

**Date** 21 July 2020, 10.40am

**Venue:** Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford

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<b>Members</b>	Councillors	C L Littlewood N W Walker M G Davey M J McDonald D H McIntyre E D Van Der Leden M P Joyce D N MacLeod	Committee Chairperson Committee Deputy Chairperson     ex officio ex officio
<b>Representative Members</b>	Councillors  Mr Ms	C Young S Hitchcock G Boyde P Moeahu L Tester	South Taranaki District Council New Plymouth District Council Stratford District Council Iwi Representative Iwi Representative <i>Via zoom until 11.30am</i>
<b>Attending</b>	Councillor Messrs  Ms Messrs  Ms Miss Mr	D L Lean M J Nield A D McLay G K Bedford C Spurdle R Phipps D Harrison S Ellis G Marcroft T Parr S Tamarapa T Davey K Holland L Davidson M Ritai	Acting Chief Executive Director - Resource Management Director - Environment Quality Planning Manager Science Manager Hydrology/Biology Rivers Manager Environment Services Manager Policy Analyst Harbourmaster (Port Taranaki) Iwi Communications Officer Communications Adviser Communications Adviser Committee Administrator
		And two members of the public.	
<b>Apologies</b>		Apologies were received from Councillor C Williamson, Mr P Muir and Ms B Bigham. Littlewood/Walker	

**Notification of Late Items**            There were no late items.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes - 9 June 2020**

**Resolved**

That the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten road, on Tuesday 9 June 2020 at 10.30am
- b) notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 30 June 2020.

McDonald/Walker

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**2. Pest Pathway Management in Taranaki**

- 2.1 Mr S Ellis, Environmental Services Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing the think-piece *Pest Pathways into Taranaki*. The think-piece was commissioned by the Taranaki Regional Council to review high-risk pest pathways into the Taranaki region, to identify high-risk candidate species, and to contribute to the preparation of a *Risk Assessment Inventory for the Taranaki region*.

**Recommends**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum and attached think-piece *Pest Pathways into Taranaki*
- b) notes that the attached think-piece identifies 21 high-risk candidate species to be included in a *Risk Assessment Inventory for the Taranaki Region*
- c) notes that the *Risk Assessment Inventory for the Taranaki Region* will be regularly amended and updated over time to inform Council responses in the management of pest pathways.

Van Der Leden/Young

*Mr S Ellis left the meeting at 10.48am*

**3. Review of the Navigation Bylaw for Port Taranaki and its Approaches and Harbourmaster Annual Report**

- 3.1 Mr A D McLay, Director - Resource Management, introduced Ms G Marcroft, (Policy Analyst) and Mr T Parr, Harbourmaster.
- 3.2 Ms G Marcroft, spoke to the memorandum seeking Members agreement to proceed with a review of the *Navigation for Port Taranaki and its Approaches 2009* in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2002* (LGA).
- 3.3 Mr T Parr, Harbourmaster, spoke to the Harbourmasters Annual Report.

- 3.4 It was clarified that even though the recreational usage of the facilities at Port Taranaki has increased the current facilities are still fit for purpose.

### **Recommends**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum entitled *Review of the Navigation Bylaw for Taranaki and its Approaches*
- b) receives and adopts the draft revised bylaws
- c) approves the commencement of the special consultative process for the review of the revised bylaws in accordance with the LGA
- d) notes the special consultative process for the review of the *Navigation Safety Bylaw for Port Taranaki and its Approaches 2020* will be run concurrently with another special consultative process for the *River Control and Flood Protection Bylaw for Taranaki 2020*.

Joyce/Boyde

## **4. Making of River Control and Flood Protection Bylaws for Taranaki**

- 4.1 Mr A D McLay, Director – Resource Management, introduced Mr D Harrison, Rivers Manager and Ms G Marcroft, Policy Analyst.
- 4.2 Mr D Harrison, Rivers Manager, spoke to the memorandum presenting for Members consideration the proposed *Rivers Control and Flood Protection Bylaws for Taranaki 2020* (Proposed Bylaws) and answered questions arising. Approval to undertake the special consultative process on the Proposed Bylaws in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2002* (LGA) was requested.
- 4.3 It was clarified that the Proposed Bylaw is for new structures and anything existing would not fall under this Proposed Bylaw.

### **Recommends**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this agenda memorandum *Making River Control and Flood Protection Bylaw for Taranaki*
- b) receives and adopts the attached proposed *River Control and Flood Protection Bylaw for Taranaki 2020* and supporting documentation
- c) approves the commencement of the special consultative process for the making of new bylaws in accordance with the LGA
- d) notes that a hearing may be required to hear submissions made on the proposed bylaws
- e) notes that special consultative process for the making of the *River Control and Flood Protection Bylaw for Taranaki 2020* will be run concurrently with another special consultative process for the review of the *Navigation Safety Bylaw for Port Taranaki and its Approaches*.

Van Der Leden/MacLeod

*Ms G Marcroft, Mr D Harrison and Mr T Parr left the meeting at 11.15am*

## 5. Update on the Freshwater Reforms

- 5.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum providing an update and summary of the Government's freshwater reforms and answered questions arising.
- 5.2 Only high level matters had been presented by Government and further detail will be provided later, hence the implications of the proposals were difficult to determine.

*Louise Tester left the meeting at 11.30am*

### Recommends

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Update on the freshwater reforms*
- b) notes the Council and many others have achieved significant changes through the submission process
- c) recognise that until we can review the detail of the regulatory documents, the full implications of the proposals are difficult to assess.

McDonald/Van Der Leden

## 6. Consideration of Stream Size in Determining Minimum Flows and Water Allocation Limits in Taranaki Rivers

- 6.1 Mr R Phipps, Science Manager – Hydrology/Biology, gave a presentation for Members introducing the report undertaken by Dr Ian Jowett (Jowett Consulting).
- 6.2 The report was prepared to inform the review of freshwater plan and, in particular, the consideration of minimum flow and allocation limits for a new proposed *Natural Resources Plan*.

### Recommends

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the report *Considerations of Stream Size in Determining Minimum Flows and Water Allocation Limits in Taranaki Rivers* and its associated Factsheet
- b) notes that the report will underpin technical discussions and the wider consultation of water allocation policy options to be incorporated in the proposed *Natural Resources Plan*.

Walker/Young

## 7. Report on Advocacy and Response Activities for the 2019/2020 year

Mr A D McLay, Director – Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum reporting on advocacy and response activities for the 2019/2020 year.

### Recommends

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Report on Advocacy and Response activities for the 2019/2020 year*
- b) notes that 22 submissions were made during the year on the policy initiatives of other agencies

- c) notes that the senior staff were also involved in various working parties or other for a on central and local government policy development and review projects.  
Joyce/Van Der Leden

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson, Councillor C L Littlewood, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed at 12.05pm.

**Confirmed**

**Policy and Planning  
Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_

**C L Littlewood**

**Tuesday 1 September 2020**