

# From Risk Management to Resilience

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# Watercare

- Auckland's water and wastewater service provider
- Council-controlled organisation since 2010
- Serve 1.4 million Aucklanders
- Deliver 360 million litres of water daily
- Treat 458 million litres of wastewater daily
- 958 staff



# Operations and Assets

- Head office in Newmarket
- 5 operational hubs
- 1 laboratory
- Assets (book value) \$8.9 billion including:
  - 33 water/wastewater treatment plants
  - 16,800 kilometres of water/wastewater pipes
  - 89 water reservoirs
  - 608 water/wastewater pump stations
  - 167,264 manholes
- Plan to invest \$4.9 billion over the next 10 years



# Wastewater treatment



# From Sky to Sea

## From sky to sea

An overview of Watercare's assets and operations





# UPDATED MAJOR PROJECTS

Below are just some of the large projects that we are planning, delivering or have recently completed around Auckland.



To find out more, visit [www.watercare.co.nz/About-us/Projects-around-Auckland](http://www.watercare.co.nz/About-us/Projects-around-Auckland)

# Risk management to resilience

## RISK

Understand and manage the risks in your business environment

### ENTERPRISE RISKS



BUSINESS UNIT RISKS



PROJECT RISKS



## RESILIENCE

Expect the unexpected – build adaptive capacity

### UNFORESEEN RISKS



EXTREME EVENTS



EXTERNAL IMPACTS



NATURAL  
HAZARDS

# Risk Management

## Proactive Approach

Identify the risks



Understand the consequences



Act to manage the position



# Risk Governance Structure

Board

Audit & Risk Committee

Chief Officers /     } Risk Management  
General Managers } Steering Committee

Business Unit Managers

# Key Risk Documents

## ISO 31000 – Risk Management Guidelines

- Enterprise risk policy
- Enterprise risk framework
- Business unit / Chief risk registers
- Enterprise risks reported to the Board

**Risk management used in decision making**

# Deciding Overall Enterprise Risks

Enterprise risks identified by the Executive /Board



Compare: decide overall top risks

Filter

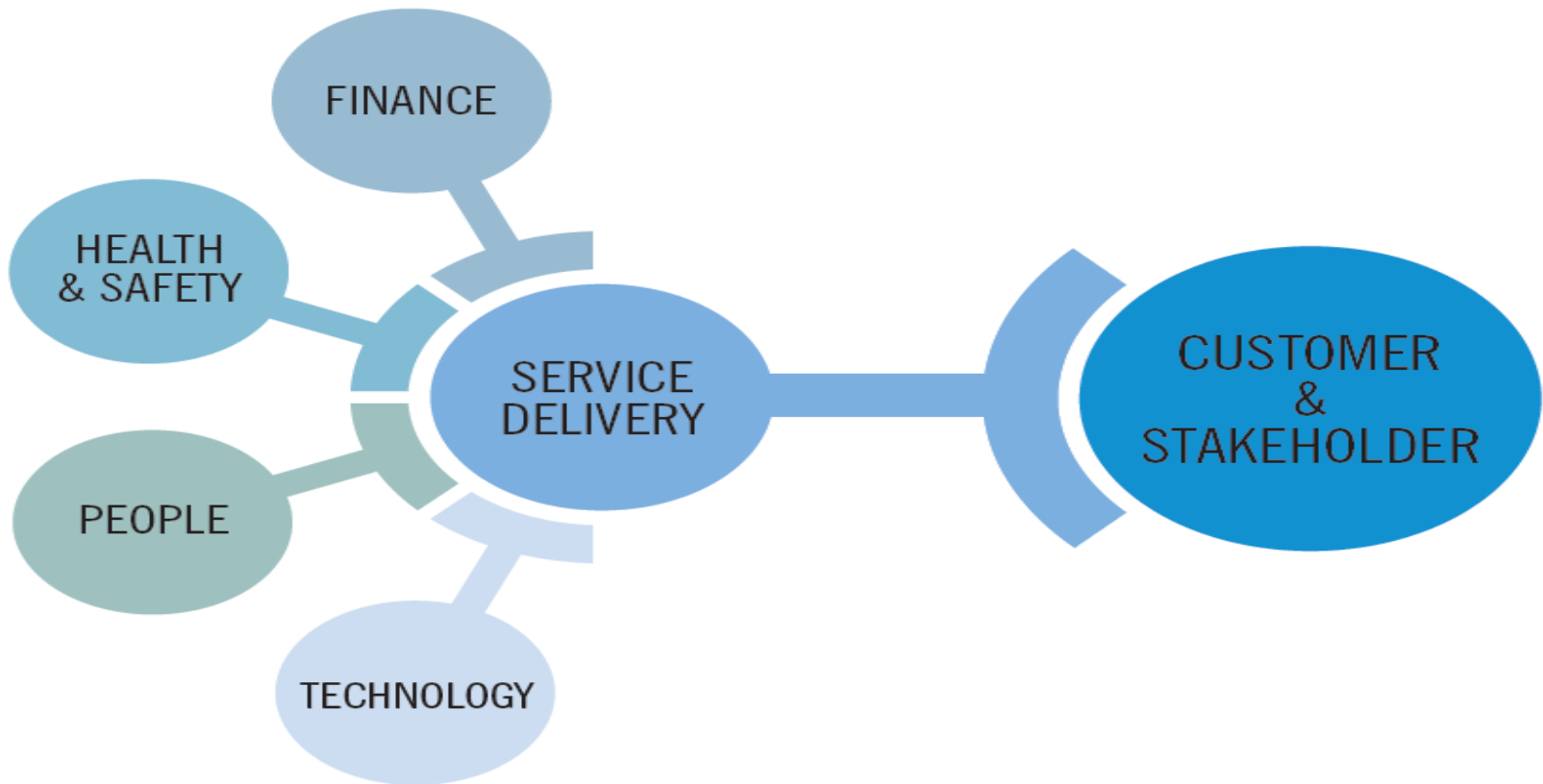


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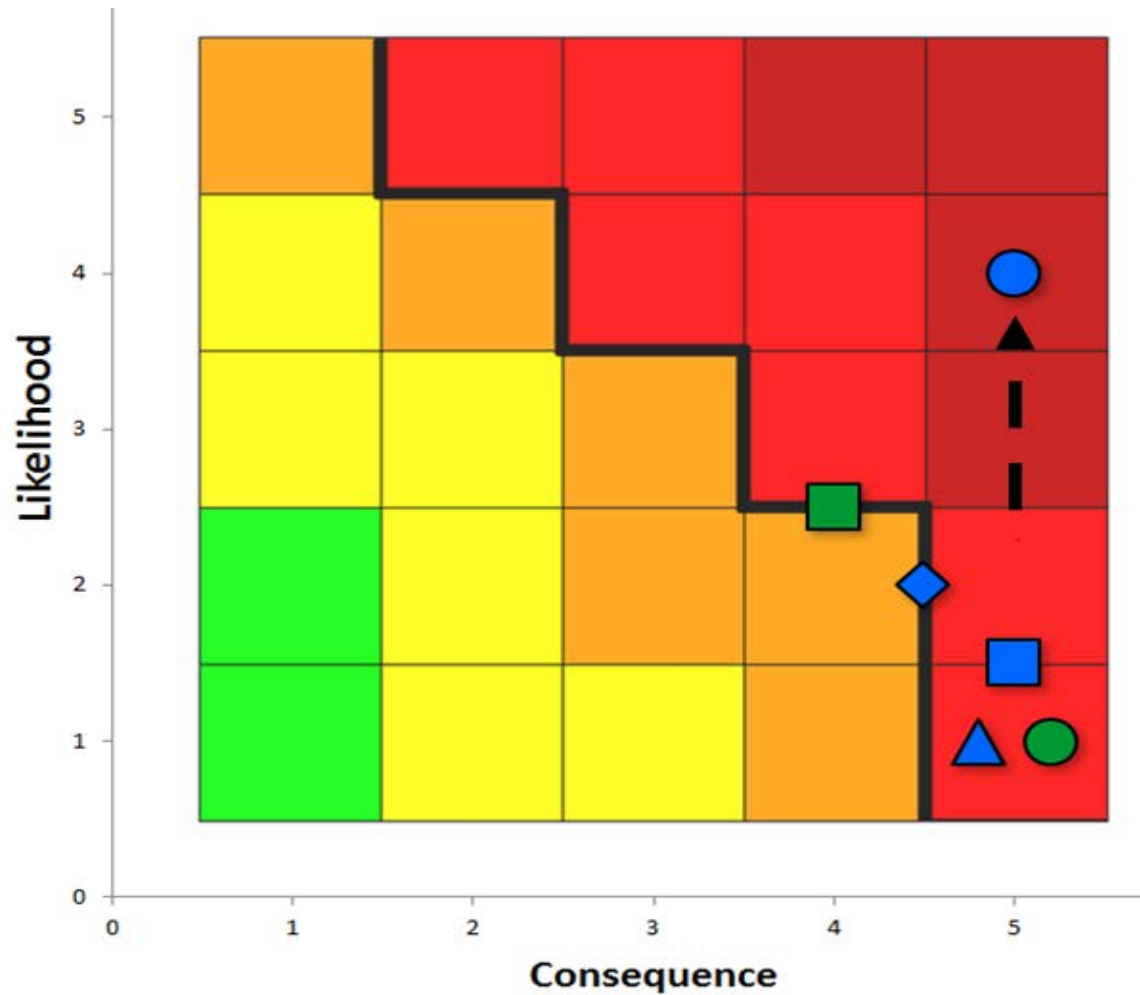
Enterprise risks identified by Business Units



# Strategic risk areas



# Presentation of enterprise risks



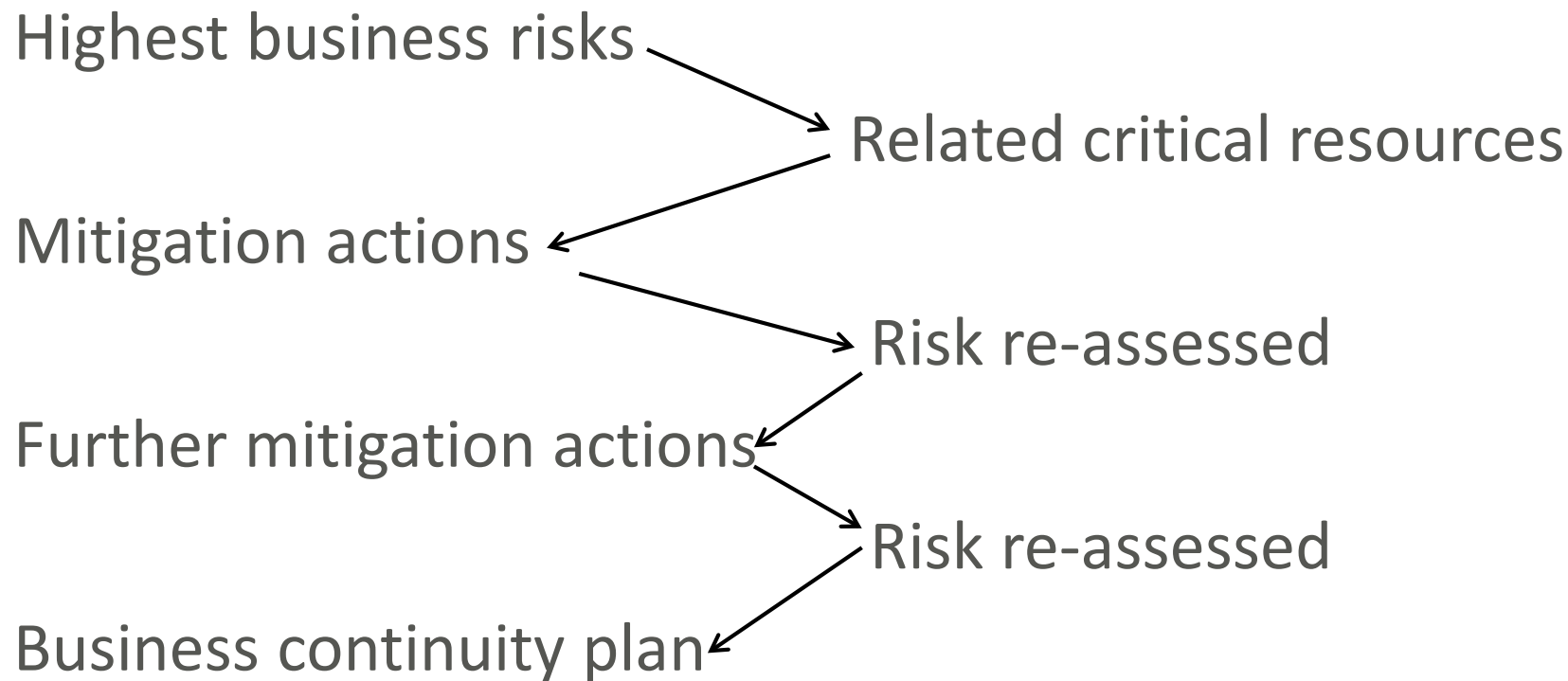
# Resilience Stage 1



# Time for the Incident Management Plan



# Risk Management and Business Continuity



\*Trigger points for all BCPs

# Key Elements of the BCP

- Communicate – Escalate advise management
- Make safe
- Short term fix – practical e.g. manual operation
- Longer term – repair or replace



# Duplicate - Back Up Control Room



Same essential features as main control room

Hot standby – ready to operate

**Regular tests of transfer of control**

# Insurance

Some money back after the event if covered by your policy !!!



# Resilience Stage 2



# Resilience Stage 2

- History – Previous failures / issues
- Most important / biggest impact
- Most critical to provision of services
- Reserves held
- **Critical materials / suppliers**
- **Critical contractors**

# Harden









# Strengthen





# Design Stage - Pump Station



# Cyber Example

- Prevent – IS Use Policy / Staff Education
- Protect – Patching / Updates / Anti-Virus
- Detect – **Specialist intrusion software**
- Respond – Incident Management Plan + IS BCP + Cyber insurance support panel
- Recover – Forensic and technical support



# Resilience 3

# Does Not Mean It Cannot Happen

- Extremely rare
- Very low likelihood of occurrence
- 1 in 500 year event
- Not foreseeable
- Not in the last 100 years
- Not in our planning horizon

# Cover the Obvious – No Excuses

## Loss of:

- Electricity
- Gas
- Water / sewerage
- Telecommunications
- IS Systems and Capability

# The Challenge of Extreme Events

Aucklanders face largest  
water crisis in 23 years 

# Two months' rain in 12 Hours



During **Cyclone Bola**,  
**96mm** of rain  
fell in a 24-hour period

During the **Tasman Tempest**,  
**241mm** of rain  
fell in a 24-hour period



# More silt than water?





# Ardmore treatment capacity reduced



# Highly resilient infrastructure

- Water treatment plants operating as planned
- Exceeding all design parameters
- Designed with significant contingency
- Operated by expert staff

# The capability gap in extreme events

Normal Treatment Plant	Design	Expert	Extreme Event
Design Parameters	Contingency	Staff	Gap



# Watercare urges Aucklanders to reduce water use in wake of torrential rain

Last updated 17:31, March 9 2017



CHRIS MCKEEN/FAIRFAX NZ

Watercare is calling for "voluntary savings following an extraordinary and unprecedented weather event in the Hunuas".

Water, water everywhere - and not a drop to drink.

Aucklanders are being urged to reduce their water consumption after torrential rain pummeled the region on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Ardmore Water Treatment Plant - which is sourced from four water storage dams in the Hunua Ranges - is treating 50 per cent less water than usual in the wake of the wild weather.

# Increase capacity + Reduce Consumption

- More staff – 24-hour manning to nurse key water treatment plants
- Additional staff and other resources required – drawn from across the business
- Leverage relationships with major commercial water users
- Voluntary reduction is preferable to mandatory restrictions or partially treated water

# Future Resilience Challenge



# UK Met Office study findings 2017

- There is an increased risk of ‘unprecedented’ winter downpours
- High risk of record-breaking rainfall in England and Wales in the coming decade
- These events could break existing records by up to 30 per cent

# The future resilience challenge

How to prepare if:

- **Not** foreseeable
- Scale beyond normal capacity to respond
- Organisation wide impacts
- Challenges the organisations current culture

# New approach required

Enhance and enable the organisations ability to react and adapt – **Adaptive Capacity**:

- Leadership and management
- Change ready people and systems
- Operations and technology
- Extended support networks and relationships

Guided by new enhanced resilience standards

# Leadership and management

- Leaders are decisive leaders trained to manage with incomplete information
- Clear roles, chain of command, nominated deputies and extended delegations
- Strong succession planning
- Corporate knowledge retained and re-used

# Change ready people and systems

- Staff trained to innovate and problem solve
- Key staff and critical capabilities identified
- Learn from experience with a searchable knowledge base
- Plans regularly tested
- Seek opportunity to improve responses in times of adversity



# Operations and technology

- Close relationships with key vendors and suppliers
- Smart networks and systems that identify problems early
- Systems and processes can be flexed to support event response
- Reserve equipment ready to deploy

# Networks and relationships

- Collaboration with external partners and contractors
- Able to find knowledge and expertise quickly
- Support / assistance agreements with similar organisations
- Engage and maintain relationships with regulators and authorities

# Recap – Risk management to resilience

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- Foreseeable risks
- Assess with current controls
- Planned mitigation actions
- Business continuity/contingency plans with trigger points for high residual risks



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- Not foreseeable
- Scale beyond normal capacity to respond
- Organisation-wide organic capacity needs to be developed to successfully respond
- Cultural change - building capacity across people, technology, critical infrastructure, key stakeholder/ suppliers and external networks

# Questions

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