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

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<b>Members</b>	Councillor	C L Littlewood	<i>Committee Chairperson</i>
	Councillor	N W Walker	<i>Deputy Chairperson</i>
	Councillor	M J McDonald	
	Councillor	D H McIntyre	
	Councillor	E D Van Der Leden	
	Councillor	C S Williamson	
	Councillor	M G Davey	
	Councillor	D N MacLeod	<i>ex officio</i>

### Representative

<b>Members</b>	Councillor	C Young	South Taranaki District Council
	Councillor	G Boyde	Stratford District Council
	Councillor	S Hitchcock	New Plymouth District Council
	Ms	B Bigham	Iwi Representative
	Ms	L Tester	Iwi Representative
	Mr	P Moeahu	Iwi Representative <i>zoom</i>
	Mr	P Muir	Federated Farmers

<b>Attending</b>	Councillor	D L Lean	Taranaki Regional Council
	Mr	S J Ruru	Chief Executive
	Mr	A D McLay	Director - Resource Management
	Ms	A J Matthews	Director - Environment Quality
	Mr	D R Harrison	Director - Operations
	Mr	M J Nield	Director - Corporate Services
	Mr	C Spurdle	Planning Manager
	Mr	C Vicars	Team Leader - Land & Water
	Ms	J Harvey	Scientist - Groundwater
	Ms	F Jansma	Scientist - Water Quantity
	Mr	S Tamarapa	Iwi Communications Officer
	Mr	C Wadsworth	Strategy Lead
	Mr	C Woollin	Communications Adviser
	Miss	R S Sweeney	Governance Administrator

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

**Apologies** Apologies were received and sustained from Councillor M P Joyce Littlewood/Van Der Leden

**Notification of**            Riparian planting review progress update – Councillor N W Walker.  
**Late Items**

**1. Confirmation of Minutes - 26 July 2022**

**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 Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 26 July 2022 at 10.30am
- b) notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 9 August 2022.

Muir/MacLeod

**2. Freshwater Implementation Report August 2022**

- 2.1 Mr C Wadsworth, Strategy Lead, spoke to the memorandum to provide the Committee with a Freshwater implementation programme update.

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the Memorandum on Freshwater implementation programme.

Young/MacLeod

**3. Groundwater Quality - State of Environment Monitoring 2015-2020**

- 3.1 Ms J Harvey, Scientist - Groundwater, spoke to the memorandum to provide the Committee with an overview of the findings and recommendations of the report Groundwater Quality - State of the Environment Monitoring Report 2015-2020.
- 3.2 A copy of the technical report accompanies this memorandum, and is available via the Council's website. This item was accompanied by a brief presentation.

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum and technical report *Groundwater Quality - State of the environment Monitoring 2015-2020* and notes the specific recommendations therein.

McDonald/Williamson

**4. Assessment of Escherichia coli (E. Coli) load reductions required to achieve freshwater objectives in the rivers of the Taranaki region**

- 4.1 Ms A J Matthews, Director - Environmental Quality, spoke to the memorandum to provide the Committee with an overview of the findings of a recent report commissioned by the Council, Assessment of Escherichia coli load reductions required to achieve freshwater objectives in the rivers of the Taranaki region by Land Water People (LWP).

- 4.2 The Committee asked if riparian planting could contribute to naturalised E. Coli levels and whether they were likely to be a significant contributor to overall catchment pathogen loads. Mrs A J Matthews, Director – Environment Quality advised that a recent study had found that naturalised E. coli contributes low concentrations, but are not such a significant contributor that they confuse or confound testing.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the technical report, *Assessment of Escherichia coli load reductions required to achieve freshwater objectives in the rivers of the Taranaki region* and notes that the outputs will provide useful context as we continue work to implement the requirements of the NPS-FM.

Williamson/Boyde

*\*Mr S Ruru left the meeting at 11:21am*

## **5. High Court Decision on Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement**

- 5.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum to update Members on the recent High Court decision on the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement (PORPS) and its implications for the Taranaki Regional Council's (TRC) plan reviews under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).
- 5.2 Mr A D McLay, Director – Resource Management, acknowledged and thanked Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, on his valuable contributions to the Council during his long employment, which was reinforced by the Committee.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum titled *High Court decision on Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement*
- b) notes the limiting nature of the High Court's decision that only freshwater matters related to quality and quantity can be consider to be a planning instrument under section 80A of the RMA
- c) notes that the Court's decision means that the public process of the Council's *Proposed Natural Resources Plan* will involve two public processes run in conjunction with each other
- 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.

Walker/Williamson

## 6. Submission in support of Temporary Fishing Closure in Taranaki

6.1 Mr C Wadsworth, Strategy Lead, spoke to the memorandum to seek feedback and endorsement from Members on a submission on a request from Taranaki iwi for a temporary fishing closure on the Taranaki coast.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum Submission in Support of Temporary Fishing Closure in Taranaki
- b) adopts the submission and add the need for greater monitoring and enforcement of fisheries regulations
- c) determines that this decision be recognised as not significant terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- d) 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.

Young/Van Der Leden

6.2 Following a discussion, an amendment of the submission was made to recognise the importance of having sufficient warranted fisheries staff in the region to monitor and enforce the regulations and that community fisheries officers could be trained to assist. Recommendation (b) above was accordingly modified.

Walker/Van der Leden

## 7. Pest pathway programmes underway

7.1 Mr D R Harrison, Director – Operations, spoke to the memorandum to brief Members' on a new project with the Council partnering with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to increase awareness of biosecurity risks and pathways into Taranaki.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this Memorandum *Pest pathway programmes underway*
- b) notes Alligator weed has now been discovered in Taranaki with a delimiting survey now planned before control options can be assessed.

Williamson/Boyde

## **8. General Business**

### **8.1 Riparian Review Programme Update**

- Mr D R Harrison, Director – Operations, provided an update on the review of the Riparian Review Project, specifically around the appointment Dr Reece Hill to conduct the investigation, field work and interviewing riparian plan holders. It was anticipated the review would be completed by the end of this calendar year or by the commencement of 2023 Committee meetings. Feedback was welcomed and should be directed to Mr D Shearman – Land Services Manager.

### **8.2 Recognition**

- Councillor C L Littlewood thanked the staff who were involved in the response to the very high August rainfalls.
- The Chairperson thanked the Committee and Iwi Representatives for their valuable input towards the Policy & Planning Committee during the last 3 year term.

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor C L Littlewood, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed at 11.56m. The meeting closed with a karakia.

**Minutes authenticated pursuant to Model Standing Orders 27.4**

**Taranaki Regional**

**Council Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**C L Littlewood**

**Taranaki Regional**

**Chief Executive:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**S Ruru**