

Ordinary Meeting

Monday 3 April 2017

9.00am

Hollard Centre, Hollard Gardens, Kaponga



Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council to be held in the Hollard Centre, Hollard Gardens, 1686 Upper Manaia Road, Kaponga, on Monday 3 April 2017 commencing at 9.00am.

Councillors	D N MacLeod	(Chairman)
	M J Cloke	
	M G Davey	
	M P Joyce	
	D L Lean	(Deputy Chairman)
	C L Littlewood	
	M J McDonald	
	D H McIntyre	
	B K Raine	
	C S Williamson	

Apologies Councillor N W Walker

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Agenda Memorandum

Date 3 April 2017



**Memorandum to
Chairperson and Members
Taranaki Regional Council**

**Subject: Confirmation of Minutes – 20 February
2017**

Prepared by: M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services

Approved by: B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

Document: 1840290

Resolve

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 20 February 2017 at 10.30am.

Matters arising

Appendices

Document #1821243 – Minutes Ordinary Meeting

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the
Taranaki Regional Council, held in the
Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47
Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 20
February 2017 at 10.30am.**



Present	Councillors	D N MacLeod	(Chairperson)
		M J Cloke	
		M G Davey	
		M P Joyce	
		D L Lean	(Deputy Chairperson)
		C L Littlewood	
		M J McDonald	
		D H McIntyre	
		B K Raine	
		N W Walker	
C S Williamson			
Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
		S R Hall	(Director-Operations)
		M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)
		Mr P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)
		Mr R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)
		Mrs R Johnson	(Financial Services Manager)
		Mrs K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Mr M Ogier	(PowerCo)	
	Mr P March	(PowerCo)	
	Mr K Pattie	(PowerCo)	
Dr F Maseyk	(The Catalyst Group)		

Apologies There were no apologies.

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

**1. PowerCo Presentation to the Taranaki Regional Council – PowerCo 2018-2023
Investment Proposal**

The Council received a presentation from Matthew Ogier, PowerCo, on their investment proposal for the Taranaki electricity network as part of their 2018-2023 Investment Proposal. The presentation was provided to the Council as part of their customer and stakeholder engagement plan.

2. Confirmation of Minutes – 13 December 2016

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions and confidential minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 13 December 2016 at 10.30 am.

Lean/Williamson

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Consents and Regulatory Committee Minutes – 31 January 2017

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the minutes of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 31 January 2017 at 9.30am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Davey/Joyce

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Policy and Planning Committee Minutes – 31 January 2017

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 31 January 2017 at 11.00 am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Walker/McIntyre

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Minutes – 13 February 2017

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the minutes and confidential minutes of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 13 February 2017 at 10.00am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Lean/MacLeod

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

6. 2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal

- 6.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to receive, consider and adopt the Council's *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal*, the consultation document for the *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal*, for public consultation, and the 2017/2018 estimates.
- 6.2 The key points in the *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal* were highlighted to the Council, being:
 - A 1% general rates increase against a proposed increase of 0.5% for 2017/2018 in the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan*
 - An extra investment in a trial programme to test large-scale predator suppression and eradication techniques across an entire catchment – the Waiwhakaiho
 - A flood control scheme for Opunake in two parts: A rural component to divert floodwaters from the Hihiwera Stream and Alison St channel, and an urban component to upgrade culverts and channels. The urban part will be designed and implemented by the STDC, with the rural component being handled by the Council. The scheme is designed to protect Opunake from a one-in-100-year (1% probability) flooding event. A new targeted rate will be introduced to fund all South Taranaki flood control schemes to bring South Taranaki in alignment with North Taranaki
 - An increase in the budget for the construction of a new Lodge at Pukeiti.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on the *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal* and the 2017/2018 estimates
2. notes that the formatting of the *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal* is still to be totally completed and that there are a number of minor immaterial editorial changes to be made

3. advises the Chief Executive of any proposed amendments to the estimates and/or the *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal* and instructs the Chief Executive to progress any proposed amendments
4. notes the balanced budget requirement for 2017/2018 has been achieved
5. adopts the 2017/2018 estimates, the *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Consultation Document* and the *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal*
6. publicly notifies and invites submissions on the draft *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal* pursuant to the special consultative procedure of the *Local Government Act 2002*
7. notes the timetable for the completion and adoption of the *2017/2018 Annual Plan*.

Lean/Joyce

7. Submission on the Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger Programme: Community Consultation on Options Summary Booklet

- 7.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum receive and consider the Council's submission on the NZ Transport Agency's options document seeking the community's feedback on the options for improvements to the Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger route.
- 7.2 The NZ Transport Agency options (1,2 or 3) for improvements on SH3 from Mt Messenger to Awakino Gorge were discussed. The Council supported option 3 as the best option for improving traffic management and safety along the route, a view that is in line with the Regional Transport Committee's long-standing advocacy for a bypass of Mt Messenger. The Council agreed that the Council's submission on the NZ Transport Agency proposal be strengthened to ensure the ecological, including key native ecosystems, and cultural values of the area (iwi land - Ngāti Tama), are addressed by the NZ Transport Agency in consultation with the wider community and key stakeholders. The Council agreed that the area be required to be protected through the development phase of the project with strong environmental mitigation measures.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum and the Council's submission on the NZ Transport Agency's options document seeking the community's feedback on the options for improvements to the Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger route
2. advised the Chief Executive of any changes to the submission.

Williamson/Joyce

8. Riparian management and ecosystem services – PhD thesis studies by Fleur Maseyk

- 8.1 Dr F Maseyk, The Catalyst Group, provided a presentation to the Council on her paper, as part of her completion of studies towards a Doctor of Philosophy degree, entitled *Farmer perspectives of the on-farm and off-farm pros and cons of planted multifunctional riparian margins*. The paper summarises key aspects of her thesis *Applying ecosystem services thinking to natural resource management and conservation decision making*.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum *Riparian management and ecosystem services- PhD thesis studies by Fleur Maseyk*
2. notes the findings and interpretations set out in the memorandum.

Lean/Davey

9. External Appointment to the Policy and Planning Committee 2016-2019

- 9.1 The memorandum to receive and confirm an external appointment to the Council's Policy and Planning Committee from Taranaki Federated Farmers was noted and discussed.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. considers and confirms the appointment of Bronwyn Muir (Taranaki Federated Farmers) to the Policy and Planning Committee 2016-2019.

McIntyre/Davey

10. Appointment of TRC Trustee to Dairy Trust Taranaki

- 10.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum to consider and make an appointment of a councillor as an invited Trustee to Dairy Trust Taranaki.
- 10.2 It was discussed and agreed that Councillor M P Joyce be appointed.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum *Appointment of TRC Trustee to Dairy Trust Taranaki*
2. confirms Councillor M P Joyce as the Council's Trustee on the Dairy Trust Taranaki for a term of twelve months.

McIntyre/Davey

11. 2017 Local Government New Zealand Conference

- 11.1 The memorandum to appoint attendees to the 2017 Local Government New Zealand Conference and Annual General Meeting to be held in Auckland 23-25 July 2017 was received and discussed.
- 11.2 Members who wish to attend were requested to forward their expression of interest to the Council Chairperson, D N MacLeod, for consideration. Councillor McDonald and Councillor Williamson expressed their interest in attending. Councillor Joyce and Councillor McIntyre expressed their interest in attending the Regional Sector Pre-Conference tour only.
- 11.3 The Chairperson will finalise the attendees in accordance with Recommendations 3 and 5.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. appoints the Chairperson, Councillor D N MacLeod, together with the Chief Executive, Mr B G Chamberlain, to attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Auckland from 23-25 July 2017
2. seeks expressions of interest from Councillors who may wish to attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Auckland from 23-25 July 2017
3. delegates to the Chairperson the authority to finalise the attendees at the Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Auckland from 23-25 July 2017
4. appoints the Chairperson, Mr D N MacLeod as Presiding Delegate to the Annual General Meeting of Local Government Zealand to be held on Tuesday 25 July 2017 in Auckland
5. noting that the Taranaki Regional Council is entitled to be represented at the Annual General Meeting of Local Government Zealand by up to three delegates, appoints up to two delegates to the Annual General Meeting of Local Government Zealand from amongst Councillors that will be attending the 2017 Local Government New Zealand Conference.

Lean/Walker

12. Meeting Dates March-April 2017

- 121 The next six-weekly round of Council meetings for March-April 2017 were received and noted.

There being no further business, Chairman D N MacLeod, declared the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council closed at 12.50pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson: _____
D N MacLeod

Date: **3 April 2017**

Agenda Memorandum

Date 3 April 2017



**Memorandum to
Chairperson and Members
Taranaki Regional Council**

**Subject: Regional Transport Committee Minutes
– 8 March 2017**

Prepared by: M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services

Approved by: B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

Document: 1840312

Resolve

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Wednesday 8 March 2017 at 11.00am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Matters arising

Appendices

Document #1830886 – Minutes Regional Transport Committee

**Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee
Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council,
held in the Taranaki Regional Council
Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on
Wednesday 8 March 2017 commencing at
11.00am.**



Members	Councillor	C S Williamson	(Committee Chairperson)
	Councillor	M J McDonald	(Committee Deputy Chairperson)
	Councillor	H Duynhoven	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Mayor	N Volzke	(Stratford District Council)
	Mayor	R Dunlop	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Ms	P McLean	(NZ Transport Agency)
Attending	Councillor	M J Cloke	
	Councillor	A Jamieson	(Stratford District Council)
	Messrs	M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		G C Severinsen	(Policy and Strategy Manager)
		C B Clarke	(Transport Services Manager)
	Mrs	F Ritson	(Policy Analyst)
	Mrs	R Smith	(Transport Administration Officer)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Messrs	R I'Anson	(NZ Transport Agency)
		I Rossiter	(NZ Transport Agency)
		B Dowsett	(NZ Transport Agency)
		D Langford	(New Plymouth District Council)
		V Lim	(South Taranaki District Council)
		S Bowden	(Stratford District Council)

Apologies There were no apologies.

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

1. Minutes Regional Transport Committee meeting – 7 September 2016

Resolved

THAT the Regional Transport Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Regional Transport Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council, held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Wednesday 7 September 2016 at 11.00am.
2. notes that the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting of the Regional Transport Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in Taranaki

Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Wednesday 7 September 2016 at 11.00am were authenticated by the Committee Chairperson, C S Williamson, and the Taranaki Regional Council Chief Executive, B G Chamberlain, pursuant to Model Standing Orders.

Williamson/Volzke

Matters arising

New Zealand Transport Agency Regional Report

It was noted to the New Zealand Transport Agency that the webpage (<https://nzta.govt.nz/taranaki>) has not been updated since November 2016. The purpose of the webpage was to provide current information. The Committee believes the website should be regularly updated. The Agency advised the Committee that matters surrounding the webpage and the delay in uploading content have been resolved and email notifications will now be sent to key stakeholders announcing updates when they become available.

2. Minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group

- 2.1 The minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group (RTAG) meetings held on 5 October 2016 and 15 December 2016 were received and noted.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives for information purposes the minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group meeting held on 5 October 2016
2. receives for information purposes the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group meeting held on 15 December 2016.

Volzke/Dunlop

3. Notes of the State Highway 3 Working Party meeting

- 3.1 The notes of the State Highway 3 Working Party (SH3WP) meeting held on Thursday 8 September 2016 were received and noted.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives for information purposes the unconfirmed notes of the State Highway 3 Working Party meeting held on Thursday 8 September 2016.

Williamson/McDonald

4. Key functions and terms of reference for the Regional Transport Committee

- 4.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum advising Members of the Committee of the functions of the Regional Transport Committee for Taranaki and provide a Terms of Reference for the Committee for consideration and endorsement and to advise Members of the functions of the Regional Transport Advisory Group for Taranaki and provide a Terms of Reference for the Group for consideration and endorsement.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. notes the role of regional transport committees, as required by the *Land Transport Management Act 2003*
2. receives and endorses the Terms of Reference for the Regional Transport Committee for Taranaki
3. receives and endorses the Terms of Reference developed for the Regional Transport Advisory Group for Taranaki.

Williamson/Dunlop

5. New Zealand Transport Agency Regional Report

- 5.1 Ms P McLean, NZ Transport Agency, spoke to the NZ Transport Agency's Quarterly Report to the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee updating Members on Agency news and activities.

- 5.2 A number of matters were discussed by the Committee including:

- Progress/status of road improvements at Motorua (New Plymouth) on SH44
- State Highway reinstatement works, notably SH43, following the June 2015 flooding event
- State Highway 3 New Plymouth to Hawera corridor project
- Signage for tourism sites in region - the NZ Transport Agency will review concerns raised as to the adequacy and frequency of directional signs to tourist spots on the Taranaki state highway network.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the Regional Report from the New Zealand Transport Agency.

McDonald/Williamson

6. Transport Projects

- 6.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum informing the

Committee on matters of interest and current transport projects.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the information provided on the review of the Regional Stock Truck Effluent Strategy for Taranaki
2. receives and notes the information provided on the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018/19 – 2027/28
3. receives and notes the information provided on the Regional Land Transport Plan review
4. receives and notes the information provided on the State Highway 43 investigation. Williamson/Duynhoven

7. Request to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/2016 – 2020/2021

- 7.1 Mr R I Anson, NZ Transport Agency, spoke to the memorandum seeking approval of a request to vary the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16 – 2020-21* (Taranaki RLTPlan):

- changes to phase costs and timing of an activity in the current *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16 – 2020-21* – SH3 Hawera to New Plymouth

The request has received support from the Regional Transport Advisory Group. The request is not considered to trigger the *Significance policy in relation to Plan variations* that would require a public consultation process.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum, Requests to vary the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21*
2. agrees to the requested update to the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21*, made by the New Zealand Transport Agency, to add phases to the SH3 Hawera to New Plymouth project
3. adopts the variation to the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21* and agrees to forward it on to the New Zealand Transport Agency.

Volzke/McDonald

8. SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger Programme update

- 8.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum providing an update to the Committee on the SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger Programme and the two submissions made to the Awakino Gorge to Mount Messenger Programme Team.
- 8.2 The preferred options considered and chosen by the Taranaki Regional Council and the

State Highway 3 Working Party were endorsed by the Committee, being:

- Awakino Tunnel bypass – Option 2 – a bypass away from the Awakino Tunnel with two bridges
- Mt Messenger bypass – Option 3 – a 5.3km bypass route running further west of the existing highway.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum *SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger Programme*
2. receives and notes for information purposes the submissions from the Taranaki Regional Council and SH3 Working Party on the *Awakino Gorge to Mount Messenger Programme*.

Williamson/Duynhoven

9. Correspondence and information items

- 9.1 The memorandum updating Members on correspondence and information received since the last Committee meeting was received and noted.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. notes that the Stratford District Council has chosen the Taranaki Regional Council Transport Committee to represent it in land transport planning matters for the area included in the Manawatu-Whanganui Region
2. receives and notes the information provided on the Government's expansion of broadband initiatives and creation of a Mobile Black Spot Fund, and the opportunity that this presents to improve cell phone coverage along State Highway 3 north in particular
3. receives and notes the information provided on the Small Passenger Services Reform 2017.

McDonald/Dunlop

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor C S Williamson, declared the Regional Transport Committee meeting closed at 12.10pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson _____
C S Williamson

Date **14 June 2017**

Agenda Memorandum

Date 3 April 2017



**Memorandum to
Chairperson and Members
Taranaki Regional Council**

**Subject: Consents and Regulatory Committee
Minutes – 14 March 2017**

Prepared by: G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality

Approved by: B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

Document: 1840315

Resolve

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the minutes of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 14 March 2017 at 9.30am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Matters arising

Appendices

Document #1832744 – Minutes Consents and Regulatory Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Consents and Regulatory Committee Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council, held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 14 March 2017 at 9.30am.



Members	Councillors	M P Joyce	(Committee Chairperson)
		M J Cloke	
		C L Littlewood	
		M J McDonald	
		B K Raine	
		N W Walker	
		D L Lean	(ex officio)(from 9.40am)
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)
Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
		M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		B E Pope	(Compliance Manager)
	S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)	
	Mrs	V McKay	(Science Manager)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
Mr	P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)	
Mr	R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)	

One Member of the public.

Apologies The apology from Councillor M G Davey was received and sustained.

Notification of Late Items There were no late items of general business.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 31 January 2017

Resolved

THAT the Consents and Regulatory Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 31 January 2017 at 10.30am

2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 20 February 2017.

MacLeod/Cloke

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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

- 2.1 The Committee considered and discussed the memorandum advising of consents granted, consents under application and of consent processing actions since the last meeting of the Committee.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the schedule of resource consents granted and other consent processing actions, made under delegated authority

Littlewood/Raine

3. Appointment of Hearing Committee - Jimian Limited

- 3.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum recommending delegating to a Hearing Committee the authority to determine an application by Jimian Limited to renew consent 5571 to take water from the Kohi Stream for pasture irrigation purposes.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum
2. subject to a hearing being necessary, in accordance with section 34A(1) of the Resource Management Act, appoints Councillor D L Lean (Chairperson) and Councillor N W Walker as hearing commissioners, and delegates them the power to hear and determine the application lodged by Jimian Limited (Renewal of consent 5571).

MacLeod/Cloke

4. Consent monitoring annual reports

Councillor D N MacLeod declared an interest in Item 4 (Consent monitoring annual reports) in relation to Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited (Whareroa) and took no part in the discussions or deliberations.

- 4.1 Mrs V McKay, Science Manager, spoke to the memorandum and answered questions concerning 26 tailored compliance monitoring reports covering the monitoring periods 2015-2016, and provided an overview on environmental performance and consent compliance for each report.
- 4.2 The Committee noted and discussed the annual reports relating to McKechnie Aluminium, Fonterra Whareroa, Taranaki By-Products Limited and Remediation NZ Limited.
- 4.3 It was noted to the Committee that Council staff have met their KPI's resulting in annual monitoring compliance reports being presented to the Committee for the current reporting period/year (2015/2016). This presents an up-to-date overview of consent compliance monitoring. The Committee thanked the efforts of Council staff in achieving their set targets.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the 16-15 McKechnie Aluminium Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
2. receives the 16-16 Dow AgroSciences NZ Compliance Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
3. receives the 16-18 Greymouth Petroleum Kaimiro Production Station Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
4. receives the 16-24 STOS Kapuni Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
5. receives the 16-28 Stratford District Council Wastewater Treatment Plant Monitoring Programme Annual report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
6. receives the 16-30 STDC Waverly, Kaponga, Manaia and Patea Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant Systems Compliance Monitoring Programmes Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
7. receives the 16-31 STDC Opunake WWTP Compliance Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
8. receives the 16-39 Port Taranaki Limited Dredging Compliance Monitoring Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
9. receives the 16-40 Fonterra Whareroa Compliance Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein

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10. receives the 16-43 NPDC NPWWTP Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
11. receives the 16-44 NPDC Coastal Structures Monitoring Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
12. receives the 16-53 Riverlands ANZCO Eltham Compliance Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
13. receives the 16-54 Silver Fern Farms - Waitotara Compliance Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
14. receives the 16-55 Ballance Agri-Nutrients Compliance Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
15. receives the 16-70 Regional Cleanfills Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
16. receives the 16-80 Taranaki By-Products Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
17. receives the 16-83 Remediation NZ Limited Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
18. receives the 16-84 Vector Kapuni GTP Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
19. receives the 16-85 CD Boyd Drilling Waste Stockpiling Landfarm/Landspreading Compliance Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
20. receives the 16-89 Origin Energy Landfarms Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
21. receives the 16-91 Waste Remediation Services Ltd Waikaikai Landfarm Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
22. receives the 16-97 Port Area Industrial Catchments Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
23. receives the 16-98 Lower Waiwhakaiho Catchment Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
24. receives the 16-106 Todd Energy Limited Mangahewa D (Hydraulic Fracturing) Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2014-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
25. receives the 16-115 Contact Energy Stratford Power Station Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
26. receives the 16-117 STOS Maui Production Station Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2015-2016 and adopts the specific recommendations therein

Joyce/MacLeod

5. Incident Register – 13 January 2017 to 19 February 2017

Councillor D N MacLeod declared an interest in Item 5 (Incident Register 13 January 2017 to 19 February 2017) in relation to Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited and took no part in the discussions or deliberations.

Councillor M P Joyce declared an interest in Item 5 (Incident Register 13 January 2017 to 19 February 2017) in relation to the Taranaki Agricultural Research Station Trust and took no part in the discussions or deliberations.

- 5.1 The Committee received and noted the summary of the Council's Incident Register for the period 13 January 2017 to 19 February 2017.
- 5.2 Mr B E Pope, Compliance Manager, provided an overview to the Committee on the reported incidents and answered questions concerning officer assessments of the incidents.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum
2. receives the summary of the Incident Register for the period from 13 January 2017 to 19 February 2017, notes the action taken by staff and adopts the recommendations therein.

McDonald/Littlewood

6. General Business

Members of the Committee, that are also Members of the Council's Policy and Planning Committee, agreed to address the start time of the Policy and Planning Committee to help cut down the length of time between the Consents and Policy committee meetings. It was agreed to retain 9.30am start for the Consents Committee and introduce a new start time of 10.30am for the Policy and Planning Committee. The two meetings will continue to be held on the same day.

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson Councillor M P Joyce, declared the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting closed at 9.55am.

Confirmed

Chairperson

_____ **M P Joyce**

Date

2 May 2017

Agenda Memorandum

Date 3 April 2017



**Memorandum to
Chairperson and Members
Taranaki Regional Council**

**Subject: Policy and Planning Committee Minutes
– 14 March 2017**

Prepared by: A D McLay, Director-Resource Management

Approved by: B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

Document: 1840322

Resolve

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 14 March 2017 at 11.00am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Matters arising

Appendices

Document #1832789 – Minutes Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

**Minutes of the Policy and Planning
Committee Meeting of the Taranaki
Regional Council, held in the Taranaki
Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten
Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 14 March
2017 at 11.00 am.**



Members	Councillors	N W Walker	(Committee Chairperson)
		M P Joyce	
		C L Littlewood	
		D H McIntyre	
		B K Raine	
		C S Williamson	
		D L Lean	(ex officio)
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)
Attending	Councillor	R Jordan	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Councillor	G Boyde	(Stratford District Council)
	Councillor	C Coxhead	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Mrs	B Muir	(Taranaki Federated Farmers)
Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)
		S R Hall	(Director-Operations)
		C L Spurdle	(Planning Manager)
		G C Severinsen	(Policy and Strategy Manager)
		M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)
		R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)	
Apologies	There were no apologies.		
Notification of Late Items	There were no late items of business.		

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 31 January 2017

Resolved

THAT the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 31 January 2017 at 11.00am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 20 February 2017.

Raine/Williamson

Matters Arising

Introducing dung beetles to Taranaki dairy farms

Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, advised the Committee that a report exploring an increased investment in a dung-beetle release programme in Taranaki will be presented to the next Committee meeting.

2. Regionally significant surf breaks

- 2.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum updating the Committee on work currently being undertaken to develop criteria for determining which surf breaks are regionally significant.
- 2.2 Councillor C S Williamson sought discussion on the proposed surf break survey, enabling community input into the process, and the composition of the 'expert panel'. It was suggested and agreed that the panel composition be extended to involve all board riding groups in Taranaki to ensure as wide as possible key stakeholder engagement in the process going forward.

Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum and notes the work currently being undertaken to develop criteria for determining which surf breaks are regionally significant
2. notes that the consultant report will inform the section 32 evaluation and a revised draft Coastal Plan.

Williamson/Joyce

3. Taranaki Regional Council requirements for good farm management

- 3.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing a draft booklet outlining the Council's requirements for good farm management in Taranaki.
- 3.2 Progress on addressing environmental issues has not stopped even though the Council has not notified a proposed plan. Work is ongoing and work on protecting wetlands and moving farm dairy discharges to land will occur using existing policy frameworks set out in the requirements document.

- 3.2 It was noted to the Committee that the booklet will be widely distributed in hard-copy to all Taranaki farmers and will be available as an electronic copy as well. The Committee suggested the booklet also be distributed to farm consultants, agricultural contractors and livestock/fertiliser agents in Taranaki to assist with promoting the Council's key messages when dealing with landowners.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Taranaki Regional Council requirements for good farm management*
2. adopts the document *Taranaki Regional Council requirements for good farm management* incorporating changes agreed to by the Committee if required.

McIntyre/Muir

4. Ministry for the Environment 'Clean Water' consultation document

- 4.1 Mr G G Severinsen, Policy and Strategy Manager , spoke to the memorandum introducing the Ministry for the Environment's consultation document entitled *Clean Water: 90% of rivers swimmable by 2040* and to seek feedback from the Committee prior to the closing date for submissions. Submissions close on 28 April 2017 and a draft submission will be emailed to Councillors for comment.
- 4.2 The Council is required to report to the Minister on how it intends to comply with the provisions in the document by October with a final report by March 2018.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum Ministry for the Environment *Clean Water consultation document*
2. notes the Policy and Planning Committee has provided feedback on matters that may be included in a submission.

McIntyre/Lean

5. Resource Management (Exemption) Regulations 2017 - Pest Control

- 5.1 Mr S R Hall, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum providing an update to the Committee on the regulations recently introduced by the Government to streamline the regulatory regime in respect of the use of hazardous vertebrate toxic agents for pest control.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receive the memorandum *Resource Management (Exemption) Regulations 2017 – Pest Control*
2. note that the new regulations come into force on 1 April 2017 and will standardise the national approach for using VTA poisons for pest management as requested through the consultation process undertaken in 2016
3. note that the new regulations broadly align and are consistent with the Council's current approach whereby the application of VTAs in the Taranaki region is a permitted activity.

Joyce/McIntyre

6. Submission on King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan

- 6.1 Mr G C Severinsen, Policy and Strategy Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing a submission made to the Stratford District Council on the King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan. The submission was sent by the due date of 17 February 2016, with Councillors able to comment on a draft submission circulated by email.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Submission on King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan*
2. endorses the submission.

Williamson/Raine

7. Key Native Ecosystems programme update 2017

- 7.1 Mr S R Hall, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum presenting for Members' information an update on the identification of seven new Key Native Ecosystem sites.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum and the attached inventory sheets for Paul Dodge – Mataro Road; Rewarewa Bush; John Whittington – Stanley Road; Penwarden; McQuoid QEII 5/06/309; Joe Gibbs Reserve; and P G Nops Reserve
2. notes that the aforementioned sites have indigenous biodiversity values of regional significance and should be identified as Key Native Ecosystems.

Joyce/Coxhead

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson Councillor N W Walker, declared the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 11.55am.

Confirmed

Chairperson

N W Walker

Date

2 May 2017

Agenda Memorandum

Date 3 April 2017



**Memorandum to
Chairperson and Members
Taranaki Regional Council**

**Subject: Executive, Audit and Risk Committee
Minutes – 27 March 2017**

Prepared by: M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services

Approved by: B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

Document: 1840327

Resolve

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the minutes of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 27 March 2017 at 10.00am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Matters arising

Appendices

Document #1838917 – Minutes Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council, held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 27 March 2017 at 10.00am.



Members Councillors D L Lean (Committee Chairperson)
M J Cloke
M P Joyce
N W Walker
C S Williamson

Attending Messrs B G Chamberlain (Chief Executive)
M J Nield (Director-Corporate Services)
Mrs K van Gameren (Committee Administrator)
Mr P Ledingham (Communications Officer)
Ms L Rowland (Digital Media Co-ordinator)

One Member of the media.

Apologies The apology from Councillor D N MacLeod was received and sustained.

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 13 February 2017

Resolved

THAT the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 13 February 2017 at 10.00am
2. notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 20 February 2017.

Joyce/Williamson

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Financial and Operational Report

- 2.1 The memorandum to receive information on the operational and financial performance of the Council (Monthly Financial Report for January) was noted and discussed by the Committee.
- 2.2 Operationally, all programmes are currently on target with the planned levels of activity established for 2016/2017 in the *2016/2017 Annual Plan*.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum and the Monthly Financial Report for January 2017
2. notes the digital media report
3. notes the Health and Safety report.

Joyce/Williamson

3. Port Taranaki Limited: Half-Year Report to 31 December 2016

- 3.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum to receive and consider Port Taranaki Limited's interim report on the operations and activities of the company for the six months ending 31 December 2016.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives Port Taranaki Limited's interim report for the six months ended 31 December 2016 including the unaudited financial report
2. notes the 2016/2017 Port Taranaki Ltd interim dividend of \$2,462,350.

Lean/Cloke

4. Regional Software Holdings Ltd: Six Month Report to Shareholders to 31 December 2016

As a Director on Regional Software Holdings Limited, Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, declared his interest to the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee and facilitated discussion only on the Regional Software Holdings Limited Six Month Report to Shareholders to 31 December 2016 item.

- 4.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to receive and consider Regional Software Holdings Limited's interim report on the operations and activities of the company for the six months ending 31 December 2016.

- 4.2 Mr Nield noted to the Committee that Regional Software Holdings Limited (RSHL) submitted a proposal in response to an RFP for Regulatory Management Information Systems at Hawkes Bay Regional Council. RSHL was selected as the preferred vendor to the Hawkes Bay Regional Council and will join as a customer from 1 July 2018.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives Regional Software Holdings Limited's interim report for the six months ended 31 December 2016 including the unaudited financial report.

Lean/Joyce

5. Regional Software Holdings Limited: Draft Statement of Intent for 2017/2018

As a Director on Regional Software Holdings Limited, Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, declared his interest to the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee and facilitated discussion only on the Regional Software Holdings Limited Draft Statement of Intent for 2017/2018 item.

- 5.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to receive and consider Regional Software Holdings Limited's statement of intent for the year ending 30 June 2018 was noted and discussed by the Committee.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and considers Regional Software Holdings Ltd's statement of intent for the year ending 30 June 2018.

Williamson/Cloke

6. Audit Proposal for the 2017, 2018 and 2019 Financial Years and the 2016/2017 Annual Report Audit Engagement Letter

- 6.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to receive and consider the proposal to conduct the audit of the Council and the Taranaki Stadium Trust for the 2017, 2018 and 2019 financial years and the Audit Engagement Letter related to the audit of the Council's *2016/2017 Annual Report*.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives, notes and approves the proposal to conduct the audit of the Council and the Taranaki Stadium Trust for the 2017, 2018 and 2019 financial years
2. receives the Audit Engagement Letter in relation to the preparation, audit and adoption of the Council's *2016/2017 Annual Report*

3. notes the content of the Audit Engagement Letter.

Joyce/Williamson

7. Civic Assurance: Draft Statement of Intent for 2017

7.1 The memorandum to receive the draft statement of corporate intent for Civil Assurance for 2017 was noted.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the draft 2017 Statement of Corporate Intent for Civil Assurance.

Lean/Walker

8. Public Excluded

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 Executive, Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Monday 27 March 2017 for the following reason/s:

Item 9 - Confidential Minutes Executive, Audit and Risk Committee - 13 February 2017

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 where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Item 10 - Regional Integrated Ticket System interim ticketing solution

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 where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information and to enable the Council, to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

Lean/Cloke

There being no further business, the Chairperson, Councillor D L Lean, declared the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting closed at 10.40am.

Confirmed

Committee Chairperson: _____
D L Lean

Date: **8 May 2017**

Agenda Memorandum

Date 3 April 2017



**Memorandum to
Chairperson and Members
Taranaki Regional Council**

Subject: Joint Committee Minutes

Prepared by: G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality

Approved by: B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

Document: 1838506

Purpose

The purpose of the memorandum is to receive for information the minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 16 February 2017 and the minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held on Tuesday 7 March 2017.

Executive summary

The Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee and the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group are Joint Committee's between the Taranaki Regional Council and the three district councils of Taranaki.

The Local Government Act (Schedule 7, clause 30(8)) states that a joint committee is deemed to be both a committee of the local authority and a committee of the other local authority or public body.

Each council has therefore been given the minutes of the joint committee meetings for their receipt and information.

Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 16 February 2016
2. receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held on Tuesday 7 March 2017.

Decision-making considerations

Part 6 (Planning, decision-making and accountability) of the *Local Government Act 2002* has been considered and documented in the preparation of this agenda item. The recommendations made in this item comply with the decision-making obligations of the Act.

Financial considerations—LTP/Annual Plan

This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Policy considerations

This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the *Local Government Act 2002*, the *Resource Management Act 1991* and the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

Legal considerations

This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.

Appendices/Attachments

Document #1820669 - Minutes Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee
Document #1829467 - Minutes Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

Minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 16 February 2017 commencing at 10.30am.



Members	Councillors	N W Walker	(Taranaki Regional Council) (Chairperson)
		B Roach	(South Taranaki District Council)
		A Jamieson	(Stratford District Council)
		M Chong	(New Plymouth District Council)
Attending	Mr	G K Bedford	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mrs	H Meintjes	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Ms	N Ord-Walton	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mrs	K van Gameraen	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Dr	E Roberts	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mrs	V McKay	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mrs	K Hope	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Messrs	D Langford	(New Plymouth District Council)
		H Denton	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Ms	E Letendre	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Messrs	S Hanne	(Stratford District Council)
	M Oien	(Stratford District Council)	

Apologies The apology from Councillor R Handley (New Plymouth District Council) was received and sustained.

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

Mr G K Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council, opened the meeting of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee and chaired the meeting until the appointment of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee Chairperson (Item 1).

1. Appointment of Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

1.1 Mr G K Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council, called for nominations for Chairperson of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee.

Nominated: Councillor N W Walker (Taranaki Regional Council) Roach/Jamieson

There being no further nominations, Councillor N W Walker (Taranaki Regional Council) was elected Chairperson of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee.

Mr G K Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council, vacated the Chair to Councillor N W Walker.

Councillor N W Walker, Chairperson, called for nominations for Deputy Chairperson of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee.

Nominated: Councillor A Jamieson (Stratford District Council) Walker/Roach

There being no further nominations, Councillor A Jamieson (Stratford District Council) was elected Deputy Chairperson of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee

1. receives the memorandum
2. appoints Councillor N W Walker (Taranaki Regional Council) as Chairperson of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management (Joint) Committee
3. appoints Councillor A Jamieson (Stratford District Council) as Deputy Chairperson of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management (Joint) Committee
4. agrees that the term of the appointment of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management (Joint) Committee be until the October 2019 local authority elections unless resolved otherwise or section 30(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 2002* applies.

Jamieson/Walker

2. Minutes Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee – 25 August 2016

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee

1. receives the minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 25 August 2016 at 10.30am
2. notes that the minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 25 August 2016 at 10.30am, were authenticated by the Committee Chairperson, N W Walker and the Taranaki Regional Council Chief Executive, B G Chamberlain, pursuant to Model Standing Orders
3. notes that the minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 25 August 2016 at 10.30am, have been circulated to the Taranaki Regional Council, New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and South Taranaki District Council for their receipt and information.

Jamieson/Walker

Matters Arising

Medical Waste Disposal in Recycling

The Committee noted the update provided by Dr J Jarman (Taranaki District Health Board – *email*) and the New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) regarding medical waste disposal in recycling. The Taranaki District Health Board (TDHB) have contacted the district council and offered assistance by way of sharing the approach used by the TDHB to minimise risk for health care workers due to body fluid exposures; identifying what part of the health system the offending medical wastes are coming from; and, providing advice on the development and distribution of posters regarding the correct disposal of medical wastes. The NPDC have developed a *Medical Waste Disposal in Recycling Project Plan* with input from EnviroWaste and the Taranaki Medical Officer of Health.

3. Waste Minimisation Officer's Report

- 3.1 Ms N Ord-Walton, Waste Minimisation Officer, spoke to the memorandum reporting on the significant activities the Waste Minimisation Officer has undertaken, in collaboration with the district council officers, since the previous meeting of the Committee held on 25 August 2016.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee

1. receives the memorandum and notes the activities of the Waste Minimisation Officer.

Roach/Jamieson

4. Waste Minimisation and Management Plan update

- 4.1 Ms N Ord-Walton, Waste Minimisation Officer, spoke to the memorandum presenting progress on the development of the waste management and minimisation plans for New Plymouth, Stratford and South Taranaki District Councils and a summary of the data collected.
- 4.2 The matter of the correct disposal or recycling of tyres was noted and discussed. The Committee agreed that this is an ongoing matter. Mr G K Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council, advised that central government has indicated that new initiatives for the disposal or reuse of tyres may be released in due course, although no timeframe has been made available. The Committee awaits further developments in this area.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee

1. receives the memorandum *Waste Minimisation and Management Plan* update and the associated report.

Chong/Walker

5. MBIE Regional Research Institute in Taranaki – application for funding

- 5.1 Ms H Meintjes, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum informing the Committee of the investigation into the opportunity to apply to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) for funding of a Regional Research Institute specialising in waste related matters for the commercial and industry sector.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee

1. receives the memorandum *MBIE - Regional Research Institute in Taranaki – application for funding*
2. agrees to support further investigation into the development of a business case that may form the basis of a future application to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment for the creation of a Regional Research Institute for Taranaki with the involvement and contribution of council officers
3. notes that any such future application will be subject to further determination and consideration by the Committee.

Walker/Jamieson

6. Project Hotspot – waste aspects

- 6.1 Dr E Roberts, Taranaki Regional Council, provided a presentation to the Committee on Project Hotspot and, as part of the Project, an overview and outcomes of litter surveys conducted by some Taranaki schools at local beaches of interest.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee

1. receives this presentation by Dr Emily Roberts, Scientific Officer – Marine Ecology, Taranaki Regional Council, on Project Hotspot – waste aspects.

Chong/Walker

7. Central Landfill Update

- 7.1 Mr D Langford, New Plymouth District Council, spoke to the memorandum updating the Committee on progress of the central landfill to date.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee

1. receives the memorandum *Central Landfill Update* and associated report.

Roach/Jamieson

8. Update reports on Regional Solid Waste Services Contract and general waste management matters

Officers from the New Plymouth District Council and South Taranaki District Council advised the Committee that there were no issues/matters to report on the Regional Solid Waste Services Contract or other general waste business. The Stratford District Council reported on an initiative to place stickers on their recycling bins identifying what can be recycled and the release of publicity material on the collection dates for rubbish, recycling and glass collections in their area.

There being no further business, Committee Chairperson, Councillor N W Walker (Taranaki Regional Council) declared the meeting of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee closed at 12.20pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson _____

N W Walker

Date

25 May 2017

Minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 7 March 2017 commencing at 10.30am.



Members	Councillor	M J Cloke	(Taranaki Regional Council) (Group Chairperson)
	Mayor	R Dunlop	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Mayor	N Holdom	(New Plymouth District Council)
Attending	Councillor	B K Raine	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mr	G K Bedford	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mr	M J Nield	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Mrs	J Ritchie	(Policy Analyst)
	Mr	S Briggs	(Taranaki CDEM Group Controller) (Senior Emergency Management Officer)
	Mr	B Ingram	(Emergency Management Officer)
	Mr	K Evans	(Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management)

Apologies The apology from Mayor N Volzke (Stratford District Council) was received and sustained.

Notification of Late Items There were no late items of general business.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 29 November 2016

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held at the Taranaki Emergency Management Office, 45 Robe Street, New Plymouth on Tuesday 29 November 2016 at 10.30am
2. notes that the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held at the Taranaki Emergency Management Office, 45 Robe Street, New Plymouth on Tuesday 29 November 2016 at 10.30am, have been circulated to the Taranaki Regional Council, New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and South Taranaki District Council for their receipt and information.

Dunlop/Holdom

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Group Minutes – 9 February 2017

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group:

1. receives the minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group meeting held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 9 February 2017 at 10.30 am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Dunlop/Cloke

3. Update – TEMO 2017/2018 Budget

- 3.1 Mr G K Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum to consider and adopt an operational budget for CDEM in Taranaki for 2017/2018.
- 3.2 Mr M J Nield, Taranaki Regional Council (Director-Corporate Services) provided an overview to the Group on the outcome of the Chief Financial Officers/Financial Services Managers workshop, in December 2016, to review the methodology and development of the draft 2017/2018 budget. Mr Nield advised that whilst each council has different models for developing budgets and allocating overheads, the aforementioned group fully reviewed the Taranaki Regional Council's process and did not identify any flaws or errors in the way the TRC applied its accounting policies and procedures. The TRC is satisfied that the 2017/2018 budget is appropriate for delivering upon the expected needs of the Taranaki CDEM Group.
- 3.3 Mayor Dunlop, South Taranaki District Council, expressed concern over the recommendation to adopt the 2017/2018 budget. Mayor Dunlop understood that there was still ongoing consultation to be had between the Taranaki Regional Council and each district council to reach agreement on the funding arrangements, especially in regards to the South Taranaki District Council's allocation.
- 3.4 Mr Nield advised the Group that the proposed 2017/2018 CDEM budget is incorporated into the Taranaki Regional Council *2017/2018 Annual Plan* which will be released for public consultation and submissions on 13 March 2017.
- 3.5 Mayor N Holdom, New Plymouth District Council, proposed adopting the 2017/2018 CDEM budget on the proviso that the Taranaki Regional Council continue to liaise/consult with each district council to benchmark actual costs and overheads for the delivery of civil defence for the period to 30 June 2018. Mr Nield noted that the Council would remain open to a variation of the 2017/2018 budget up to the final adoption of its *Annual Plan* (May 2017) and beyond, if warranted.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives the memorandum *Update – TEMO 2017/2018 Budget* and adopts the 2017/2018 budget:

Taranaki Regional Council	34%	\$349,634
New Plymouth District Council	40%	\$411,335
Stratford District Council	8%	\$82,267
South Taranaki District Council	18%	\$185,101

2. notes that each council will continue to review the delivery of costs and overheads of civil defence emergency management for the 2017/2018 financial year and prepare a joint proposal to the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group on the best financial allocation model for deliberation and consideration by 1 March 2018.

Holdom/Cloke

Mayor R Dunlop (South Taranaki District Council) voted against the motion.

4. CDEM Group Plan: Draft principles and objectives across the 4Rs

- 4.1 Mrs J Ritchie, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum presenting draft principles and objectives across the 4Rs of emergency management for the consideration and approval by the Group.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives the memorandum *CDEM Group: Draft principles and objectives across the 4Rs*
2. notes that draft principles and objectives have been developed by the CDEM Group Plan Project Team through two workshops in December 2016
3. approves the draft principles and objectives, along with any proposed amendments, for inclusion in the proposed draft CDEM Group Plan.

Cloke/Dunlop

5. CDEM Group Plan: Risk assessment process and identification of priority hazards

- 5.1 Mrs J Ritchie, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum providing detailed information on the risk assessment process and identification of priority hazards that took place in a risk assessment workshop facilitated by GNS in 2016, and to seek the Group's approval for inclusion of the list of priority hazards as provided as the focus for objectives and activities over the next five years within the draft Taranaki CDEM Group Plan.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives the memorandum *CDEM Group Plan: Risk assessment process and identification of priority hazards*
2. notes that following analysis of the risk assessment workshop results, a list of 15 priority hazards for Taranaki was created

3. approves the inclusion of the 15 priority hazards for Taranaki in the proposed draft CDEM Group Plan.

Holdom/Dunlop

6. Update on CDEM Group Plan timeline

- 6.1 Mr G K Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum updating the Group on the CDEM Group Plan timeline and to seek the Group's approval to request an extension of time from the Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives the memorandum *Update on CDEM Group Plan timeline*
2. notes that current rate of progress for the Group Plan review is insufficient to achieve the necessary milestones in a timely manner as per the previously agreed deadline, and that decisions are required to request an extension and/or assist with resourcing and timeline pressure
3. approves the seeking of a formal extension of time for completion of the CDEM Group Plan for Taranaki 2017-2022 from the Ministry for Civil Defence & Emergency Management.

Cloke/Dunlop

7. New recovery provisions under the CDEM Act 2002 - Transition

- 7.1 Mr G K Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum advising the CDEM Group of a recent change to the CDEM Act 2002, that impose new requirements and provide new powers for the recovery period of an emergency (referred to hereafter as the transition period).

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group:

1. receives the memorandum *New recovery provisions under the CDEM Act-Transition*
2. authorises each member of the Taranaki CDEM Group to give notice of transition and/or extension of a notice of transition and/or termination of a notice of transition for any area within the Taranaki CDEM area, each member having equal status to give notice
3. notes the obligations, functions and powers of a recovery manager as set out in the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 amendments
4. approves the re-appointment of Fiona Greenhill as Group Recovery Manager in accordance with section 29 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002
5. approves the re-appointment of Craig Campbell-Smart as alternate Group Recovery Manager in accordance with section 29 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002

6. notes the new Group Plan will include the consideration of strategic recovery planning as required by the amended Civil Defence Emergency Management Act
7. notes that TEMO staff will develop operating procedures reflecting the new recovery requirements in due course.

Cloke/Dunlop

8. Review of Disaster Relief Fund Assistance procedures

- 8.1 The memorandum providing a working paper concerning the procedures for administering disaster relief assistance in Taranaki, taking into account the recommendations made and learnings derived in respect of the assistance programmes implemented consequent to the June 2015 regional flooding, was received and discussed by the Group.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives the memorandum *Review of Disaster Relief Fund Assistance procedures*
2. provides discussion and feedback on the recommendations with a view to ratification at a subsequent meeting.

Cloke/Dunlop

There being no further business, Group Chairperson Councillor M J Cloke (Taranaki Regional Council) declared the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting closed at 12.10 pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson _____

M J Cloke

Date

20 June 2017

Agenda Memorandum

Date 3 April 2017



**Memorandum to
Chairperson and Members
Taranaki Regional Council**

**Subject: 2018/2028 Long-Term Plan – Initial
Planning**

Approved by: M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services

BG Chamberlain, Chief Executive

Document: 1835950

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to outline the process and timetable around the preparation, audit and adoption of the *2018/2028 Long-Term Plan*.

Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum on the proposed process and timetable around the preparation, audit and adoption of the *2018/2028 Long-Term Plan*
2. notes the general approach and timetable on the preparation, audit and adoption of the *2018/2028 Long-Term Plan* and advises the Chief Executive of any proposed changes
3. notes the areas in which additional work will be undertaken ahead of the preparation, audit and adoption of the *2018/2028 Long-Term Plan* and advises the Chief Executive of any other issues that members would like preparatory work undertaken on ahead of the first Councillor workshop.

Background

The Council is required to prepare, have audited and adopt a new long-term plan by 30 June 2018 (*Local Government Act 2002 – LGA 2002*). The purpose of this paper is to commence the preparation process and to allow Councillors to have early engagement with the issues and environment encompassing the preparation of the *2018/2028 Long-Term Plan*.

In relation to the long-term planning process, the LGA 2002 is unchanged from the legislative framework in place for the production of the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan*. This is a unique situation for local government and provides an excellent opportunity to build on and improve a number of the initiatives introduced, very late in the piece, for the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan*. These initiatives included:

- Changes to the consultation process – in particular the preparation of a consultation document rather than a draft long-term plan and a summary long-term plan.
- Thirty-year infrastructure strategies and asset management plans in key areas (only river and flood control assets for the Taranaki Regional Council).
- A significance and engagement policy.

Discussion

The proposed approach to the preparation, audit and adoption of the *2018/2028 Long-Term Plan* is similar to previous iterations. The broad-brush approach is as follows:

- June/July 2017 – initial preparation, thinking and Councillor workshop (this is the opportunity for Councillors to identify areas for work to be undertaken ahead of inclusion in a draft long-term plan)
- July/October 2017 – preparation of background papers and strategies, estimates, asset management plans, infrastructure strategies and significance and engagement policy – asset management plans for the regional gardens and river control schemes will be considered by the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee no later than the 24 October 2017 meeting
- October/December 2017 – preparation of the draft *2018/2028 Long-Term Plan* and consultation document
- 12 December 2017 – Councillor Long-Term Plan workshop following Ordinary Meeting
- December 2017/February 2018 – audit of the draft *2018/2028 Long-Term Plan* and consultation document
- February 2018 Ordinary Meeting – adoption of the draft *2018/2028 Long-Term Plan* and consultation document
- March/April 2018 – public consultation
- May 2018 – Ordinary Meeting for the hearing of submissions
- May 2018/June 2018 – final audit and adoption of the *2018/2028 Long-Term Plan*.

Are Members comfortable with the general approach or are there any suggested changes?

There are a number of areas in which additional work is underway that will influence either the long-term plan or the process for preparation, audit and adoption of the *2018/2028 Long-Term Plan*. These have arisen from learnings from the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan* and/or issues that have arisen in the intervening time. They include:

- Refinement of the engagement processes, in particular with iwi
- Review of the *Significance and Engagement Policy*
- Port Taranaki Ltd and dividend flows
- Predator control trials
- Future developments around Pukeiti including tracks and trails
- Long-term funding sustainability for Yarrow Stadium

Are there any other issues that members would like some preparatory work undertaken on ahead of the first Councillor workshop?

Decision-making considerations

Part 6 (Planning, decision-making and accountability) of the *Local Government Act 2002* has been considered and documented in the preparation of this agenda item. The recommendations made in this item comply with the decision-making obligations of the *Act*.

Financial considerations—LTP/Annual plan

This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Policy considerations

This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the *Local Government Act 2002*, the *Resource Management Act 1991* and the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

Legal considerations

This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.

Agenda Memorandum

Date 3 April 2017



**Memorandum to
Chairperson and Members
Taranaki Regional Council**

Subject: Triennial Agreement 2016-2019

Approved by: BG Chamberlain, Chief Executive

Document: 1829901

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to ratify for this term of the Council, the Taranaki Triennial Agreement.

Executive summary

Section 15 of the *Local Government Act 2002* requires all local authorities within a region to enter into an agreement establishing protocols for communication and coordination among them during the period until the next election.

The current agreement has stood the test of time well and for that reason the content of the current agreement has been retained in the proposed new agreement for 2016-2019.

Three additions are proposed in response to the *Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2014*, which amended section 15 of the parent Act. The proposed changes to the document have been developed in conjunction with the four local authority mayors, chair and senior staff.

All other local authorities in the region have ratified the agreement.

Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum Triennial Agreement 2016-2019
2. ratifies the Taranaki Triennial Agreement 2016-2019 to have effect until the next triennial election of the Council in October 2019.

Background

Section 15 of the *Local Government Act 2002* requires all local authorities within a region to enter into an agreement establishing protocols for communication and coordination among them during the period until the next election. This is required by 1 March following each triennial election.

Attached to this memorandum is a copy of the proposed Taranaki Triennial Agreement. It retains all of the content of the current agreement but includes three additional provisions that have been included as a result of changes to the legislation. Briefly these are:

- a new subparagraph 3(b) enabling early participation of all local authorities in the identification, delivery and funding of facilities and services that are significant to more than 1 district
- a new subparagraph 3(i) which requires all local authorities to be advised of decisions which are significantly inconsistent with the current triennial agreement
- a new paragraph 5 requiring joint committees to be established or continued in line with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2002*.

The proposed changes to the document have been developed in conjunction with the four local authority mayors, chair and senior staff. It has been circulated to the Chief Executives of the four local authorities for ratification.

Once ratified by the Taranaki Regional Council the agreement will be signed by the chair of the Taranaki Regional Council. It will then be returned to the New Plymouth District Council who has responsibility under paragraph 9 for servicing the agreement for the 2016-2019 term (this responsibility is passed to the remaining local authorities alphabetically for each new term, unless otherwise agreed).

Discussion

The current agreement has stood the test of time well and for that reason the content of the current agreement has been retained in the proposed new agreement for 2016-2019.

The proposed additions are in response to the *Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2014*, which amended section 15 of the principle Act to require additional statements to be included in the agreement.

All the changes fit easily and well into the current agreement.

Early notification is to be provided to all local authorities to enable participation in the identification, delivery and funding of facilities and services that are significant to more than one district. A statement to this effect has been included in new subparagraph 3(b) of the agreement.

Paragraph 3(i) of the agreement also provides that where an individual local authority decision is significantly inconsistent with the current agreement, notification will be made to all other local authorities as soon as practicable after the decision has been made. The notification will advise of the inconsistency, the reasons for it and any intention of the local authority to seek an amendment to the triennial agreement.

The final change concerns joint committees. The agreement states that joint committees will be established or continued in line with the requirements of clause 130A of Schedule 7 of the *Local Government Act 2002*.

All other councils have ratified the Triennial Agreement 2016-2019.

Decision-making considerations

Part 6 (Planning, decision-making and accountability) of the *Local Government Act 2002* has been considered and documented in the preparation of this agenda item. The recommendations made in this item comply with the decision-making obligations of the *Act*.

Financial considerations—LTP/Annual Plan

This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Policy considerations

This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the *Local Government Act 2002*, the *Resource Management Act 1991* and the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

Legal considerations

This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.

Attachment

Document 1828636: Triennial Agreement 2016-2019



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TARANAKI TRIENNIAL AGREEMENT

Purpose

1. The parties to this agreement commit to working for the good governance of their district or region by acting collaboratively and co-operatively to ensure that issues in common are determined in a manner that is inclusive and avoids unnecessary duplication. This agreement will ensure appropriate levels of consultation and co-ordination are maintained between the local authorities of this region, and between individual local authorities as might be notified.

Agreement

2. The parties:

New Plymouth District Council
South Taranaki District Council
Stratford District Council
Taranaki Regional Council

Agree to work in good faith together for the good governance and management of their districts and the region.

The Agreement is effective from 1 March 2017 until such time as the Agreement is amended by the agreement of all parties, or is renewed following the 2019 local authority elections before 1 March 2020.

3. As signatories to this agreement each local authority will ensure:
 - a) early notification to affected local authorities, through the distribution of draft documentation, of major policy discussions which may have implications beyond the boundaries of the decision-making authority. This specifically includes new significant activities undertaken by each local authority;
 - b) early notification to all local authorities to invite and enable participation in the identification, delivery and funding of facilities and services where those facilities and services are significant to more than 1 district.
 - c) opportunities for other local authorities, party to the agreement, to be involved in early consultation on the development of draft annual plans and draft long-term plans and other significant policy consultation processes;
 - d) the application of a 'no surprises' policy whereby early notice will be given over disagreements between local authorities concerning policy or programmes before critical public announcements are made;

- e) opportunities for involvement by affected local authorities in the development of policies or plans that have inter-jurisdictional or cross boundary implications, including the identification of outcomes and priorities
 - f) that where practicable processes for engaging with communities and agencies in order to identify community outcomes, and prioritise those outcomes, are undertaken jointly or in a collaborative manner which avoids unnecessary duplication,
 - g) opportunities for other local authorities, whether party to this agreement or not, to work jointly on the development of strategies and plans for the achievement of identified outcomes and priorities; and
 - h) its intention to share services and staff wherever possible to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of services and to look to identify, discuss and support shared service arrangements into the future.
 - i) that all local authorities party to this agreement are advised of an individual authority's decisions which are significantly inconsistent with the current triennial agreement or are likely to have consequences that will be significantly inconsistent with the current triennial agreement. Notification to the other parties will be provided to each party as soon as practicable after the decision has been made and will advise of:
 - The inconsistency
 - The reason(s) for the inconsistency
 - Any intention of local authority to seek an amendment to this triennial agreement.
4. Consultation in relation to this agreement will take the following forms:
- a) a meeting of Mayors, regional Chairperson and their Chief Executives will occur at least quarterly
 - b) meetings between staff as necessary to achieve communication and co-ordination on matters identified in the agreement , and
 - c) opportunities to consider and comment on documentation on policies , programmes or projects.
5. Joint committees between one or more local authorities will be established or continued in line with the requirements of the cl30A Sch7.Local Government Act 2002.

Significant new activities proposed by Taranaki Regional Council

6. If the Taranaki Regional Council or a Taranaki Regional Council controlled organisation proposes to undertake a significant new activity (as provided for under section 16 of the Local Government Act 2002), and the activity is already undertaken or proposed to be undertaken by one or more territorial authorities within the region, the Taranaki Regional Council will discuss the issues involved at one or more of the existing forums, and provide early drafts of proposals to affected territorial authorities for early comment. The Taranaki Regional Council will inform all territorial

authorities within the region of the nature of the proposed activity, the scope of the proposal, the reasons for the proposal, and the expected effects of the proposal on the activities of the territorial authorities within the region and the likely costs and benefits of the proposal, so far as these are known at the time.

7. The affected territorial authorities will be given a reasonable period of time to respond to any such proposal. The Taranaki Regional Council will fully consider any submissions and representations on the proposal made by the territorial authorities within the region.

Servicing

8. The parties agree that responsibility for servicing this agreement shall be shared, with responsibility passing from local authority to local authority following the triennial election. Servicing involves:
 - a) providing those secretarial services required; and
 - b) acting as a media and communications contact (including the provision of information to the public on request) in relation to matters covered in the agreement.
9. The parties agree that the next local authority responsible for servicing this agreement will be the New Plymouth District Council for the 2016-2019 term, after which it shall pass to the remaining local authorities alphabetically, unless otherwise agreed.

Agreement to review

10. The parties agree to review the terms of this agreement within four weeks of a request by one of the parties made in writing to the local authority delegated responsibility to service the Agreement.

Resolving disagreement

11. In the event of a disagreement over the terms of this agreement the parties agree to refer the issue of disagreement to arbitration for non-binding resolution. If no agreement on an arbitrator is forthcoming a mediator will be appointed by the president of the Taranaki District Law Society.

Authority

12. This agreement is signed on this day, 2 of March 2017, by the following on behalf of their respective authorities.

New Plymouth District Council\

Neil Holdom Mayor

South Taranaki District Council

Ross Dunlop Mayor

Stratford District Council

Neil Volzke Mayor

Taranaki Regional Council

David MacLeod Chairperson

Dated: 2 March 2017

Agenda Memorandum

Date 3 April 2017



**Memorandum to
Chairperson and Members
Taranaki Regional Council**

**Subject: Riparian Management Plan Compliance
Certificate**

Approved by: S R Hall, Director Operations
B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

Document: 1797164

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to present to Members for adoption, an updated Riparian Management Compliance Certificate regime. An assessment checklist for the issuing of a certificate and associated waterbody review guide are appended to this memorandum.

Executive summary

Council adopted its riparian management implementation strategy in 1993 to address the adverse effects of diffuse source contaminants from overland runoff. This has been delivered through Council's voluntary riparian management programme which has focussed on the preparation of customised plans for landholders.

Currently, 2,500 plans have been prepared which collectively cover 14,464 kilometres of streambank and recommended 6,580 kilometres of new fencing and 5,760 kilometres of new planting.

There has been impressive progress with plan implementation over the last 23 years, with 84.5% of riparian margins now fenced and 69.6% planted (or vegetated). To date, 4,325 kilometres of streambank have been fenced and 2,387 kilometres have been planted. This is a significant achievement under a voluntary approach and Taranaki is well ahead of the rest of the country with both plan preparation and implementation.

Council has been encouraging plan holders to complete their riparian plan implementation by the end of the decade or near after. There are still 2,272 kilometres of fencing and 3,432 kilometres of planting to do and current implementation rates would need to increase to achieve completion by 2020.

As mentioned there has been much progress via a voluntary approach but the case for regulation to ultimately underpin the Councils riparian programme has been discussed for some time. In Councils draft Freshwater Plan a regulatory regime was suggested which

would require plan holders to gain a Certificate of Compliance. The intention of this is to provide plan holders with a clear understanding of what constitutes acceptable completion of their riparian management plan by Council, and to encourage plan holders to complete the implementation of their plans by the end of the decade.

Over the last year there has been considerable discussion, further refinement and “road testing” of what a Certificate of Compliance might look like and how it could work.

It is proposed that over the next few years leading up to the end of the decade all riparian plans will be evaluated for a Certificate of Compliance. All plans would receive either a pass grade - meaning all works have been completed to the satisfaction of Council, or a temporary pass - this would highlight the work left to do and provide a timeframe for completion. Once a future regulatory regime is in place, plans that received a temporary pass and have not completed their necessary works would default to a fail grade and it would be highly likely they would need a resource consent which would require riparian fencing and planting, to continue intensive farming. They would also need to meet the cost of the consent and the additional monitoring.

The key elements of a Riparian Management Certificate of Completion include:

- Criteria to determine different water bodies (streams, drains wetlands etc) that should be captured on all riparian plans and associated fencing and planting/vegetation requirements for each;
- Ensuring stock crossings are bridged or culverted and culverts and fish passage status are captured on plans.

Whilst the programme is still non-regulatory and the issuing of a Compliance Certificate over the next few years will have no regulatory backing, it is seen as an important step to provide plan holders with clarity on what is required and to signal to some that they need to get on and implement their riparian plans.

It is also important to note that the Government has also recently signalled its likely intentions around national level requirements for stock exclusion from water ways and that whilst they don't align exactly with Council's, our requirements are likely to meet and ultimately be more stringent than the proposals of Government.

Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on riparian management compliance certificate
2. adopts the updated Riparian Management Compliance Certificate process and associated assessment criteria and waterbody review guidelines
3. notes that the Certificate of Compliance forms is likely to form the basis of a compliance regime when riparian management is regulated in the near future.

Background

Council adopted its riparian management implementation strategy in 1993 to help achieve its statutory responsibilities under section 30 of the Resource Management Act 1991. The objectives of this strategy were later included in the Regional Policy statement in 1994. They

are also aligned with achieving Objectives 6.3.1 & 6.3.2 of the Regional Fresh Water Plan (RFWP) for Taranaki which are: “to maintain and enhance the quality of the surface water resources of Taranaki by avoiding, remedying or mitigating the adverse effects of contaminants discharged to water from diffuse sources”, and, “to maintain and enhance the riparian margins of surface waterbodies in order to avoid, remedy, or mitigate the adverse effects of activities on water quality, and aquatic and instream habitat”. Council regards riparian management as an effective tool to achieve these objectives. Voluntary implementation by landowners was the preferred option adopted in the Riparian Implementation Strategy.

The riparian management programme

Since 1993, the riparian management programme has focused on Council preparing individual property plans for landowners. Currently, 2,500 plans have been prepared which collectively cover 14,464 kilometres of streambank and recommended 6,580 kilometres of new fencing and 5,760 kilometres of new planting.

As the programme and technology developed, Council dedicated more resources for increased plan preparation. Consequently, the majority of riparian plans were prepared between 2001-2008 following the introduction and use of GIS (Geographic Information System). Thus, the majority of plan holders have had about 16 years to plan and implement their riparian work programmes.

Since 2008, the focus has been on one on one engagement with plan holders to achieve implementation of fencing and planting. Council officers visit each plan holder every year providing advice, monitoring progress, and offering riparian plants at cost prices via the Council’s riparian plant scheme. Since 1996, plan holders have been able to make significant savings by purchasing over 4.3 million native plants at wholesale rates.

Council has led the rest of the country with plan development and preparation, and is now focussed on completing implementation, 10 years before the rest of the country and to a higher standard.

Implementation

There has been good progress with plan implementation over the last 23 years, with 84.5% of riparian margins now fenced and 69.6% planted (or vegetated). To date, 4,325 kilometres of streambank have been fenced and 2,387 kilometres have been planted. This is a significant achievement under a voluntary approach. However, there are still 2,272 kilometres of fencing and 3,432 kilometres of planting to do.

Under current, annual implementation rates (approximately 3-400 kms), fencing is likely to be achieved by 2023. A significant increase in planting rates would be required however, to finish simultaneously with fencing. This has not happened to date. Based on current planting rates the majority of planting is likely to take approximately another 10 years (2026).

The proposed completion date for implementation of riparian plans under the Councils draft Freshwater and Sustainable Land Management Plan is 2020. It proposes a rule in 2020 to regulate those not completing the implementation of their riparian plans. Although the draft plan has been delayed in its notification, the consistent message to plan holders is that

Council requires their riparian plan to be completed by 2020, and that regulation is imminent for those who don't comply. In recent weeks Government has also released their proposed changes relating to freshwater management in New Zealand, and these also signal national level requirements for stock exclusion from water ways (by 2017) and associated future planting requirements. With the completion of most riparian fencing and planting likely by around the end of the decade this places Taranaki well ahead of other regions in terms of riparian management.

As farmers complete the implementation of their riparian plans it is proposed that a Riparian Management Plan Compliance Certificate would be issued for the property. The intention of this is to provide plan holders with a clear understanding of what constitutes acceptable completion of their riparian management plan by Council. Whilst the programme is still non-regulatory and the issuing of a Compliance Certificate over the next few years will have no regulatory backing, it is very much the intention that at some point around the end of the decade or shortly thereafter this will change and Compliance Certificates will be an important component underpinning a regulatory regime, requiring those undertaking intensive farming activity to have an implemented riparian plan.

This is likely to increase implementation and would allow plan holders at least 4 planting seasons to voluntarily get a Certificate of Compliance before 1 July 2020.

Compliance regime and Certificate of Compliance development

The concept of a "Riparian Management Certificate of Completion/Compliance" underpinning a regulatory regime was first introduced and adopted by Council on the 30th October 2012. The certificate was underpinned by an assessment checklist with supporting criteria, and a waterbody review guide. Since then, Council has followed a process to further develop and define the concept of a "Riparian Management Certificate of Compliance".

Over the last year there has been considerable discussion, further refinement and "road testing" of what a Certificate of Compliance might look like and how it could work. Field and workshop calibration days have been held to develop and test the definition of what constitutes completion to an acceptable standard. Participants included the following internal and external parties: Council's Land Management team; Director of Operations; Chief Executive; Councillor Joyce; Dairy Farmers' Environmental Leaders' Group; Federated Farmers' President; Dairy NZ Regional Manager; farm consultant. Apart from Council staff, the rest are also dairy farmers. Following this process, additional criteria have been developed to reflect current water quality expectations by the community and dairy industry while also aiming for increased objectivity and consistency with field interpretation. The "waterbody review guide" has also been amended to reflect this and encapsulates more waterbodies in line with achieving Council's water quality objectives. A grading system for different standards of completion has been developed which also includes specified conditions that must be met for compliance.

It is proposed that the issuing of Compliance Certificates would begin following its adoption by Council. This would provide plan holders with certainty on what is required to essentially complete their riparian plan and time to remedy any necessary actions.

Riparian Certificate of Compliance

The certificate validates to the satisfaction of Council, that all the recommended work in a Riparian Management Plan has been implemented. Criteria have been developed to define if a plan holder passes or fails. Until the programme is underpinned by a regulatory regime temporary passes will be issued to those that have got works to implement to achieve a pass grade, in due course if these works are not completed they will receive a fail and are highly likely to need a resource consent which will require riparian fencing and planting, to continue intensive farming. They will also need to meet the cost of the consent and the additional monitoring.

Assessment criteria and guidelines

To process and issue a Certificate of Compliance, assessment criteria have been developed to meet the RFWP objectives. The following criteria are assessed during an inspection: the inclusion of all waterbodies on the plan (including regionally significant wetlands) with appropriate recommendations; whether they are fenced and vegetated appropriately to achieve effective riparian margins; having regular stock crossings bridged or culverted; and whether stock are excluded from regionally significant wetlands. Land Management Officers will undertake the assessment. A guide for the assessment criteria has been developed to help achieve consistency and objectivity by the assessor.

Waterbody review process

All waterbodies on a property will be inspected. If a waterbody or a segment of a waterbody is not on a riparian management plan, a guide for determining the appropriateness of its inclusion/exclusion has been developed and upgraded. The guide sets the foundation for achieving consistency and equity amongst planholders in regard to what's expected to be implemented. The waterbody review guide outlines what's expected on rivers, streams, wetlands, drains/canals through a flow chart.

Once the assessment check list has been completed and waterbodies reviewed where appropriate, it is signed off in the professional opinion of a Land Management Officer, and endorsed by the Land Services Manager. An endorsed Certificate of Compliance is recommended to be issued by Council which is signed off on its behalf by the Chief Executive. If any of the proposed assessment criteria or current definitions change through changes to legislation after the certificate is issued, all assessment and guidance criteria would need to be reviewed. The Compliance Certificate would also have to be revalidated.

Decision-making considerations

Part 6 (Planning, decision-making and accountability) of the Local Government Act 2002 has been considered and documented in the preparation of this agenda item. The recommendations made in this item comply with the decision-making obligations of the Act.

Financial considerations—LTP/Annual plan

This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Policy considerations

This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the Local Government Act 2002, the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Legal considerations

This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.

Appendices/Attachments

Document 1829324 – Riparian Management Compliance Certificate Inspection Check List & Waterbody Review Guide

#1829324

Riparian Management Compliance Certificate Inspection Check List

RMP No..... Name.....

Inspected by LMO.....Date.....

Compliance criteria (circle one)

1. Are all waterbodies (including RSW wetlands & non-ephemeral manmade drains) attributed on a Council-approved Riparian Management Plan? Yes No

If yes, proceed to criterion no. 2.

If no, refer to waterbody review process #1025951 and amend riparian plan with appropriate fencing and planting recommendations for added waterbodies. Delineate RSW with polygon in GIS and attribute vegetation type; attribute drains. Continue with audit for completed work on existing waterbodies then return at a later date for completion of audit for added waterbodies. Conditional pass if everything else is in order – allowing time to get new work done.

2. Do all existing waterbodies (including drains) have appropriate fencing and vegetation recommendations as per waterbody review guide?

Yes No

If no, add recommendations to plan, continue with audit for completed work on existing waterbodies then return at a later date for completion of audit for added waterbodies.

3. Are all waterbodies (including non-ephemeral manmade drains) fenced and stock proof? Yes No (Fail)

Any fail on fencing requires re-inspection before sign-off.

If yes, category pass (circle one)

A. Pass

B. Temporary Pass

4. Do all sections of riparian margins have appropriate vegetation as recommended? Yes No

If yes, category pass (circle one)

A. Pass

B. Temporary Pass

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5. Do all regular stock crossings have culverts/bridges? Yes No

If no, circle Temporary pass Temporary pass

6. After Inspection, are all culverts fish friendly? Yes No

If no, mark on map/tablet and record in GIS.

7. Are all regionally significant wetlands (excluding extensively grazed areas) delineated and fenced? Yes No

If yes, category pass (circle one) Pass

If delineated and not fenced, fail. Fail

8. Have you provided representative photographs of each section for audit approval?

Yes No

9. Has all fencing that failed, been re-inspected and now passes? Yes No

Overall Pass Category and re-inspection interval

(Circle one and specify re-inspection interval) **A. Pass (.....)**

B. Temporary Pass (.....)

Temporary pass requires scheduled works programme (attached) for each section to be completed by the specified date.

Final completion date in works programme for Temporary pass.....

From my professional assessment, I consider that this plan meets the above criteria at the current time and recommend that a compliance certificate is issued foryears from the date of this audit and remains valid thereafter until re-inspection takes place.

LMO SignatureDate.....

Endorsed by Land Services Manager

Don Shearman Signature.....Date.....

Recommended by Director-Operations

Stephen Hall Signature.....Date.....

Approved by Chief Executive

BG Chamberlain Signature.....Date.....

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Waterbody Review Guide

Purpose: A riparian management certificate of compliance certifies that the planholder has passed the programme of works specified in a Council-approved riparian management plan to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive, or, has temporarily passed on the basis that an agreed works programme will be completed within a defined timeframe.

Waterbody: a continually or intermittently flowing body of fresh water; and includes streams and modified watercourses; wetlands and farm drains but does not include ephemeral drains or watercourses. Ephemeral waterbodies convey surface water during the event and may receive subsurface flow for 1-2 days following the cessation of the event.

Relevant waterbodies: All waterbodies (in the professional judgment of a Land Management Officer - and in consultation with the landowner - are included on a riparian plan, along with the appropriate fencing and planting recommendations. A process for guiding whether a waterbody should be on the plan and have fencing or planting completed, accompanies this form. All man-made, non-ephemeral drains should be on a plan and required to be fenced with appropriate buffer recommendations implemented for a compliance certificate to be awarded.

Are all waterbodies fenced: All non-ephemeral waterbodies (including man-made drains) should be on a plan. All waterbodies must be fenced excluding those on a terrace riser which is extensively grazed. A natural barrier such as a cliff or a dense hedge can be considered an appropriate alternative to a fence, only if it is stock-proof. Hedges must be well maintained and have no holes or access points at ends.

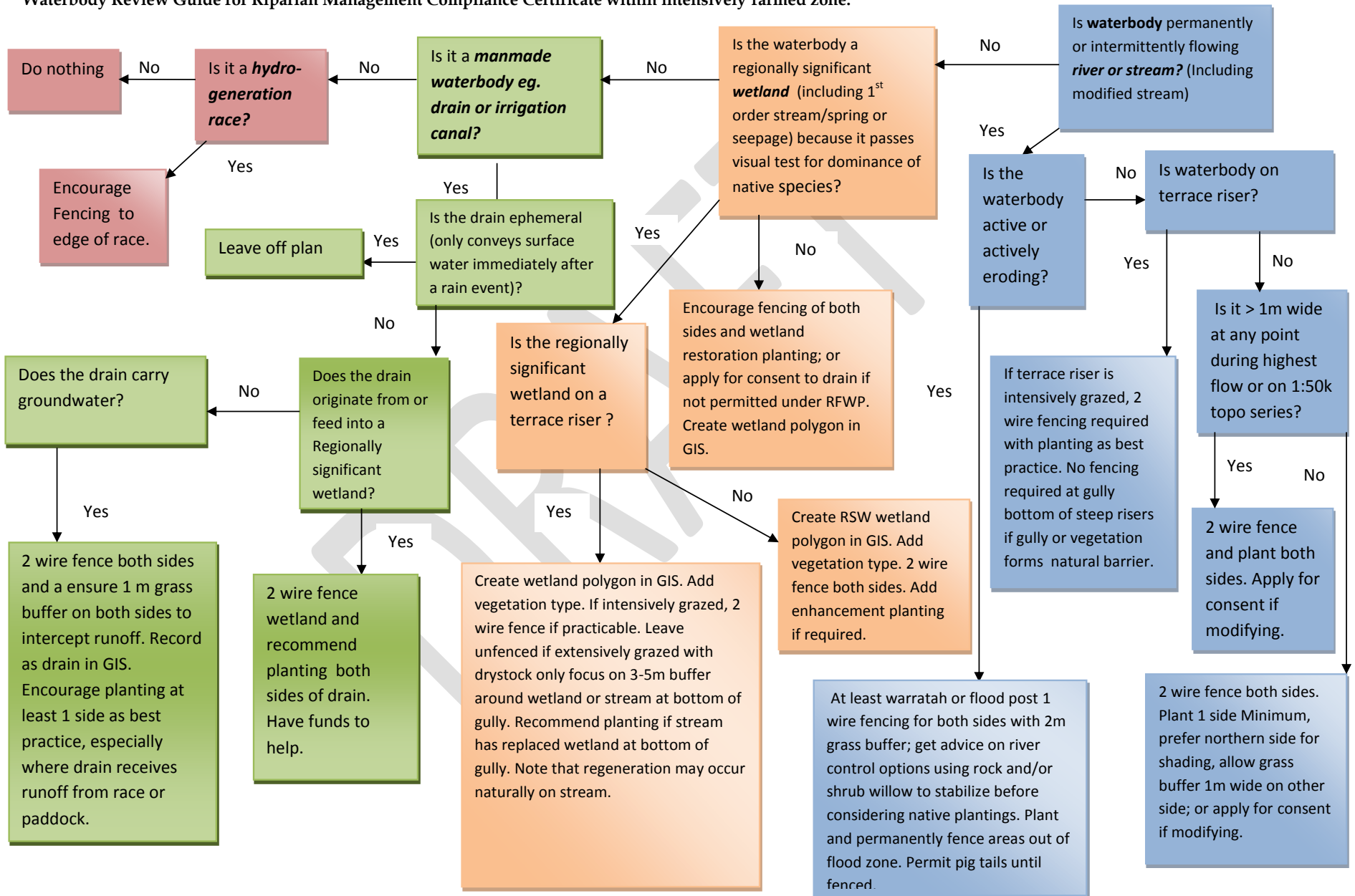
Permanent fence: Must consist of 2 steel wires that conducts electricity appropriately to make it stock proof. Fence should be placed in an appropriate position to provide an effective riparian buffer. Flood plains should be fenced using warratah or flood post with 1 wire attached on the outside so that it can be re-attached after a flood.

Effective vegetation in margins: Established with vegetation to create a functioning margin. A functioning margin provides a physical barrier to intercept sediment and faecal matter contained in overland flow. It should also provide shading to at least one side of the waterway to reduce solar radiation. Shading may not be achievable on very wide streams. What constitutes an effective riparian margin will be site dependent.

Appropriate effective vegetation: Preferably, planted native plants or native vegetation regenerating naturally. Appropriate vegetation will eventually provide an effective buffer and habitat for native fauna. A Temporary pass will be given to buffers dominated by strategy and non-strategy weeds. If natural succession through planted or regenerating vegetation is highly likely to overcome blackberry, barberry or gorse within a reasonable timeframe it may be deemed suitable. It is expected that there would be a preponderance of seedlings present in the understorey. Exotic timber species are suitable in the B zone but not when in the annual flood plain and restricting flow (refer to forestry code of practice- min 5m). Once exotic trees have been removed, the effectiveness and appropriateness of the remaining vegetation needs to be reassessed. Flexible plants in C zone (flood zone) should be relative to size of waterway eg. carex along small streams or drains less than 1m wide; toe toe also suitable along drains and small streams, flax/toetoe in wetland areas or on wide flood plains of larger rivers. B zone plants should be further up bank, out of floodway.

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Waterbody Review Guide for Riparian Management Compliance Certificate within intensively farmed zone.



Agenda Memorandum

Date 3 April 2017



**Memorandum to
Chairperson and Members
Taranaki Regional Council**

Subject: Meeting Dates May 2017

Approved by: M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services

B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

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Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide notification to Members of the next six-weekly round of Council meetings for 2017.

Meeting Dates

The six-weekly round of Council meetings for **May 2017** will be as follows:

Consents and Regulatory Committee	Tuesday 2 May 2017	9.30am
Policy and Planning Committee	Tuesday 2 May 2017	10.30am
Executive, Audit and Risk Committee	Monday 8 May 2017	10.00am
Ordinary Meeting*	Monday 8 May 2017	11.00am
<i>*to hear submissions on the 2017/2018 Annual Plan</i>		
Ordinary Meeting	Tuesday 16 May 2017	10.30am

Decision-making considerations

Part 6 (Planning, decision-making and accountability) of the *Local Government Act 2002* has been considered and documented in the preparation of this agenda item. The recommendations made in this item comply with the decision-making obligations of the Act.

Financial considerations—LTP/Annual Plan

This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Policy considerations

This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the *Local Government Act 2002*, the *Resource Management Act 1991* and the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

Legal considerations

This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.

**Ordinary Meeting
Public Excluded**

In accordance with section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*, the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting on Monday 3 April 2017 for the following reason/s:

Item 12- Confidential Minutes Executive, Audit and Risk Committee

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 where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information and to enable the Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations, (including commercial and industrial relations).