

08 March 2023

Carl Wiggin
Via FYI website

Kia ora Carl,

Cost of water infrastructure

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 17 February 2023. You requested the following information:

1. Please provide the total spending on water infrastructure (maintenance and repair and upgrade) for the last three years. Costs per year if possible.
2. Also can you provide the total number of rate payers? This is to allow a calculation of cost per rate payer.

Wellington City Council has granted your request for information. Please see the below response.

Please note that this excludes depreciation and any allocated costs, this is only the costs invoiced by Wellington Water Ltd for operating, maintaining, renewing, and upgrading the city's three waters network. Stimulus funding values are government funded and not part of the Long-Term Plan, nor does it have a relationship with rates.

	FY20	FY21	FY22
OPEX (Operating costs, maintenance and repair)	45,130,228	34,532,832	35,893,310
Stimulus funding		4,729,305	12,839,403
	\$45,130,228	\$39,262,137	\$48,732,713
CAPEX (renewing and upgrading the city's three waters networks)	47,097,006	52,520,891	61,995,288
Stimulus Funding		2,379,511	251,780
	\$47,097,006	\$54,900,402	\$62,247,068

We do not hold a record of the number of rate payers, only the number of accounts. The number of rating assessments is 81,209 however some accounts will have more than one ratepayer. Information around the profile of Wellington City population is available in our Annual Report:

[Wellington City Council Annual Report 2021/2022 - Volume 1](#)

Please note, we may release our response to your request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

Claudia Holgate
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