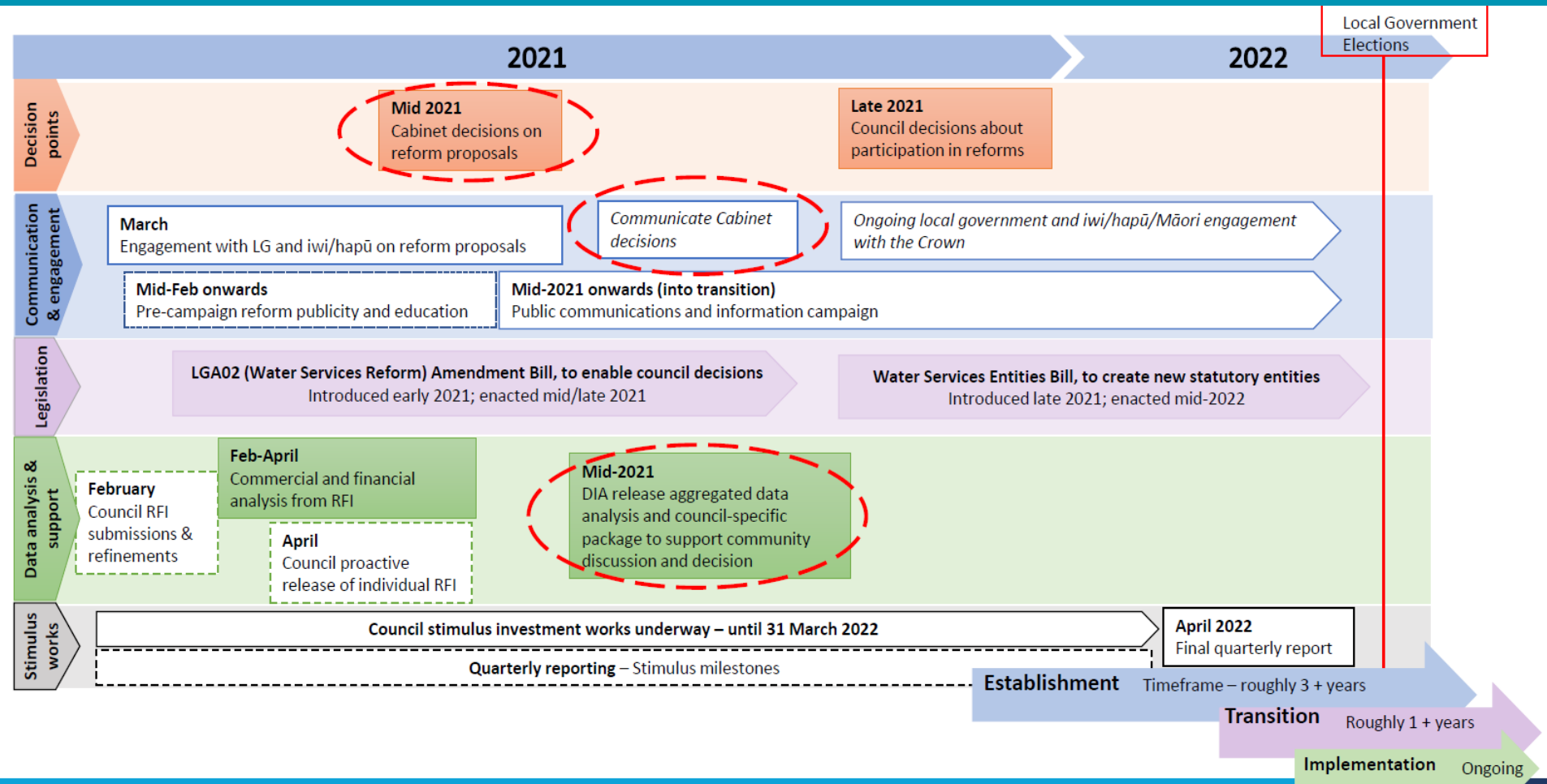


Te Kārearea

21 April 2021

Three Waters Reform Update

DIA Reform Timeline



Three Waters Reform ‘Scan’

- Government led – significant effort
 - Three Waters Reform RFI process (\$28.3m).
 - Cabinet Paper and Minutes 14 December 2020.
 - Water Services Bill Joint Northland Submission
 - Water Regulator *Taumata Arowai*
 - Three Waters Reform Workshop Papers for 30 March 2021

- *Go to Department of Internal Affairs Three Waters Reform site.*

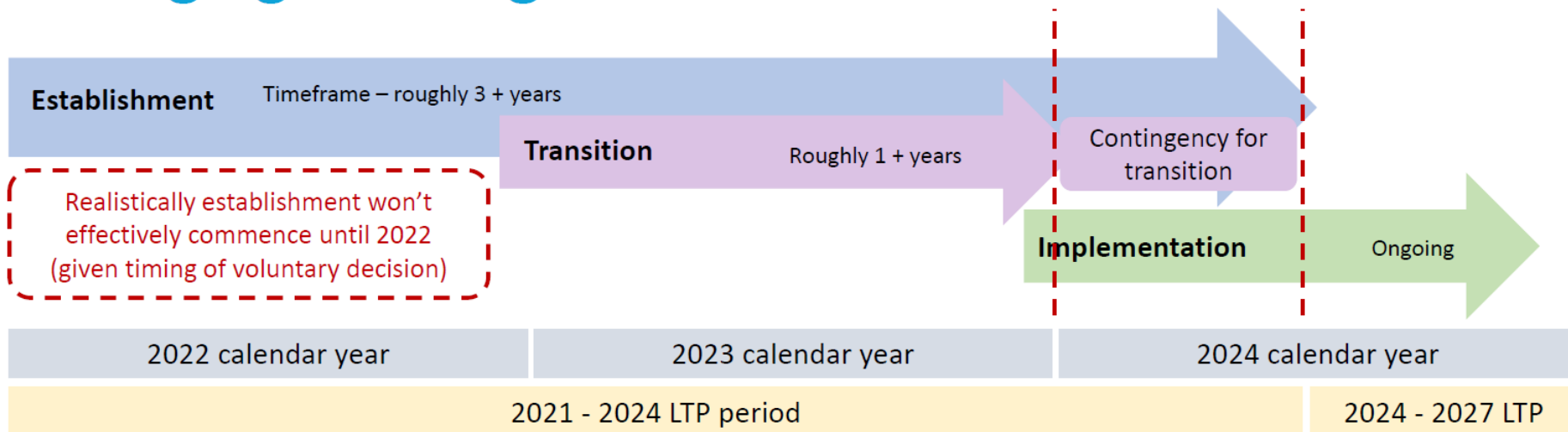
.....What about Local Government?

The future of local government

- The Minister of Local Government and Department of Internal Affairs have been progressing work on a process to reimagine the role of local of government.
- LGNZ and Taituarā have been involved in this work and were consulted on the draft Terms of Reference last month.
- Cabinet decisions on the Terms of Reference for this work and who will lead it are expected soon.
- Pending Cabinet decisions, a robust engagement process is envisioned, which will include local and central government representatives and iwi/Māori.
- Initial feedback ahead of the process commencing can be emailed to futureforlg@dia.govt.nz

If you would like to discuss this mahi, a member of the team working on this is available today during breaks.

Emerging thinking – what this would mean



What this means for councils and their staff (who do not opt-out of reform):

- Councils will continue to be delivering water services until at least early 2024
- Council involvement in transition will be required during 2022 and 2023. Some funding will be set aside to support back filling of staff
- Working assumption that the 2024 – 2027 LTP will no longer include water services. Assistance is likely to be required to develop the initial asset management plan of the Water Service Entities. *This is to be worked through*

We are targeting all Water Service Entities to be operationally live by June 2024 for administrative ease

S. Poll: what activity is most important to get right in the establishment/ transition?

Questions