

German-NZ Resilient Waters Conference

Strengthening Urban Water Systems Against Extreme Weather – German Insights for Aotearoa

17 November 2025, 11.30AM am – 3.30PM

Agenda

Moderation

Campbell Barry, Former Mayor of Lower Hutt | Vice President, Local Government
New Zealand (LGNZ) (2023–2025) | Chair of the Wellington Water Committee

11.30AM **Opening Notes**
German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce
Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
AHP International

12.00PM **German Expert Speaker**
Martin Walter, Senior Manager and Water Industry Expert, Germany Trade & Invest
(GTAI)

12.15PM **Showcase Part 1: Sustainable Water Treatment and Resource Efficiency**
Binder Group AG – AI-driven gas flow & aeration control
FLUIDTEC Flüssigkeitstechnologie – Advanced water treatment systems
Vulcan by CWT – Eco-friendly scale & rust prevention
Wilo Group – Intelligent pump systems for the water cycle

1.00PM **Networking Break & Light Lunch**

1.45PM **New Zealand's Water Infrastructure: Benefits, Challenges, and Future
Opportunities**
Gillian Blythe, CEO, Water New Zealand

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- 2.05PM **Showcase Part 2: Smart Infrastructure and Digital Water Management**
3S Antriebe GmbH – Smart Actuation for buried valves
SAMSON AG – Precision control valves for water systems
TriOS GmbH – Environmental monitoring & sensor technology
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- 2.45PM **Setting the Standards: Regulation for Resilient Water Futures**
Sara McFall Head of Systems, Strategy, and Performance, Water Services Authority
– Taumata Arowai
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- 3.00PM **Expert Panel Discussion: Tackling Urban Water Challenges Together**
Laurence Edwards, Chief Advisor Drinking Water, Wellington Water
Sven Harlos, Water Sector Lead NZ & Pacific, McConnell Dowell
Ulrich Glasner, Water Services Manager, Ashburton District Council
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- 3.30PM **Closing Remarks & Networking**
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Agenda as of 10 November 2025, subject to change.

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