



# MINUTES

## Consents & Regulatory

**Date** 26 April 2022, 9.30am

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

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<b>Members</b>	Councillor	D L Lean	Chair
	Councillor	M J Cloke	<i>zoom</i>
	Councillor	M G Davey	
	Councillor	C L C L Littlewood	
	Councillor	M P Joyce	
	Councillor	D H McIntyre	
	Councillor	C S Williamson	<i>zoom</i>
	Councillor	E D Van Der Leden	

### Representative

<b>Members</b>	Mr	K Holswich	Iwi Representative <i>zoom</i>
	Mr	M Ritai	Iwi Representative <i>zoom</i>
	Ms	E Bailey	Iwi Representative <i>zoom</i>

<b>Attending</b>	Mr	S J Ruru	Chief Executive
	Ms	A J Matthews	Director - Environment Quality
	Mr	A D McLay	Director - Resource Management
	Mr	B Pope	Compliance Manager
	Mrs	J Allen	Consents Manager
	Ms	V McKay	Manager - Environmental Assurance
	Mr	S Tamarapa	Iwi Communications Officer
	Ms	J Mack	Governance Administrator

*One member of the media – Deena Coster.*

**Opening Karakia** The meeting opened with a group karakia.

**Apologies** An apology was were received and sustained from Councillor D N MacLeod.

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

## **1. Confirmation of Minutes - 15 March 2022**

### **Resolved**

That the Consents and Regulatory Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Consents and Regulatory Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council held at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on 15 March 2022 at 9.30am.
- b) notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 5 April 2022.  
Littlewood/Van Der Leden

### **Matters arising**

1.1 There were no matters arising.

## **2. Resource consents issued under delegated authority and applications in progress**

- 2.1 Mrs J Allen, Consents Manager, spoke to the memorandum to advise the Council of consents granted, consents under application and of consent processing actions since the last meeting.
- 2.2 Additional staff are being recruited to deal with the high number of existing applications and those predicted to be received over the next 3 years.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the report, the schedule of resource consents granted and other consent processing actions, made under delegated authority.  
Holswich/Williamson

## **3. Consent Monitoring Annual Reports**

- 3.1 Ms V McKay, Manager – Environmental Assurance, advised the Council of two tailored compliance monitoring reports that have been prepared since the last meeting.
- 3.2 Councillor D H McIntyre asked for an explanation on the Colson Road groundwater bores. Ms V McKay responded that the closure phase has begun on this landfill so therefore the bores are being relocated and a variation to the consent was required. New Plymouth District Council as consent holder is required maintain a discharge consent going forward, once the landfill is closed.
- 3.3 Ms E Bailey, Iwi Representative, raised questions around the Colson Road groundwater bores being referred to as compromised and why a flare was installed. Ms V McKay responded the bores were damaged however, noted they were also no longer in a suitable location for the landfill closure plan. Ms E Bailey raised a further question around whether it would be possible to measure greenhouse gas emissions. Ms V McKay responded that the Taranaki Regional Council monitors methane and the consent holder is required to collect information.

## **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the two tailored compliance monitoring reports listed in Table 1 and notes the specific recommendations therein.

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### **4. Incident, Compliance Monitoring Non-compliances and Enforcement Summary - 23 February 2022 to 5 April 2022**

- 4.1 Mr B Pope, Compliance Manager, spoke to the memorandum to consider and receive the summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring non-compliances and enforcement for the period 23 February 2022 to 5 April 2022.
- 4.2 Councillor M J Cloke, referred to page 64 of the agenda, alleged crop harvesting discharges – and concerns that on-farm practices associated with cropping are being reported as a complaint. Mr Pope explained all complaints are triaged and appropriate responses made. The Council follows up on all complaints, hence why they are reported in the compliance section of the agenda summary.
- 4.3 Councillor C L Littlewood commented on the high amounts of burning complaints. Mr Pope explained this is high due to the dry season and time of year.
- 4.4 Councillor D H McIntyre referred to page 81 on the agenda – noting the timeframe between sampling analysis and reporting to Council. Mr Pope explained that delays had occurred due to COVID and staff changes.
- 4.5 Councillor E Van Der Leden referred to page 66 on the agenda in regards to non-notified forestry activities in Waverley – and queried whether the other legal activities were environmental in nature. Mr Pope confirmed he believed so.
- 4.6 It was noted, specifically on page 64 a number of spelling mistakes in Māori names in the report.
- 4.7 Ms E Bailey, Iwi Representative, referred to Silver Fern and Remediation NZ – noting they are reported multiple times in this report, and questioned if the message is getting through as they seem to be continuing to breach consents. Mr Pope responded that Remediation NZ is currently being investigated and appropriate responses taken under the Council's Enforcement Policy. It was noted that the breaches were not major.

## **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum Incident, Compliance Monitoring Non-compliances and Enforcement Summary – 23 February 2022 to 5 April 2022.
- b) receives the summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring non-compliances and enforcement for the period from 23 February 2022 to 5 April 2022, notes the action taken by staff acting under delegated authority and adopts the recommendations therein.

Lean/Cloke

## **5. Prosecution Sentencing Decision - Herd Properties Limited**

- 5.1 Mr B Pope, Compliance Manager, spoke to the memorandum to update Members on the prosecution of Herd Properties Limited for breaches of the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki. This involved a major discharge of offensive levels of dust from an exposed subdivision site, across a main state highway and into a residential area.
- 5.2 Councillor D H McIntyre noted the defendant expressed remorse during the prosecution and had promised to undertake mitigation measures. He queried whether these measures were implemented and whether there was recompense to those parties affected? Mr B Pope explained it is under the jurisdiction of the Environment Court.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this report and notes the successful outcome of the prosecution of Herd Properties Limited

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## **6. General Business**

There being no further business the Committee Chairman, Councillor D L Lean, declared the public meeting of the Consents and Regulatory Committee closed at 9.55am.

**Confirmed**

**Consents and Regulatory  
Committee Chairperson:**\_\_\_\_\_

**D L Lean  
7 June 2022**