## New Zealand's water resources

## Where is our water?

550 km³ is the average annual total rainfall in New Zealand

That's 2.5% more rainfall than the world average... we are water right

40km³ stored permanently as snow and ice

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110 km³ of water is returned to the atmosphere by evaporation and transpiration

## How much water is that?

1km³ of water is equivalent to 400,000 olympic size swimming pools 320km³ stored in lakes

440km³ per annum runs in rivers to the sea

615km³ stored as groundwater

How much water we get

550km<sup>3</sup> (annually)

98% is unused

2% used\*

How we use water

10km³ (annually)

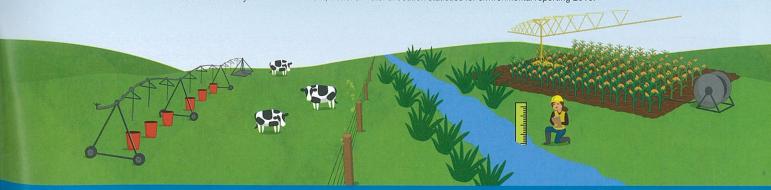
51% Irrigation

22% Other

14% Domestic

13% Industrial

Source: Ministry for the Environment, National water allocation statistics for environmental reporting 2016.



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