



## Notice of Referendum to Determine Ownership of the Otama Rural Water Supply

In response to a request from the Otama Rural Water Supply Committee, Council has resolved to hold a referendum on the following proposal - "That ownership of the Otama Rural Water Supply be transferred from Gore District Council to Otama Rural Water Limited."

The referendum is to be conducted pursuant to Section 5(1) of the Gore District Council (Otama Rural Water Supply) Act 2019.

The referendum will be conducted under the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system, by postal vote. Voter packs will be sent to consumers and residents within the Otama Rural Water Supply area. The voting period for this referendum will be from Thursday 18 November to Friday 10 December 2021.

The referendum result will be binding. The Council will use the result to determine if ownership of the Otama Rural Water Supply should be transferred to Otama Rural Water Limited.

### Inspection of Electoral Roll

The preliminary electoral roll to be used for the referendum will be available for inspection during office hours at the Gore District Council, Civic Administration Building, 29 Bowler Avenue and the Gore Library, Jacob Street, Gore from Thursday 16 September to Thursday 14 October 2021.

### Residential electors may enrol or amend their enrolment details on the electoral roll by:

- Visiting the Electoral Commission website: - [www.vote.nz](http://www.vote.nz)
- Calling 0800 36 76 56 (0800 ENROL NOW)
- Freetext 3673

Applications for registration as a ratepayer elector are to be made on the non-resident ratepayer elector enrolment form available from the Gore District Council office or by downloading from [www.lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz). Updates to the preliminary roll close at 4pm on Thursday 14 October 2021.

### Inspection of Ownership Transfer Information

Copies of the following documents about the proposed transfer will be available for inspection during office hours from Thursday 16 September to Thursday 14 October 2021 at the Gore District Council, Civic Administration Building, 29 Bowler Avenue and the Gore Library, Jacob Street, Gore:

1. the views of the Medical Officer of Health
2. the transfer plan and the proposed agreement outlining the roles and responsibilities of the Company and any contractors (including the Council) in relation to the scheme
3. the assessments made by Otama Rural Water Limited
4. a map of area to be subject to the referendum.

The above documents can also be viewed online at [www.lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz)

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