



Taituarā

Local Government Professionals Aotearoa

Research and reports on citizen assemblies and jury's examples

Watercare Citizens' Assembly (2022)

"What should be Tāmaki Makaurau's next future water source?" – led to a recommendation that direct recycled water would be the best solution to meet the city's water needs beyond 2040.

- [Watercare – Citizens' Assembly recommends direct recycled water for Auckland's future water source](#)
- [Video recap – Watercare citizens' assembly project](#)
- [Podcast episode from Business Lab](#)
- [Newsroom article – The Watercare Citizen's Assembly](#)

Future for Local Government Report (July 2023)

The [Future for Local Government report](#) was published in July 2023 along with a [Technical report](#) on collaborative models. The panel responsible for the review also commissioned additional research including:

- [Rangatiratanga, Citizenship and a Crown that is 'Māori too' Boldness and the Future of Local Government](#)
- [Rethinking democracy – and why local government is the best place to start](#)
- [Digital Futures: Democratising Digital and Data](#)
- [Get Vocal in Your Local: Project Summary](#)
- [How local government in Victoria \(Aus\) is using deliberative democracy, and what we can learn from this](#)

- [McGuinness Institute discussion paper – Future for Local Government Workshop](#)
- [Four key points to the Panel of the Review into the Future for Local Government](#)
- [Unlocking the potential of local government: Activating a wellbeing ecology, in place](#)

The Southern Initiative

- The Southern Initiative works across southern and western Auckland developing equity programmes, in particular for Māori and Pasifika peoples. It brings central and local government together to deliver the programmes. Other reports can be found at <https://www.tsi.nz/our-reports>

Examples from other Countries

- Irish Citizens' Assemblies (2016-2018): on abortion, same-sex marriage, divorce, blasphemy, and climate change – that have all led to either referendums, constitutional changes and/or new legislation: [About the Citizens' Assembly – The Citizens' Assembly \(citizensassembly.ie\)](#)
- French Citizens' Climate Convention (2019-2020): on how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent by 2030, in a spirit of social justice that influenced France's Climate Act: [Home – The Citizens' Convention on Climate, what is it?](#)
- Canada's Citizens' Assemblies on Democratic Expression (2020-2022): on examining the impact of digital technologies on Canadian society, reporting to the Canadian Commission on Democratic Expression, to the federal government and the public: [Citizens' Assembly on Democratic Expression \(commissioncanada.ca\)](#)