

Infrastructure New Zealand:

Submission to the Health Select Committee on the Taumata Arowai – Water Regulator Bill

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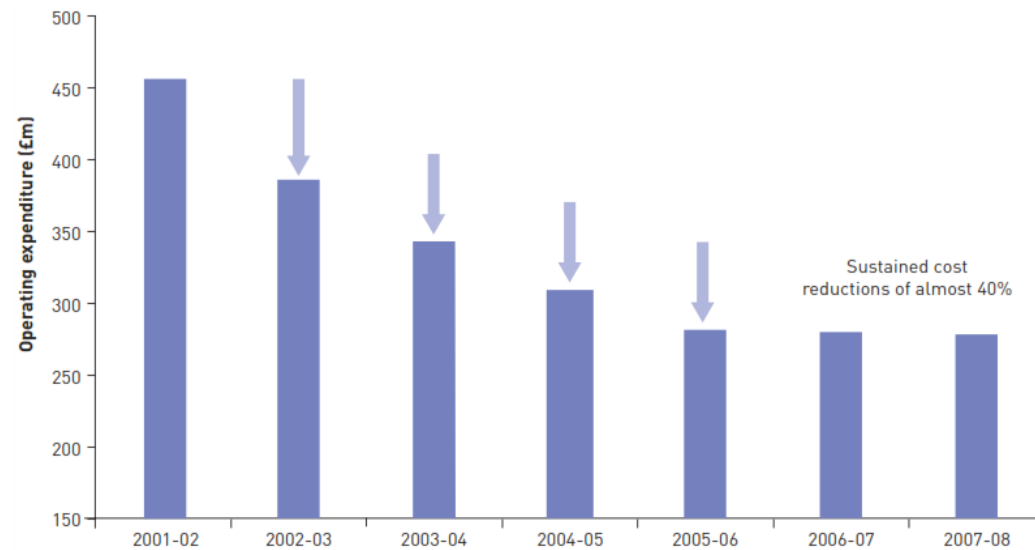


Key points

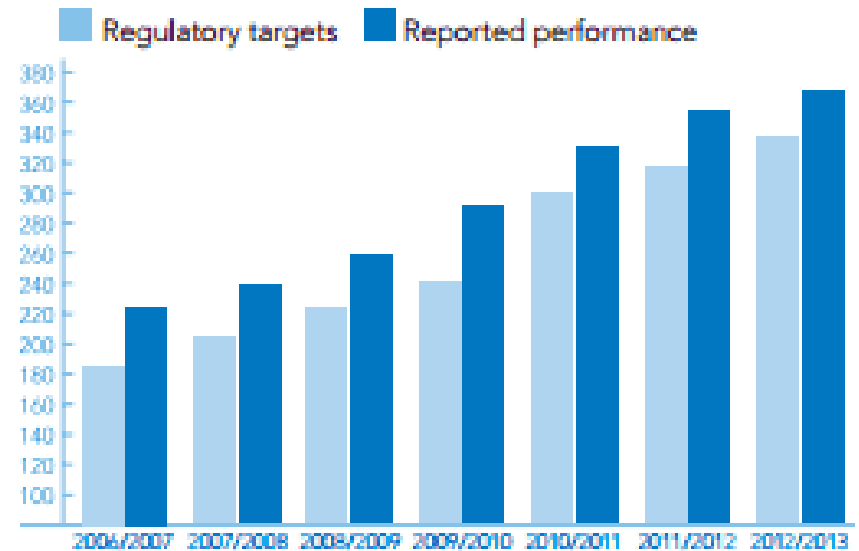
- We support specialised independent regulation of water services
- The current approach has not worked
- Independent, expert regulation will improve transparency and accountability
- With better information and more scrutiny we can make better and harder decisions

Scotland's monitored performance post reform

Figure 1: Scottish Water's progress on operating costs



Overall Performance Assessment



Scottish Water: Industry Structure



Our preferred model

- Regional delivery to enable scale, capacity and capability
 - 3-5?
- “Four waters” regulation – supply, waste, storm AND irrigation
 - single system
- Wellbeing oriented price-quality-affordability and environmental regulation
- Demand management (metering)
- Deconsolidation from local councils (balance sheets)
- National standards for data collection, monitoring and reporting

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