

Date 4 February 2020, 10.30am

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

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Members	Councillors	C L Littlewood N W Walker M G Davey M J McDonald D H McIntyre C S Williamson E D Van Der Leden M P Joyce	Committee Chairperson Committee Deputy Chairperson ex officio
Representative Members	Councillors	C Young S Hitchcock G Boyde	South Taranaki District Council New Plymouth District Council Stratford District Council
	Mr	P Muir	Federated Farmers
		Iwi representatives have not yet been appointed.	
Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain G K Bedford M J Nield A D McLay S R Hall G Severinsen C Spurdle S Tamarapa M Simpson T McElroy R Ritchie P Ledingham T K Davey	Chief Executive Director - Environment Quality Director - Corporate Services Director - Resource Management Director - Operations Manager Policy and Strategy Planning Manager Iwi Communications Officer Team Leader - Riparian Environmental Scientist – Marine Biology Communications Manager Communications Adviser Communications Adviser (<i>part meeting</i>)
	Ms	L Ingham	Environmental Scientist – State of the Environment
	Ms	M Lachmann	Communications Adviser
	Mrs	V McKay	Science Manager Chemistry
	Miss	L Davidson	Committee Administrator
	Mr	S Cronin	University of Waikato
	Councillor	D L Lean	

One member of the media and one member of the public.

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

Notification of Late Items There were no late items.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - Tuesday 19 November 2019

Resolved

THAT the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford of Tuesday 19 November 2019 at 10.30am
- b) notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 10 December 2019.

McIntyre/Boyde

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. National Survey of Pesticides and Emerging Organic Contaminants (EOCs) in Groundwater 2018

- 2.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director - Environment Quality, spoke to the report to present the results of the National Survey of Pesticides and Emerging Organic contaminants (EOCs) in Groundwater 2018, in which the Taranaki Regional Council participated, and to discuss their significance and answered questions arising.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

- a) receives the memorandum *National Survey of Pesticides and Emerging Contaminants in Groundwater 2018*
- b) notes the results of the survey, that pesticides are virtually undetectable in the Taranaki groundwater or when present, are far below levels of concern for either environmental or human health
- c) notes the detection of various EOCs in groundwater in Taranaki (and nationally) and that officers will continue to closely monitor research development in this evolving field of water quality science.

McDonald/Van Der Leden

3. Pesticides in Surface Water Survey

- 3.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director – Environment Quality, spoke to the report to present the results, together with a discussion of their significance, of a survey undertaken by Council officers in order to determine whether there is any consequent environmental or human health issue due to pesticides in surface waters in Taranaki and answered questions arising.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

- a) receives the memorandum *Pesticides in surface water in Taranaki*
- b) notes the results of the survey, that pesticides are virtually undetectable in the surface waters of Taranaki, or when present, are far below levels of concern for either environmental or human health
- c) notes that these findings will inform the provisions of the next *Regional Land and Water Plan for Taranaki*.

McIntyre/Joyce

4. Summary of Freshwater Improvement Fund (FIF) project ‘Transforming Taranaki’ for Year 1 (2018-19)

- 4.1 Mr S Hall, Director Operations, introduced Mr M Simpson, Land Management Acting Team Leader – Riparian, who spoke to the report to update Members on the progress of the freshwater improvement fund project ‘transforming Taranaki’, following completion of year one of this project, and an update on the riparian programme with reference to the development of the approaching auditing regime.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum Summary of the Freshwater Improvement Fund Project ‘Transforming Taranaki’ for Year 1 (2018-19)
- b) notes the approach to delivery and progress made to date.

Williamson/McDonald

5. Update on Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki: Appeals

- 5.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum to update Members on appeals lodged with the Environment Court on the Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki (the Proposed Plan) and answered questions arising.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum entitled *Update on Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki: Appeals*
- b) notes that ten appeals to the Proposed Coastal Plan have been lodged with the Environment Court.

Williamson/Walker

6. Taranaki Estuarine Vulnerability Assessment – Consultant report

- 6.1 Mr G Bedford, Director – Environment Quality, introduced Mr T McElroy, Environmental Scientist – Marine Biology, who gave a presentation to the report produced by Dr Ben Robertson (Robertson Environmental Ltd.), Taranaki Regional Estuaries - Ecological Vulnerability Assessment. The report has been prepared to provide baseline information on the region's estuaries and to inform monitoring priorities for the Council's State of the Environment Estuaries Monitoring Programme.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the report *Taranaki Regional Estuaries – Ecological Vulnerability Assessment*
- b) notes the results of EVA
- c) notes that the recommendations within the report will be used to inform an ongoing State of the Environment Estuaries Monitoring Programme.

Young/Boyde

7. Review of Navigation Bylaws for Port Taranaki and its Approaches

- 7.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the report seeking Members' agreement to commence a review of the Navigation Bylaws for Port Taranaki and its Approaches 2009 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA).
- 7.2 Chairperson C L Littlewood, declared an interest in the item relating to Port Taranaki.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum entitled *Review of the Navigation Bylaws for Port Taranaki and its Approaches*
- b) notes that the Council is required by the LGA to commence a review of the *Navigation Bylaws for Port Taranaki and its Approaches 2009* in the 2019/2020 financial year

- c) agrees that the Council proceed to commence a review of the existing *Navigation and Safety Bylaws for Port Taranaki and its Approaches 2003* in accordance with the attached project brief
- d) agrees to restrict the scope of the review to areas where the risk is greatest (i.e. within the area of Port Taranaki and its approaches).

Joyce/Boyde

8. Draft National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity

- 8.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, Spoke to the memorandum to introduce for Members' consideration a draft submission on the consultation document for a National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB).

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum entitled *Draft National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity*
- b) adopts the submission with any changes recommended by the Committee.

Walker/Young

9. Transitioning Taranaki to a Volcanic Future - a research programme

- 9.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director - Environment Quality, introduced Mr S Cronin, Professor of Geology/Volcanology at University of Waikato, who gave a presentation to the memorandum concerning a major collaborative research project to be undertaken within and concerning Taranaki over the next few years. The project is to explore and evaluate the consequences and implications for Taranaki and for New Zealand of ongoing volcanic activity from Mt Taranaki.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum describing the research programme '*Transitioning Taranaki to a volcanic future*'
- b) notes the engagement of the Council as a participant in the research programme.

Littlewood/Walker

Closing Karakia Mr S Tamarapa, Iwi Communications Officer, gave the closing Karakia to the Policy and Planning Committee and Karakia for Kai.

There being no further business, the committee Chairperson, Councillor C L Littlewood, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed at 12noon.

Confirmed

**Policy and Planning
Chairperson:** _____

C L Littlewood

Tuesday 17 March 2020