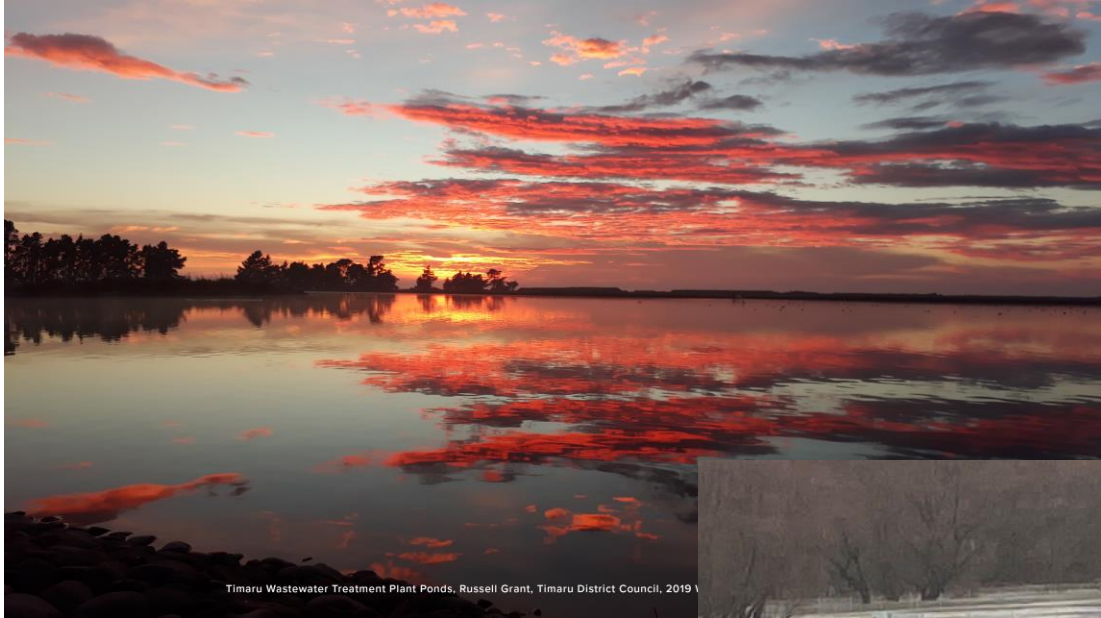
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tangata**

**If the water is healthy, the land is healthy,
the people are healthy**

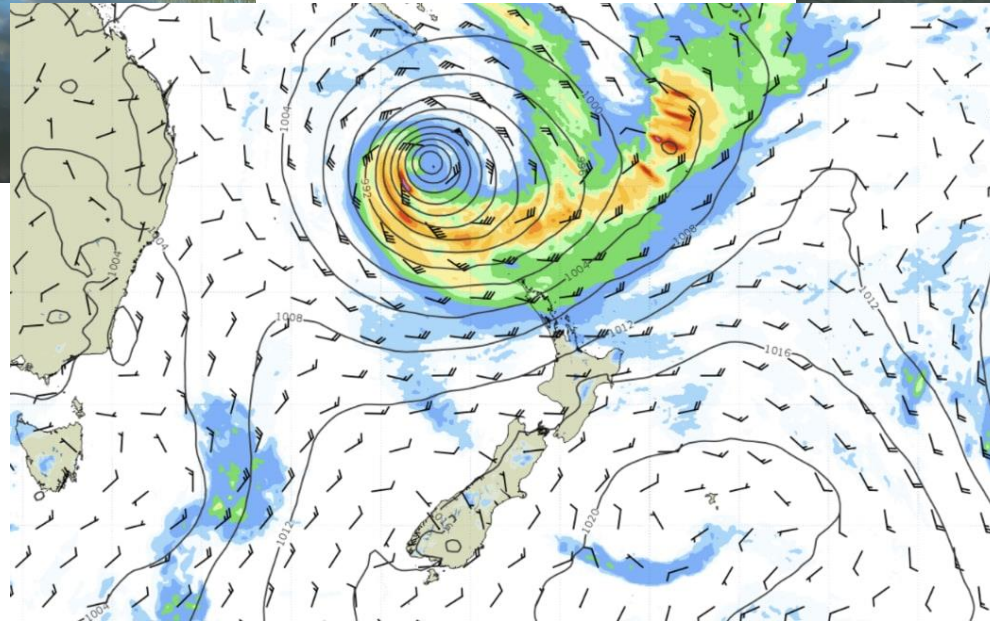
Drinking water



Wastewater



Stormwater

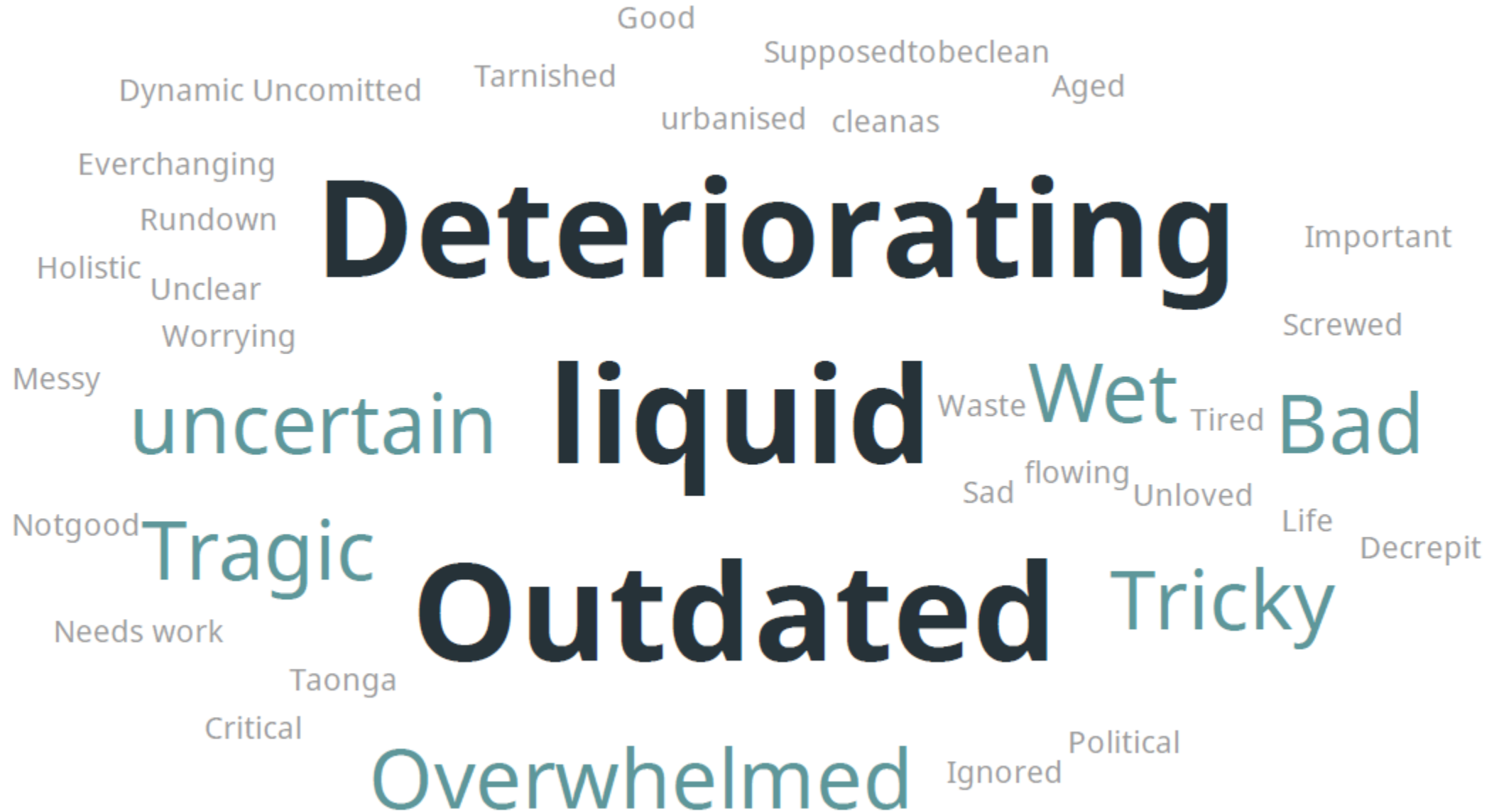


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Physical state of the water environment – feedback from Young Water Professionals



Health check – water environment

Beaches closed

Water restrictions

Toxic algae



Health check – investment

Renewals

Levels of service

Growth

Climate change/resilience



Health check – workforce

Capability

Capacity

To be clear..... Workforce is
passionate and committed



Where do we want to be?

Safe drinking water
across the country

Improved environmental
performance - wastewater
and stormwater networks

Financially sustainable
outcomes, and resilient to
climate change

Delivered at a price New
Zealanders can afford



Self-determined:

- Form of entity
- 2 or 3 waters

Regional Council
Controlled
Organisations



Financial
sustainability

Investment
adequacy

Fair pricing

Compliance, monitoring and enforcement is vital for success



Regional Councils

- Bay of Plenty Regional Council
- Environment Canterbury
- Environment Southland
- Gisborne District Council (Unitary)
- Greater Wellington Regional Council
- Hawke's Bay Regional Council
- Horizons Regional Council
- Marlborough District Council
- Nelson City Council (Unitary)
- Northland Regional Council
- Otago Regional Council
- Taranaki Regional Council
- Tasman District Council (Unitary)
- Waikato Regional Council
- West Coast Regional Council

Key takeaways

1. Water environment is being impacted by drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems and networks
2. Significant investment is required across drinking water, wastewater & stormwater
3. Local Water Done Well is being introduced
4. Water Service Delivery Plans likely due mid 2025
5. Critical enablers
 - Unlocking funding (unless Councils reprioritise budgets and increase rates)
 - Sufficient trained people to deliver water services
 - Compliance, monitoring and enforcement by 3 regulators

Next steps...

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