



MINUTES

Operations & Regulatory

Date 21 November 2023, 9.00am

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

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Present		D M Cram	<i>Chairperson</i>
		M J Cloke	
		M G Davey	
		D H McIntyre	
		D L Lean	<i>(joined via zoom 9.36am)</i>
		N W Walker	<i>ex officio</i>
		C L Littlewood	<i>ex officio</i>
		D Luke	Iwi Representative
		Ā White	Iwi Representative (<i>zoom</i>)
		R Buttimore	Iwi Representative
Attending	Mr	S J Ruru	Chief Executive
	Ms	A J Matthews	Director - Environment Quality
	Mr	A D McLay	Director - Resource Management
	Mr	D R Harrison	Director - Operations
	Mr	J Glasgow	Compliance Manager
	Ms	L Millar	Manager - Resource Consents
	Ms	V McKay	Manager - Environmental Assurance
	Mr	C Woollen	Communications Adviser (<i>zoom</i>)
	Mrs	M Jones	Governance Administrator
	Mr	V Turner	Scientist - Air Quality
	Mr	N Heslop	Programme Lead - Towards Predator Free Taranaki

Karakia: The meeting opened with a group karakia at 9.00am.

Apologies: Were received and sustained from, Councillor Hughes and P Muir Littlewood/Davey

1. Confirmation of Minutes Operations and Regulatory Committee 10 October 2023

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes of the Operations and Regulatory Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council held on 10 October 2023 at Taranaki Regional Council 47 Cloten Road Stratford
- b) noted the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Walker/Cloke

2. **Resource Consents Issued under Delegated Authority & Applications in Progress**

- 2.1 Ms L Millar spoke to the memorandum to advise the Committee of consents granted, consents under application and of consent processing actions since the last meeting.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the schedule of resource consents granted and other consent processing actions, made under delegated authority.

Cloke/Littlewood

3. **Consent Monitoring Annual Reports**

- 3.1 Ms V McKay spoke to the memorandum to provide the committee with an update on the five tailored monitoring reports.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the five compliance monitoring reports listed in table 1
- b) noted the recommendations therein.

Littlewood/Walker

(F Kiddle Joined meeting)

(M Ritai Joined Meeting 9.10am)

4. **Incidents, Compliance Monitoring Non Compliances and Enforcement Summary 15 September 2023 to 26 October 2023**

- 4.1 Mr J Glasgow spoke to the memorandum to provide the Committee with a summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring non-compliances and enforcement for the period 15 September 2023 to 26 October 2023.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Incident, Compliance Monitoring Non- Compliance and Enforcement Summary – 15 September 2023 to 26 October 2023*
- b) received the summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring non-compliances and enforcement for the period from 15 September 2023 to 26 October 2023, noted the action taken by staff acting under delegated authority and adopted the recommendations therein.

Davey/Walker

5. Towards Predator-Free Taranaki Project

- 5.1 Mr D Harrison introduced Mr N Heslop who spoke to the memorandum and gave a presentation on the progress of the *Taranaki Taku Tūranga Our Place - Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project*.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum *Taranaki Taku Tūranga Our Place - Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project*
- b) noted the progress achieved in respect of the urban, rural and zero density possum projects of the *Taranaki Taku Tūranga Our Place - Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project*.

Davey/Walker

(9.42am - R Buttimore left meeting)

6. Changes to the Duration of Consents Related to Freshwater – New Analysis

- 6.1 Mr F Kiddle spoke to the Committee to inform of the developments in the regional sector's thinking of the changes to the maximum duration available for freshwater consents.

(one media representative joined meeting at 9.54am)

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled *Changes to the Duration of Freshwater Consents – New Analysis*
- b) noted that one immediate impact of the Natural Built Environment Act is that, for resource consent applications lodged from 24 August 2023, clause 39 of Part 6 Schedule 12 of the *Resource Management Act 1991* introduces additional restrictions on consent duration, such that:
 - (i) the consent authority may grant the affected resource consent for a fixed period or require that it expire by a fixed date; and
 - (ii) in either case, the duration of the consent must not exceed 5 years after when rules in the region's first Natural and Built Environment Plan take legal effect
- c) noted that when relevant rules in the region's first Natural and Built Environment Plan will take legal effect at this stage is estimated to be 30 June 2032
- d) requested that, when processing affected resource consent applications, Council officers consider (alongside all other relevant matters) the most up to date estimate of the Taranaki region's Natural Built Environment Act date and the benefits of avoiding an unmanageable number of resource consents expiring on the same date

- e) noted that recommendations b), c) and d) supersede recommendations b), c), d) and e) in the *Changes to the Duration of Consents Related to Freshwater* memorandum (#3193096) presented at the 29 August 2023 meeting of the Operations and Regulatory Committee
- f) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- g) determined 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, determined 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.

Cloke/Littlewood

In accordance with section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*, resolves that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Operations and Regulatory Committee Meeting on Tuesday 21 November 2023:

Item 11: Public Excluded Operations and Regulatory Minutes – 10 October 2023

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 (a) and section 7 (2) (a) and (2) (g) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

Littlewood/Davey

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor D M Cram, declared the public meeting of the Operations and Regulatory Committee closed at 10.03am.

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Committee Chairperson: _____

D M Cram Chair