

Three Waters Poll May 2022

CLIENT:	New Zealand Taxpayers' Union
POLL DATES:	Wed 4 to Wed 11 May 2022. The median response was collected on Mon 09 May 2022.
TARGET POPULATION:	Eligible New Zealand voters.
SAMPLE POPULATION:	Eligible New Zealand voters who are contactable on a landline or mobile phone or online panel.
SAMPLE SIZE:	1,000 respondents agreed to participate – 700 via phone and 300 via online panel.
SAMPLE SELECTION:	A random selection of 20,000 nationwide phone numbers.
WEIGHTING:	The results are weighted to reflect the overall voting adult population in terms of gender, age, and area.
SAMPLE ERROR:	Based on this sample of 1,000 respondents, the maximum sampling error (for a result of 50%) is +/- 3.1%, at the 95% confidence level.
CODE COMPLIANCE:	This poll was conducted in accordance with the Research Association New Zealand Code of Practice and the International Chamber of Commerce/European Society for Opinion and Market Research Code on Market and Social Research.

Do you think those who are responsible for provision of local drinking, waste, and storm water services should be directly accountable to voters?

		Count	Col %
Should water service providers be directly accountable to the public	Yes	757	76%
	No	84	8%
	Unsure	149	15%
	Total	990	100%

76% of respondents think those responsible for three waters services should be directly accountable to voters.

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Should water service providers be directly accountable to the public	Yes	76%	77%
	No	8%	9%
	Unsure	17%	13%
	Total	100%	100%

		Age		
		18 - 39	40 - 59	60+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should water service providers be directly accountable to the public	Yes	62%	84%	81%
	No	10%	8%	7%
	Unsure	28%	8%	12%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

		Area					
		Akl	Wgtn	Chch	Prov Cities	Towns	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should water service providers be directly accountable to the public	Yes	72%	76%	71%	79%	80%	78%
	No	16%	3%	10%	4%	6%	8%
	Unsure	12%	20%	19%	17%	14%	14%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Deprivation		
		Least	Moderate	Most
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should water service providers be directly accountable to the public	Yes	74%	84%	65%
	No	10%	4%	14%
	Unsure	15%	12%	21%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

		Probed Party Vote				
		National	Labour	ACT	Greens	Unsure
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should water service providers be directly accountable to the public	Yes	81%	74%	92%	70%	65%
	No	8%	12%	0%	12%	7%
	Unsure	11%	14%	8%	17%	28%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

74% of Labour voters and 70% of Green voters think those responsible for three waters services should be directly accountable to voters.

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