

National Engineering Design Standards

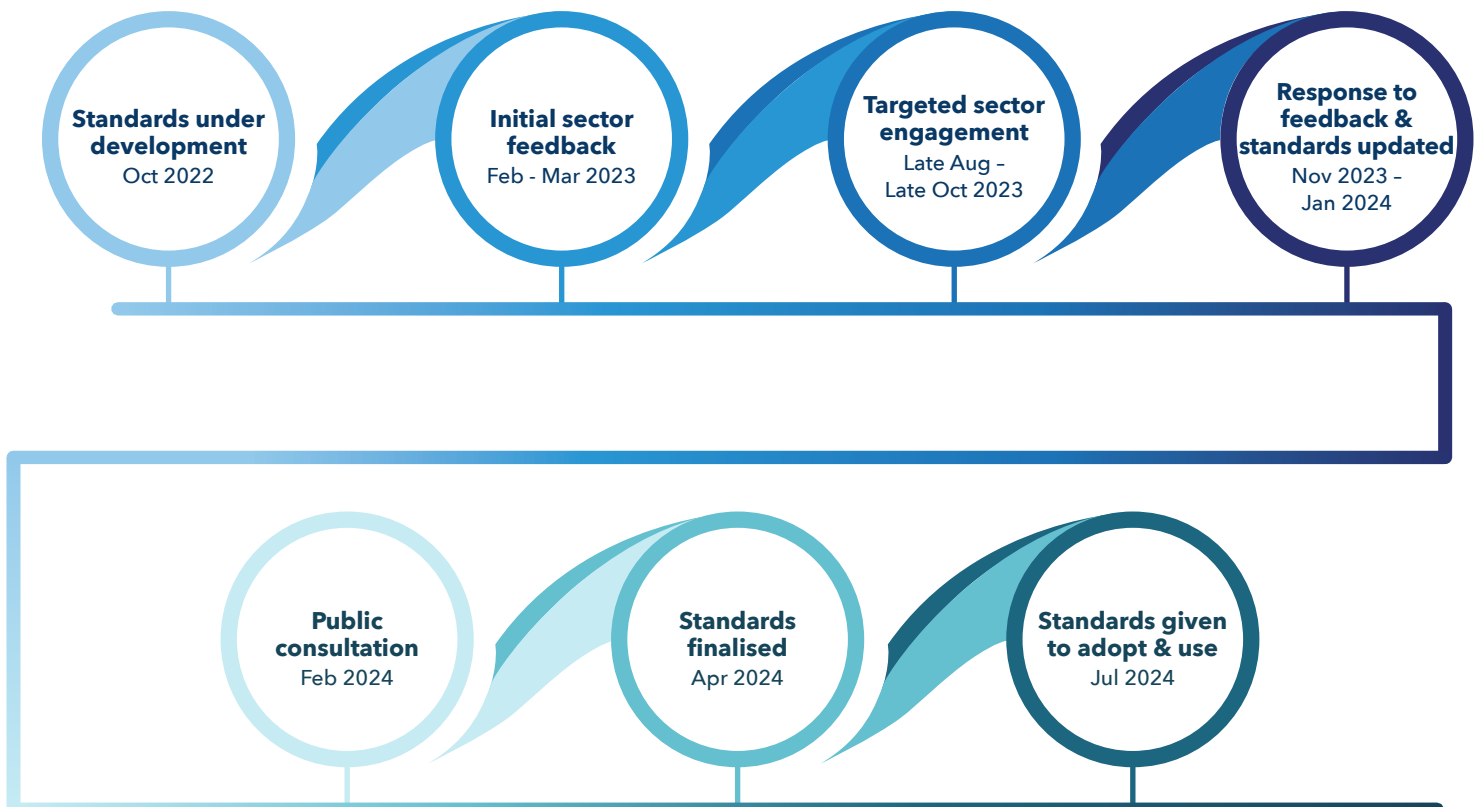
Background

A technical code for drinking, waste and stormwater reticulation infrastructure is being developed to create national alignment on methods of design and construction and to provide more efficient and productive delivery of water of water infrastructure to New Zealand communities. This work had been known as the Code of Practice, but this name is now changing to the National Engineering Design Standards (NEDS).

The name National Engineering Design Standards is more reflective of The Water Services Entities Amendment Bill, which requires Water Services Entities to have a development code in place 12 months from their vestablishment. NEDS will be a subset of the development code; to specify applicable engineering design and construction standards of water infrastructure. Each entity is required to have a nationally consistent development code, which will be monitored and enforced by the Commerce Commission.

Progress update

We've asked the sector for initial feedback which has helped confirm key elements of the standards and what else should be included. We now want to give the sector the opportunity to study the standards and to provide their viewpoints on its four technical areas - Water, Stormwater, Wastewater Gravity, and Wastewater Pumped.



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Next Steps

It's important to ensure the standards reflect appropriate consistent practice nationally whilst reflecting regional differences and that they're widely adopted and used within the industry.

The standards have been generated by industry practitioners and are believed to reflect appropriate consistent practice. We want feedback from the sector to confirm they do reflect best practice and that we've captured all the relevant requirements. They will be launched for feedback from late August to 30 October 2023.

A final public feedback process is also planned in February 2024.

