In search of a unicorn

aka "A common approach to UAT across 10 Councils"

Let me take you on a journey and help me determine if it's an **Inspired idea** or **Unachievable madness**?

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IRIS NextGen, delivered on Datascape by Datacom

Together

10 of NZ's Regional Councils

Goal

Productivity improvements through sector alignment and good practice processes

Scope

Regulatory

Environmental Stewardship

Community Engagement

Delivery

Desktop

Field app

(map component is important)

Current state

PAT just started

Joint implementations

Success

Working collaboratively and efficiently

Prioritising shared outcomes over individual preferences

What it means

Accepting common practices

Working together

Building mutual trust and respect

What's required

Executive direction and support

Delivering on commitments

Clear communication channels

Opportunities

Reuse, modify not create

Sharing resources can leverage skills and knowledge and reduce costs

Standardising where possible and leveraging sector alignment

Challenges

Many unknowns, much to figure out

Reaching consensus could slow down decision making

The current task at hand

... determine the feasibility of a common approach to Council IRIS NextGen implementation project UAT by May 2025 …

Benefits

Reinforcement
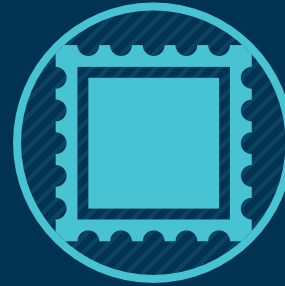
The idea of shared good practice

Alignment

Use of the same tools and processes by all Councils.

Experience

Staff involved in PAT would be familiar with the toolsets and processes.

Consistency

All Councils using the "same test language".

Oversight

Easy tracking dependencies between concurrent implementations

Efficiency

As implementations proceed, test cases to be written from scratch are likely to reduce significantly.

Next steps

Feasibility

Options

Pro's and con's

The costs

So how do we do it?