



MINUTES

Operations & Regulatory

Date:	3 September 2024	
Venue:	Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford	
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Present:	S W Hughes	Chair
	M J Cloke	
	D M Cram	
	D H McIntyre	
	C L Littlewood	ex officio
	N W Walker	ex officio
	B J Bigham	(zoom)
	D L Lean	(zoom left meeting at 9.55am)
	R Buttimore	Iwi Representative
	D Luke	Iwi Representative
	Ā White	Iwi Representative
Attending:	S J Ruru	Chief Executive
	A J Matthews	Director - Environment Quality
	M J Nield	Director – Corporate Services
	A D McLay	Director – Resource Management
	D R Harrison	Director - Operations
	J Glasgow	Compliance Manager
	F Kiddle	Strategy Lead
	L Miller	Manager – Recourse Consents
	R Carré	Compliance Officer - Enforcement
	V McKay	Manager - Environmental Assurance
	R Honeyfield	Team Leader - Prosecutions and Compliance
	D Shearman	Land Services Manager
	L Honnor	Programme Lead - Biodiversity
	C Woollen	Communications Advisor
	M Jones	Governance Administrator

Karakia: Due to technical difficulties, the meeting opened with a group karakia at 9.15am.

Apologies: Were received and sustained from Councillor Davey and Phil Muir – Federated Farmers.

Cloke/Cram

1. Confirmation of Minutes Operations and Regulatory Committee 23 July 2024

Resolved

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 23 July 2024 at Taranaki Regional Council 47 Cloten Road Stratford
- b) noted the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 6 August 2024.

Littlewood/Cram

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

- 2.1 L Miller advised of consents granted, consents under application and of consent processing actions since the last meeting.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

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

Cram/Littlewood

3. Incidents, Compliance Monitoring Non Compliances and Enforcement Summary - 1 July 2024 to 8 August 2024

- 3.1 J Glasgow provided a summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring non-compliances and enforcement for the period 1 July 2024 to 8 August 2024.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum Incident, Compliance Monitoring Non-Compliances and Enforcement Summary – 1 July 2024 to 8 August 2024
- b) received the summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring non-compliances and enforcement for the period from 1 July 2024 to 8 August 2024
- c) noted the action taken by staff acting under delegated authority
- d) adopted the recommendations therein.

Cloke/Walker

4. Dam Safety Update

- 4.1 F Kiddle gave an update on the implementation of the Building (Dams Safety) regulation 2022.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled *Dam Safety Update*
- b) noted that 13 potential impact classifications have been submitted and 12 approved and issued
- c) noted that the Council will take a graduated approach to enforcing compliance for those yet to submit their potential impact classification
- d) noted that the Highlands Park Dam has been declared a dangerous dam, that the public is being notified and work is underway with New Plymouth District Council to address dam risk.

Cloke/Cram

5. Key Native Eco Systems Update

- 5.1 L Honnor provided an update on the nine new Key Native Ecosystems sites between January-June 2024.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum and the attached inventory sheets for Edgy, Oki Koki, Hickey's Farm Swamp, Top Farm, Five Oaks Farm, Whenuariki Bush, Spencer's Wetland, Waokena and Wildlife Properties
- b) noted that the aforementioned sites have indigenous biodiversity values of regional significance and should be identified as Key Native Ecosystem sites.

McIntyre/Walker

6. Eight Million Trees

- 6.1 D Shearman gave an update on the progress with the riparian management programme which has resulted in over eight million plants sold to landowners through the native plant scheme.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum, Riparian Native Plant Scheme surpasses eight million in plant sales
- b) noted the significant milestone of eight million plants provided through Council's Riparian native plant scheme.

Walker/Cram

7. Dow Paratūtū Preliminary Site Investigation

7.1 V McKay provided an update on the recently completed Preliminary Site Investigation. (PSI) report, on Dow's former agrichemical manufacturing site at Paratūtū, New Plymouth.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum Dow Paritūtū Preliminary Site Investigation.

Littlewood/Cloke

Public Excluded

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
<p>Item 13:</p> <p>In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, this is to be considered with the public excluded as the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.</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 Privacy Act 2020.</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>

Walker/Cram

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor S W Hughes, declared the meeting of the Operations and Regulatory Committee closed at 10.40am.

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Committee Chairperson: _____

S W Hughes

