

Date 15 March 2022, 9.30am

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

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Members	Councillor	D L Lean	Chair
	Councillor	C S Williamson	Deputy Chair <i>zoom</i>
	Councillor	M J Cloke	<i>zoom</i>
	Councillor	C L Littlewood	
	Councillor	D H McIntyre	<i>zoom</i>
	Councillor	D N MacLeod	<i>ex officio zoom</i>
	Councillor	E D Van Der Leden	<i>zoom</i>
Representative Members	Mr	K Holswich	Iwi Representative <i>zoom</i>
	Mr	M Ritai	Iwi Representative <i>zoom</i>
	Ms	E Bailey	Iwi Representative <i>zoom</i>
Attending	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	R Phipps	Manager - Science & Technology <i>zoom</i>
	Miss	R S Sweeney	Governance Administrator
		<i>One member of the public.</i>	

Opening Karakia The meeting opened with a group karakia.

Apologies Apologies were received and sustained from Councillors M P Joyce & M G Davey.

Notification of Late Items There were no late items.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 1 February 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 1 February 2022 at 9.30am.
- b) notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 21 February 2022.

Williamson/Cloke

Matters arising

1.1 Councillors C L Littlewood and D N MacLeod declared an interest in Port Taranaki.

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 In response to questions, it was advised that the main environmental effect when considering the installation and operation of culverts and instream structures is fish passage. For bridges, flood carrying capacity is also considered. River engineers work with certain return period events for different instream structures.
- 2.3 Iwi representatives noted the additional information shown in regard to iwi input on the processing of each consent allowed greater transparency, and was greatly appreciated.

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.

Cloke/Lean

3. Consent Monitoring Annual Reports

- 3.1 Ms V McKay, Manager - Environmental Assurance, advised the Council of 46 tailored compliance monitoring reports that have been prepared since the last meeting.
- 3.2 Ms A J Matthews, Director - Environment Quality, gave an update on Remediation NZ being one of the most monitored and enforced sites in the region. Further, that improvements in works have continued beyond the period of reporting (2020-2021).
- 3.3 Mr A D McLay, Director Resource Management advised that Council compliance staff were appropriately implementing the Council's Enforcement Policy (2017) and would continue to do so.
- 3.4 Councillor C L Littlewood and D N MacLeod declared an interest in relation to Port Taranaki.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the 46 tailored compliance monitoring reports listed in Table 1 and notes the specific recommendations therein.
McIntyre/Lean

4. Incident, Compliance Monitoring Non-compliances and Enforcement Summary - 12 January 2022 to 22 February 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 12 January 2022 to 22 February 2022.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum Incident, Compliance Monitoring Non-compliances and Enforcement Summary - 12 January 2022 to 22 February 2022
- b) receives the summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring non-compliances and enforcement for the period from 12 January 2022 to 22 February 2022, notes the action taken by staff acting under delegated authority and adopts the recommendations therein.
Lean/MacLeod

5. Report on application for second notified applications - Opunake Power Limited

- 5.1 Mrs J Allen, Consents Manager, spoke to the joint memorandum recommending that the Taranaki Regional Council approve an application for seven activities by Opunake Power Limited relating to their small hydroelectric scheme on the Waiaua River. The scheme had remained idle for several years while the applications were made and successfully processed.
- 5.2 A successful prehearing process had been held with submitters, including the Department of Conservation, Taranaki Iwi and many local residents, withdrawing their right to be heard.
- 5.3 Councillors queried why the matter had been reported back to the Committee and it was noted the Council's delegations required the Committee to determine the applications.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum "Report on seven applications for notified applications Opunake Power Limited
- b) notes the extensive pre hearing process that has been undertaken to successfully resolve submissions on the applications
- c) approves the consent application by Opunake Power Limited (consent numbers 1795-5, 1796-4, 1797-4, 4563-3, 4744-3, 5581-2, 5692-2, 10826-1), in accordance with the recommendation in the officers' report
- d) determines that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*

- e) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Lean/MacLeod

6. General Business

- 6.1 Mr A D McLay, Director – Resource Management, provided an update on the feedlot monitoring charge included in the recent farm dairy effluent monitoring invoices. The monitoring had been integrated into an existing monitoring programme to reduce costs and was required to determine whether feedlots required a consent, given their proximity to streams. At the end of the monitoring programme costs will be assessed and a partial refund may be made for those who did not have a feedlot on their property.

There being no further business the Committee Chairman, Councillor D L Lean, declared the public meeting of the Consents and Regulatory Committee closed at 10.16am.

Confirmed

**Consents and Regulatory
Committee Chairperson:** _____

**D L Lean
26 April 2022**