

Date 27 April 2021, 10.30am

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

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Members

Councillors	C L Littlewood	Committee Chairperson
	N W Walker	Committee Deputy Chairperson
	M G Davey	
	M J McDonald	via zoom
	D H McIntyre	
	C S Williamson	
	E D Van Der Leden	
	M P Joyce	ex officio
	D N MacLeod	ex officio

Representative

Members	Councillors	G Boyde	Stratford District Council
	Mr	P Moeahu	Iwi Representative
	Ms	L Tester	Iwi Representative

Attending	Councillor	D L Lean	
	Messrs	M J Nield	Director - Corporate Services
		A D McLay	Director - Resource Management
		G K Bedford	Director - Environment Quality
	Ms	A Matthews	Director - Environment Quality
	Messrs	D Harrison	Director - Operations
		C Spurdle	Planning Manager
		S Latheef	
		J Kitto	
		P Ledingham	Communications Officer
	Miss	L Davidson	Committee Administrator
	One member of the media and two members of the public.		

Apologies Apologies were received and sustained from Councillor C Young (South Taranaki District Council), Ms S Hitchcock (New Plymouth District Council), Ms B Bigham (Iwi Representative) and Mr P Muir (Federated Farmers).

Notification of Councillor N Walker raised that he would like to discuss pampas grass infestation.

Late Items Councillor E Van Der Leden requested a discussion on penguin monitoring.

Mr G Bedford introduced Abby Matthews, Director – Environment Quality, who started today with the Council. He noted this was his last meeting and thanked the Committee.

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 15 March 2021

Resolved

That the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on 16 March 2021 at 10.30am
- b) notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 6 April 2021.

MacLeod/Williamson

Matters Arising

- 1.1 The Council received comments from one other Council regarding its Climate Change submission. A few minor changes were made and extra comments from Port Taranaki Limited and Venture Taranaki were received and incorporated. The submissions from Taranaki were more aligned as a result of the Council's and others' efforts. Thanks was given to Mr C Wadsworth, Strategy Lead, for his work on the submission and associated processes.

2. MfE Proposals to Impose National Regulatory Control on Fossil Fuels in Industry

- 2.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director – Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum informing the Committee of a consultation document that has been released by the Ministry for the Environment (MfE), '*Phasing out fossil fuels in process heat*' (MfE 8 April 2020), and to introduce the recommendations of officers for the content of a submission by the Council. Officers had not had the time between receipt of the consultation document and preparation of the Committee agenda to prepare a full draft submission for the consideration of the Committee.
- 2.2 The Council's view is that they would prefer an NES that is clearly worded as it is direct and immediate, rather than an NPS open to further interpretation.
- 2.3 It was noted that the submission needs to focus on why it is important for NZ to maintain energy security using gas as opposed to relying fully on future but currently undeveloped energy sources.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum '*MfE Proposals to impose national regulatory control on fossil fuels in industry*'
- b) notes the recommendations of officers concerning suggested content of a future submission

- c) directs officers to prepare a submission as amended by the Committee, for further consideration at the Ordinary Meeting of 18 May 2021
- d) determines that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- e) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Joyce/Boyde

3. Making of the Amended Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki

- 3.1 Mr D R Harrison, Director – Operations, spoke to the memorandum seeking Members' agreement to make and adopt the revised *Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki 2018* (RPMP) to include mustelids.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum titled *Making of the amended Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki*
- b) notes that the Council prepared its Decision Report, publicly notified its decisions, and provided a copy to each submitter and to the public in February 2021
- c) notes that no applications were lodged in the Environment Court by the deadline which ended on 19 March 2021
- d) agrees that the Common Seal be affixed to the Plan and that Council make and adopt the amended *Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki*.
- e) determines that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- f) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

MacLeod/McIntyre

4. Intensive Winter Grazing Update

- 4.1 Mr A D McLay, Director – Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum updating members on changes to the Government's intensive winter grazing regulations.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memo *Intensive Winter Grazing Update*
- b) notes the amended timeframes for intensive winter grazing regulation and additional monitoring and reporting responsibilities for the Taranaki Regional Council.

McIntyre/Boyde

5. SEM Periphyton Monitoring Programme Report for 2018-2020

- 5.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director – Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum presenting to the Committee the latest report on the ecological health and state of streams and rivers in the Taranaki region, as measured by assessing periphyton during the 2018-2020 years. The programme is reported in *Freshwater Periphyton Monitoring Programme (Periphyton monitoring in relation to amenity values) State of Environment Monitoring Report 2018-2020*.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum on the results of the Council's SEM programme monitoring periphyton, and the accompanying report *Freshwater Periphyton Monitoring Programme (Periphyton monitoring in relation to amenity values) State of Environment Monitoring Report 2018-2020 Technical Report 2020-24*.
- b) adopts the specific report recommendations contained therein.

Van Der Leden/Williamson

6. Regional Freshwater Recreational Bathing Water Quality Report for 2019-2020

- 6.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director – Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum presenting the Committee on the 2019-2020 bathing season results from the 'state of the environment' programme that monitors freshwater contact recreational water quality. The full report (*Freshwater contact recreational water quality at selected Taranaki sites State of the Environment Monitoring Report 2019-2020, Technical Report 2020-01, April 2021*) is available upon request, and will be published on the Council's website following this meeting. The memorandum summarised the report's data and results, and the Executive Summary and recommendations from the report were attached.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum noting the preparation of the report *Freshwater Contact Recreational Water Quality at selected Taranaki sites SEM Monitoring Report 2019-2020, Technical Report 2020-01*; and
- b) adopts the specific recommendations presented in Technical Report 2020-01.

Davey/Williamson

7. Bathing Beach Recreational Water Quality SEM Report 2019-2020

- 7.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director – Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum presenting to the Committee the report on the quality of coastal bathing waters in the Taranaki region during the 2019-2020 bathing season, as set out in the report *Bathing Beach Water Quality State of the Environment Monitoring Report Summer 2019-2020, Technical Report 2020-82*. The Executive summary and recommendations from the report were attached to this memorandum. The full report is available upon request, and will be published on the Council's website following this meeting.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum noting the preparation of the report *Bathing Beach Water Quality State of the Environment Monitoring Report Summer 2019-2020, Technical Report 2020-82*
- b) adopts the specific recommendations presented in Technical Report 2020-82.
Williamson/Walker

8. Regional LiDAR PGF/LINZ project

- 8.1 Mr S Latheef, Project Co-ordinator – Compliance Monitoring gave a presentation informing the Committee of the progress of the Regional LiDAR capture project that is presently underway in Taranaki.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this agenda memorandum *Regional LiDAR PGF/LINZ Project*
Littlewood/MacLeod

9. General Business

- 9.1 Pampas
Councillor N W Walker requested that Officers bring back a report to Council regarding pampas, explaining the history and options for pampas to be included as a pest plant. An overview will be provided at the next meeting.
- 9.2 Penguins
A discussion was held around the responsibility for the management and monitoring of Little Blue Penguins. It was noted any information obtained by the Council would be shared amongst those responsible and the Council's coastal permit consent process did address effects on penguins.

Mr P Moeahu thanked the Council for approving the option for representative members to be provided with electronic devices.

There being no further business the Committee Chairman, Councillor C L Littlewood, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed at 12.06pm. The meeting closed with a karakia.

Confirmed

Policy and Planning

Chairperson: _____

C L Littlewood

8 June 2021