



MINUTES

Operations & Regulatory

Date: 30 April 2024

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

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Present:

S W Hughes	<i>Chair</i>
M J Cloke	
D M Cram	
M G Davey	
B J Bigham	(zoom)
D L Lean	(zoom)
C L Littlewood	<i>ex officio</i>
N W Walker	<i>ex officio</i>
Ā White	Iwi Representative
R Buttimore	Iwi Representative
P Muir	Federated Farmers
D H McIntyre	(Joined meeting at 10.02am)

Attending:

S J Ruru	Chief Executive (joined meeting at 9.40am)
A J Matthews	Director - Environment Quality
A D McLay	Director – Resource Management
L Millar	Manager – Resource Consents
T McElroy	Manager – Science and Technology
A Collins	Scientist – Water Quality
V McKay	Manager – Environmental Assurance (zoom)
C Woollen	Communications Advisor
K Holland	Team Lead – Communications
S Ellis	Environmental Services Manager (joined meeting at 10.16am)
M Jones	Governance Administrator
N Chadwick	Executive Assistant
P Turner	Taranaki Catchment Communities

Three members of the public were in attendance at 10.28am.
Three members of the public were in attendance via zoom at 10.30am.

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

Apologies: Were received and sustained from Councillor McIntyre for lateness and D Luke.

Cloke/Littlewood

1. Confirmation of Minutes Operations and Regulatory Committee 13 February 2024

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 15 March 2024 at Taranaki Regional Council 47 Cloten Road Stratford
- b) noted the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 2 April 2024.

Cram/Walker

2. Taranaki Catchment Communities

- 2.1 P Turner from Taranaki Catchment Communities delivered a presentation on the role of Taranaki Catchment Communities in the region.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the presentation from Taranaki Catchment Communities
- b) noted the positive work undertaken by the Taranaki Catchment Communities to ensure a more environmental, economic and socially sustainable future for farmers.

Muir/Davey

3. Resource Consents Issued under Delegated Authority & Applications in Progress

- 3.1 L Millar advised 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.

Cram/Cloke

4. Consent Monitoring Annual Reports

- 4.1 V McKay provided the committee with an update on tailored monitoring reports.
- 4.2 M Davey declared a conflict and abstained from discussions and the vote.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the 10 compliance monitoring reports listed in table 1
- b) noted the recommendations therein.

Cloke/Walker

5. Incidents, Compliance Monitoring Non Compliances and Enforcement Summary - 1 March 2024 – 11 April 2024

- 5.1 J Glasgow provided the Committee with a summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring non-compliances and enforcement for the period 1 March 2024 – 11 April 2024.
- 5.2 C Littlewood declared a conflict and abstained from discussions and the vote.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum Incident, Compliance Monitoring Non-Compliances and Enforcement Summary – 1 March 2024 to 11 April 2024
- b) received the summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring non-compliances and enforcement for the period from 1 March 2024 to 11 April 2024
- c) noted the action taken by staff acting under delegated authority
- d) adopted the recommendations therein.

Cloke/Muir

6. Farm Discharge Monitoring Programme Review 2024

- 6.1 A D McLay provided an update on the review of the Farm Discharge Monitoring Programme.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum on the review of the Farm Dairy Discharge Monitoring Programme
- b) endorsed the Farm Dairy Discharge Monitoring Programme
- c) noted the programme utilises the latest technology and pragmatic approaches
- d) noted the programme delivers cost effective monitoring
- e) noted the programme, when benchmarked against others, could be considered best practice
- 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.

Davey/Walker

7. Urenui Stormwater Investigation (2029 – 2022)

- 7.1 T McElroy provided an update of the Urenui Stormwater investigation undertaken during 2019 to 2022.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the Urenui stormwater investigation memorandum
- b) noted the findings therein.

Walker/Littlewood

8. Towards Predator Free Taranaki Project

- 8.1 S Ellis gave a presentation to provide an update on the progress made with the Towards Predator Free Taranaki Project.
- 8.2 Hoegh Hunting provided a demonstration of their scat dog at work.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum Towards Predator Free Taranaki Project Update
- b) noted the progress achieved in respect of the urban, rural and zero density possum projects of the Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project
- c) noted officers will be increasing the use of regulatory tools to ensure ongoing mustelid trapping continues under the RPMP.

Muir/Davey

9. Prosecution Sentencing Decision - Goodwin

- 9.1 Mr J Glasgow provided an update on the successful prosecution decision outcome of Mr Goodwin for the breach of the Proposed Land and Freshwater Plan for Taranaki.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the report Prosecution Sentencing Decision - Goodwin
- b) noted the successful outcome of the prosecution.

Littlewood/Walker

(All non-committee members and staff not directly related to the public excluded item left the meeting at 10.43am).

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 10 October 2023:

Item 15:

Public Excluded – Prosecution under the Resource Management National Environmental Standards for offences against section 338 of the Resource Management Act 1991 for contravening Section 15 and any other offences’.

The matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter
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<p>Item 15:</p> <p>Prosecution- Under section 338 of the <i>Resource Management Act 1991</i> for contravening section 15 and any other offences’.</p>	<p>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 <i>Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987</i>.</p>	<p>The alleged offender(s) has not as yet had the opportunity to respond to the charges laid. It is therefore important that the principles of natural justice are applied and that legal privilege is maintained.</p> <p>Making any of this information publically available would result in a breach of the <i>Privacy Act 2020</i>.</p> <p>The public interest in knowing the nature of the offence and why Council has made the decision to prosecute is not outweighed by the harm that would be caused to the alleged offender(s).</p>
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Cloke/Cram

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor S W Hughes, declared the meeting of the Operations and Regulatory Committee closed at 10.50am.

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Committee Chairperson: _____