

An aerial photograph of the New Zealand Parliament Buildings in Wellington. The image shows the grand, classical-style building with its iconic portico, surrounded by lush green lawns and trees. In the background, a dense urban skyline is visible under a clear blue sky. A large white circular graphic is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text.

NZ Government
**Common Web
Platform**



A COMMON PLATFORM AS A SERVICE FOR NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT WEBSITES.

The Common Web Platform (CWP) provides a feature-rich content management system (CMS), hosting, back-up, disaster recovery, an online code repository, 24/7 Service Desk, co-funded development pool and proactive patching to keep your website secure.

The Common Web Platform is managed by Department of Internal Affairs in their capacity as functional lead for Government ICT. SilverStripe delivers services and website content management software to operate the platform. Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) provided by Revera delivers an underlying foundation.

Agencies manage content publishing through an online tool. Agencies appoint website development resources to extend functionality and tailor the design of their websites to meet their requirements.



A FOUNDATION ENABLING COLLABORATION

The Common Web Platform meets a set of requirements selected by a working group of a dozen government agencies. These requirements serve to meet identified common needs of New Zealand Government web projects. Agencies signed up to the platform prioritise improvements using a co-funded development pool.

The platform requirements include HTML templates, web publishing capabilities, website visitor features, service levels (SLAs), change management and disaster recovery processes, and much more.

Agencies can then use in-house skills or contract external suppliers to:

- Change the design (look and feel) of websites
- Extend existing functionality
- Develop transactional capabilities

Agencies are encouraged to share what they develop and allow government agencies to collaborate, producing higher quality, more effective websites and avoiding cost duplication across agencies.



BENEFITS TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- Reduces unnecessary investment by supporting agencies to reuse technology and designs already developed by other agencies.
- Provides tools, versioning and backups to help agencies comply with the public record keeping act.
- Provides base website templates tested for compliance with the New Zealand Web Standards, reducing the risk of publishing inaccessible content.
- Provides a platform architecture that has been through an independent security review, reducing the reputational risk of websites being compromised.
- Provides regular patching and software updates, reducing the reputational risk of your website being compromised.
- Provides software and infrastructure components as a service, reducing the risk of poor performance or downtime due to relying on aging software and hardware.
- Provides a single content management system across the agency, reducing the risk of staff making publishing errors, and making it easier for business units to collaborate on content.
- Provides a comprehensive legal contract, which reduces legal costs and includes financial incentives for the provider to meet the agreed service levels.



LEARNING MORE

- An overview together with technical guides are found at www.cwp.govt.nz
- An interactive demo is found at demo.cwp.govt.nz
- Contact the Common Web Platform product manager for more information, including pricing and sign-up documentation, at online@dia.govt.nz

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