

**SASOC presentation to  
Environment Committee  
10 September 2020**

# The common aim

- Water quality - in our streams and harbours - that Auckland and New Zealand can be proud of.

# History of the need:

- Snapshot of failures
- Historical lack of clear, consistent, long-term policy and planning
- Historical underinvestment, particularly for stormwater

# 2018 watershed for central Auckland

- Comprehensive programme for separation in central Auckland (the Western Isthmus)
- Supported by committed funding – the targeted rate
- Council (Healthy Waters) and Watercare working together
- Plans to extend upgrading to Eastern Isthmus
- Continuing maintenance budget – Auckland wide

# Impact of budgetary restraints (Covid)

- Critical changes – pull back on maintenance and timing of upgrades
- ‘Reactive’ expenditure – unpredictable in terms of adverse effects and cost
- Prospect of increased financial pressure from unpredicted failures
- Problem worsens if restrictions continue – risk of return to the past

# Needed for the future – an outcomes-focused policy and a funded plan

- A stormwater policy for Council
- A sustainable plan
- Integrated with Climate Plan
- Integrated with wastewater directions