

**Date** 1 September 2020, 10.30am

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

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<b>Members</b>	Councillors	C L Littlewood N W Walker M G Davey D H McIntyre E D Van Der Leden C S Williamson D N MacLeod	Committee Chairperson Committee Deputy Chairperson  <i>Via Zoom</i> <i>Via Zoom</i> ex officio
<b>Representative Members</b>	Councillors	C Young S Hitchcock G Boyde P Moeahu L Tester B Bigham P Muir	South Taranaki District Council New Plymouth District Council ( <i>via zoom</i> ) Stratford District Council Iwi Representative Iwi Representative Iwi Representative Federated Farmers ( <i>via zoom</i> )
<b>Attending</b>	Councillor Messrs	D L Lean M J Nield S Ruru A D McLay G K Bedford C Spurdle S Ellis S Tamarapa P Ledingham	Acting Chief Executive Director - Resource Management Director - Environment Quality Planning Manager Environment Services Manager ( <i>part meeting</i> ) Iwi Communications Officer Communications Adviser
	Ms Ms Miss Mr	K Holland J Mack L Davidson K Holswich	Communications Adviser Administration Manager Committee Administrator

One member of the public and one member of the media, Taranaki Daily News.

**Apologies** Apologies were received from Councillors M P Joyce and M J McDonald.

**Notification of** There were no late items.

## Late Items

### 1. Confirmation of Minutes – 21 July 2020

#### 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 of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 21 July 2020 at 10.40am
- b) notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 11 August 2020.

Davey/MacLeod

#### Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

### 7. Commencing a review of the Regional Policy Statement

- 7.1 At the request of the Chairman item 7 on the agenda was considered first.
- 7.2 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum seeking members' agreement to commence a review of the *Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki* in accordance with the first schedule requirements of the *Resource Management Act 1991*.
- 7.3 Mr P Moeahu raised concerns around the iwi considerations section of the agenda item.
- 7.4 It was noted that during the review of the *Regional Policy Statement* Iwi will be consulted at the beginning of the review and the project brief amended accordingly.

#### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum and attached project brief entitled *Draft Project Concept Brief: Preparation of the Draft Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki*
- b) notes that the Council is required by the RMA to commence a full review of the *Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki* once every 10 years
- c) agrees to commence a full review of the *Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki*.

McIntyre/Boyde

### 2. Update on finalised National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020

- 2.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing the finalised *National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020* (NPS-UD) and outlining Taranaki Regional Council requirements relating to implementation.
- 2.2 Mr P Moeahu raised concerns around the iwi considerations section of the agenda item.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum on the gazetted *National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020*
- b) notes the gazettal of the *National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020* occurred on 23 July 2020 and came into effect on 20 August 2020
- c) notes that officers will continue to liaise and work with New Plymouth District Council on the delivery of prescribed planning and monitoring requirements.

MacLeod/Walker

### **3. Resource Management Act Review Panel Recommendations**

- 3.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum informing members of the Resource Management Act Review Panel's recommendations from its report *New Directions for Resource Management in New Zealand*.
- 3.2 Mr P Moeahu queried how iwi had been engaged on this item. It was noted that tangata whenua will have more input into government considerations under the review report.
- 3.3 Ms B Bigham requested a paper to the Policy and Planning Committee regarding hearings held under the RMA and how many times Māori commissioners were used and whether they were from or had good knowledge of the Taranaki area.
- 3.4 It was clarified that Taranaki Regional Council are phasing out the process of Councillors becoming accredited commissioners and will be utilising independent commissioners once Councillors N W Walker and M P Joyce's certifications have lapsed.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) prepares a paper regarding the use of Māori commissioners for hearings under the RMA.

Bigham/MacLeod

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- b) receives the memorandum *Resource Management Act Review Panel Recommendations*
- c) notes that the next government will be considering the Panel's recommendations
- d) notes that should the Panel's recommendations be adopted by Government, substantial investment in new systems and planning processes will be needed at both a national and local level.

Walker/Davey

#### **4. Lake Rotorangi SEM Annual Monitoring Report**

- 4.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum presenting a report prepared by staff, on the ecological and physico-chemical state of Lake Rotorangi as determined in the 2018-2019 programme monitoring the state of the lake, and trends in its quality since monitoring first began in 1984.
- 4.2 Mr P Moeahu requested clarification on the iwi considerations of this memo. It was clarified that there has been extensive iwi engagement regarding the original consents and ongoing monitoring.
- 4.3 The Chairperson, Ms C L Littlewood, queried if Mr P Moeahu intended on questioning the iwi consideration section of each agenda item. Mr P Moeahu informed the Committee that he will continue to do so for every item on every agenda.
- 4.4 Mr M J Nield, Acting Chief Executive, informed the Committee that the Iwi considerations section of the agenda is a standard section for every report to Council under the *Local Government Act 2002* and will continue to be considered when creating memorandums. Details of iwi engagement or involvement will be summarised in future agenda memorandums.

#### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum noting the preparation of a report into the state of the water quality and biological programme of Lake Rotorangi as determined in monitoring during 2018-2019
- b) notes the findings of the SEM programme
- c) adopts the specific recommendation therein
- d) notes that future SEM-based lake monitoring will be reviewed for conformity with the NPS (2020).

Young/McIntyre

#### **5. Annual Freshwater Ecological Monitoring (macroinvertebrate) 2018-2019**

- 5.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director - Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum presenting the latest annual results of the Council's state of the environment monitoring programme for fresh water ecological health (macroinvertebrate monitoring).
- 5.2 Ms L Tester, requested a paper to the Policy and Planning Committee regarding possible iwi input to freshwater monitoring and the transfer of powers.

#### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum noting the preparation of a report into the state of and trends in regional in-stream macroinvertebrate community health data for Taranaki, for 2018-2019 and over the period 1995-2019
- b) notes the findings of the SEM programme
- c) adopts the specific recommendations therein.

Boyde/Walker

## 6. Implementation of the Action for Health Waterways Regulations

- 6.1 Mr A D McLay, Director – Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum briefing members on the implementation of the Government's Action for Healthy Waterways policy and regulation package.
- 6.2 Council communication will be out in early September on the immediate changes.
- 6.3 Councillor D N MacLeod is part of a working party for the implementation of Healthy Waterways Regulations at a national level.
- 6.4 Mr A D McLay, Director – Resource Management, provided an update on the Mana Whakahono a Rohe discussions. It is now back on track and there seems to be agreement on the policy component and some challenges around the consenting component of the agreement. The agreement will come back to this committee once it is finalised.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Action for Healthy Waterways Regulations*
- b) notes the timeline for key milestones relating to the implementation of the *Action for Healthy Waterways* package
- c) notes that the costs and resources for implementing the *Action for Healthy Waterways* package will be substantial and will commence in 2020/2021 and extend into 2021/2022.

MacLeod/Walker

## 7. Commencing a review of the Regional Policy Statement

Item 7 was considered at the start of the meeting.

## 8. Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment Report on Managing our Estuaries

- 8.1 Mr A D McLay, Director – Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing a report prepared by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment (PCE) and released on 11 August 2020, entitled *Managing our estuaries*.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum '*Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment report on Managing our estuaries*'
- b) notes that monitoring of estuaries under the Council's *Estuarine State of the Environment Monitoring Programme* is set to recommence in the upcoming 2020-2021 summer but may be required to be expanded if the recommendations of the PCE are adopted by the Government.

Young/Boyde

## 9. Partial Review of Pest Management Plan for Taranaki

- 9.1 Mr S Ellis, Environment Services Manager, spoke to the memorandum seeking Members' approval to commence a partial review of the *Pest Management Plan for Taranaki 2018* (the Pest Plan). Pursuant to Section 100D of the *Biosecurity Act 1993* (BSA), the review is limited to amending the Pest Plan to include mustelids as new pest species. The review does not otherwise amend the Plan, except for minor consequential changes as appropriate.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Partial Review of the Pest Management Plan for Taranaki*
- b) notes the intention to undertake a partial review of the *Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* to include a new sustained control programme for mustelids
- c) notes the review does not otherwise amend, other than inconsequential changes, the operative *Pest Management Plan for Taranaki*
- d) approves commencing a partial review of the *Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* pursuant to section 100D of the BSA and in accordance with the attached project brief.

MacLeod/McIntyre

## 10. Feedback on the Proposed Bylaws: the Proposed Navigation Safety Bylaws and the Proposed River Control and Flood Protection Bylaws

- 10.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum updating Members on the public engagement process for the *Proposed Navigation Safety Bylaws for Port Taranaki and its Approaches* and the *Proposed River Control and Flood Protection Bylaws for Taranaki*.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum titled *Feedback on the Proposed Bylaws: the Proposed Navigation Safety Bylaws and the Proposed River Control and Flood Protection Bylaws*
- b) notes that a hearing will be held on 22 September 2020 as part of the Ordinary Council meeting.

Williamson/Davey

## 11. Climate Change Strategy

- 11.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director – Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum presenting for the Committee's consideration, the '*Climate Change Strategy: a strategy to guide the Taranaki Regional Council's climate change response*'. The Executive Audit and Risk Committee at their meeting on 11 August recommended that this Committee, with its district council and iwi representatives, consider the Strategy and report back.

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum '*Climate Change Strategy*' and the report '*Climate Change Strategy: a strategy to guide the Taranaki Regional Council's climate change response*'
- b) considers and provides appropriate feedback on the Strategy as a non-statutory framework to provide regional leadership on climate change and a clear focus and strategic direction to the Council on its climate change intentions and priorities.

Boyde/Walker

The Chairperson, Councillor C L Littlewood, gave clarification to members of her role as the chair of this meeting and reminded Members about the standing orders and the need to follow them.

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson, Councillor C L Littlewood, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed at 12.08pm.

**Confirmed**

**Policy and Planning**

**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_

**C L Littlewood**

**Tuesday 13 October 2020**