



Planning for impact

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Outline

- Describe OAG approach to theme based work program
- How the approach is different
- How we seek added impact
- Illustrate approach with early thinking/engagement about our proposed theme for 2017/18 – ‘water’

How is the work programme different?

Before:

- Disparate range of audits and other products in any one financial year
- Cumulative knowledge across the organisation largely untapped.
- Limited ability to engage financial auditors (audit brief complicated)

After:

- Audits and other products grouped with similar topics across a multiple year work programme.
- Topics inform the selection of theme, not the other way round.
- Try for best fit, but not restricted.

Our office themes

2012/13 – *Our future needs – is the public sector ready?*

2013/14 – *Service delivery*

2014/15 – *Governance and accountability*

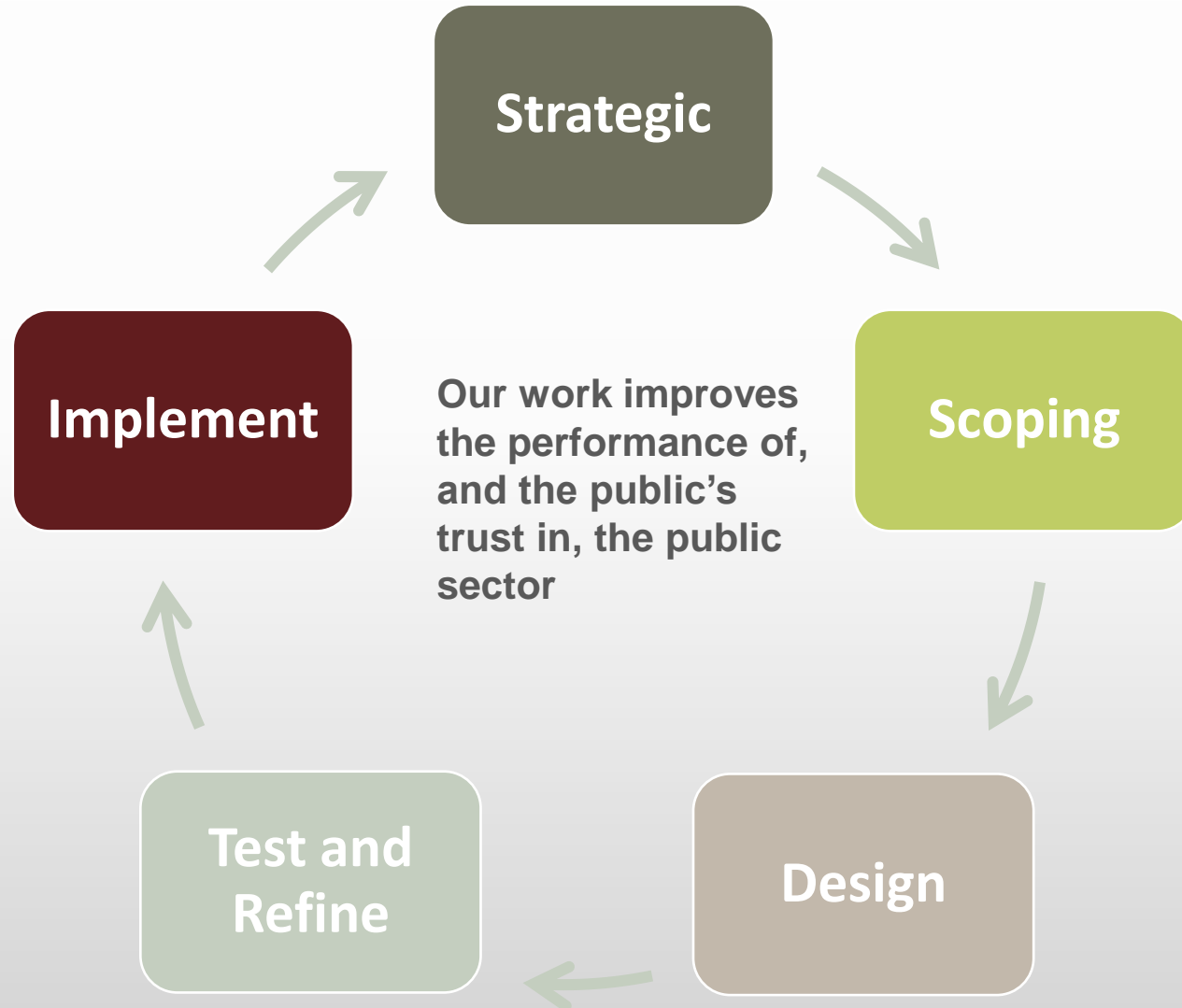
2015/16 – *Investment and asset management*

2016/17 – *Information*

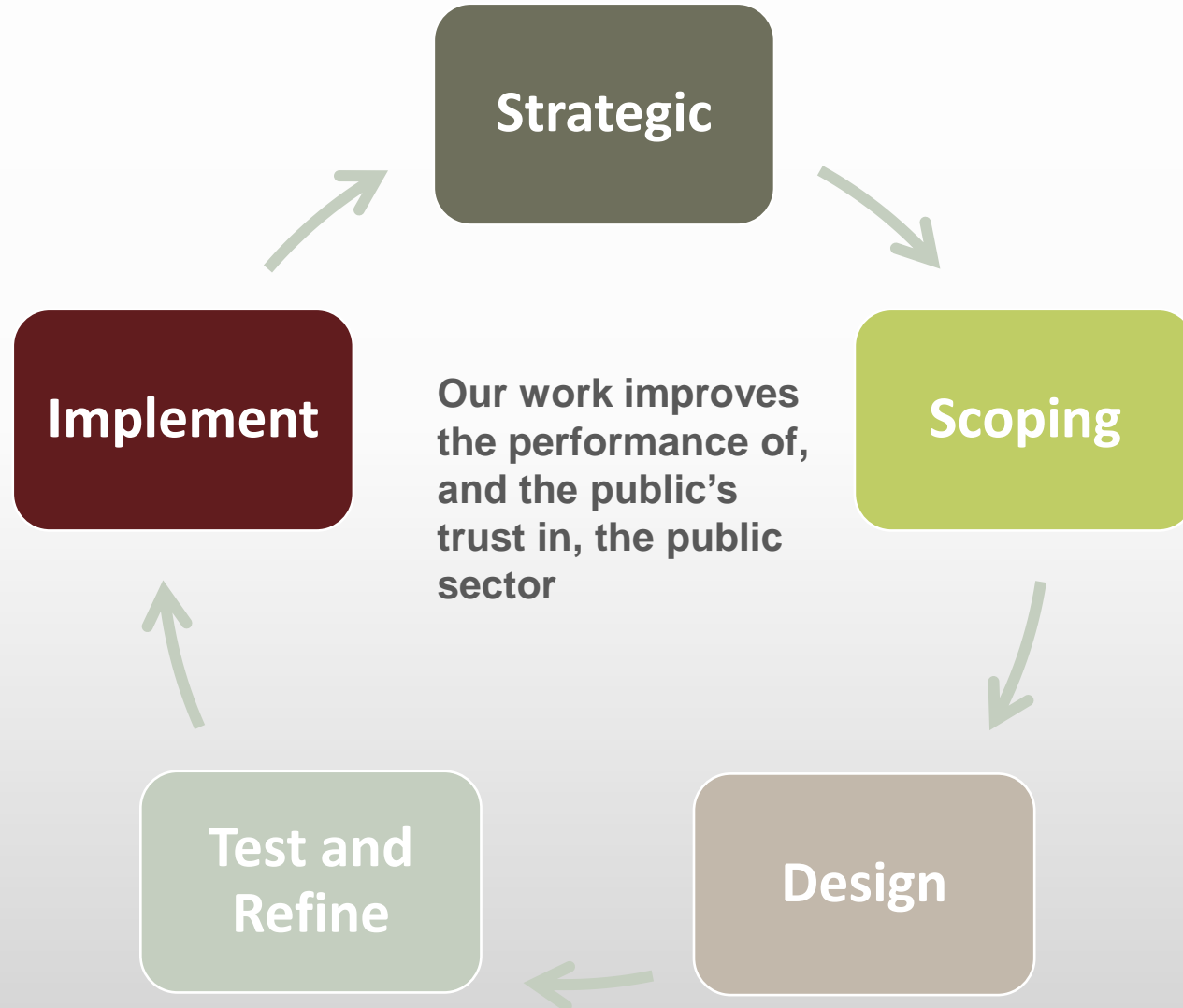
2017/18 – *Water*

2018/19 – *Sustainable Development*

Planning cycle, before themes



Planning cycle, after themes – same approach, different execution



Strategic



Harnessing our collective knowledge

Sector Scans and workshops bring together the hard facts, knowledge and intelligence from across our work

Increasing the contribution of Citizen's in informing our work

Scoping



Testing the value of topics

By connecting across the Office and with external parties



Shaping the programme to influence change

Prioritisation and practicality



Test and
Refine

Consulting to confirm value

Do Parliament and others see the value we do



Implement

Reflections and communicating for impact

[Biosecurity follow-up](#)

Bringing out the added value with all of us ambassadors

Overview reflections reports for added impact

Illustrate by explaining our approach to 'water' - our proposed theme for 2017/18

- Staff engagement
- Stakeholder engagement
- Citizen engagement?
- Scoping topics in more detail
- Decide priorities
- Consult with Parliament
- Do the work 2017/18
- Overview report 2018/19
- Have impact on a high public interest topic!

Office engagement – homework for workshop

- What water means for you and your family:
 - What do you need it for?
 - What do you value about it?
 - What are you worried about?
- Next slides are some material we prepared for a whole of office planning workshop

Investigation launched as Hastings council accused of withholding gastro information

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One of Havelock North's town water supply bores at the centre of the water contamination gastro crisis.



Our interest in water



- Critical natural resource.
- Need to recognise its value & impact by managing it over the long-term.



Impacts on water



Impacts from water



Our approach to focussing our water work

- Work we've done already
- International work
- Our interest in water
- What stakeholders are telling us
- Quality, quantity & marine



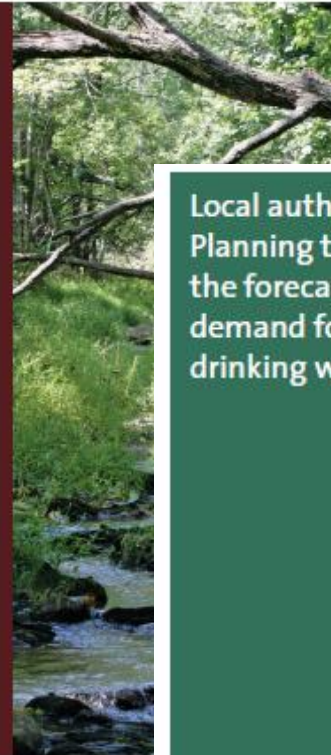
Inputs - work we've done already

- This isn't the first time we've looked at water

Water and roads:
Funding and
management
challenges



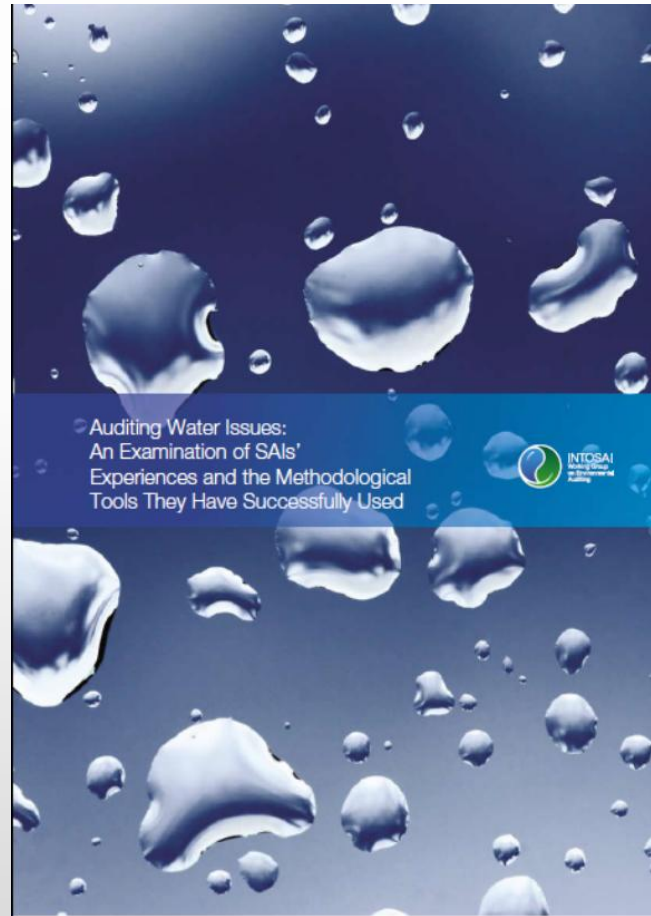
Managing
freshwater
quality:
Challenges for
regional councils



Local authorities:
Planning to meet
the forecast
demand for
drinking water



Inputs - international work



Report of INTOSAI WGEA, 2013

- Providing safe drinking water
- Managing competing demands
- Drought, flooding
- Freshwater quality
- Marine environment
- Planning & financing of infrastructure
- Implementing & enforcing water laws
- Adequacy of data
- Impacts of climate change

Inputs - what stakeholders are telling us



Possible break down of water topic

Quality, Quantity, Marine

- How good are our water bodies for drinking, swimming, fishing...? (quality)
- How do we deal with having too much water in some places & too little in others? (quantity):
 - Allocation tools
 - Dealing with flooding
- How healthy are our harbours, beaches and oceans? (marine environment)

What is all this telling us?

- Scope – water is a large and challenging topic
- Not the right time to deal with marine issues?
- Questionable whether right time to consider freshwater allocation?
- **Which suggests freshwater quality should be the focus?**

Likely issues/themes

- Ownership issue/indigenous interests/water pricing/economics
- Long term view
- Economy and environment tension – trade-offs
- Capacity and capability
- Information/data for good decision-making
- Infrastructure/including planning for climate change effects/sea level rise
- Collaboration
- Innovation/best practice

Potential tools/responses

- 2018 local authority long term plans and 30 year infrastructure strategies
- Performance audits
- Annual audits
- Inquiries?
- Encourage and support cooperative audits – PASAI, AGAG
- Other

Impacts we're seeking

- Independent view of water issues in New Zealand – good and bad, should the public be concerned about water management issues?
- Contribution to the water debate (some believe it is immature)
- Flag any capability/funding constraints
- Understand the gaps in governance and central government's implementation support
- Best practice/principles for engaging with communities on trade-offs/risk tolerance

Thank you for your attention

- Questions?