

Date 29 August 2023

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

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Present		C S Williamson	Chairperson
		D M Cram	
		S W Hughes	
		D H McIntyre	
		A L Jamieson	
		C L Littlewood	<i>(ex officio)</i>
		N W Walker	<i>(ex officio)</i>
		E Bailey	Iwi Representative (<i>zoom</i>)
		P Moeahu	Iwi Representative
		G Boyde	Stratford District Council
		L Gibbs	Federated Farmers (<i>zoom</i>)
Attending	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
	Ms	L Hawkins	Planning Manager
	Mr	F Kiddle	Strategy lead
	Mr	N Bradley-Archer	Policy Analyst
	Mr	C Woollen	Communications Adviser
	Miss	A Smith	Science Communications Adviser
	Mrs	M Jones	Governance Administrator
	Miss	N A Chadwick	Executive Assistant to Chief Executive

The meeting opened with a group Karakia at 10.35am.

Apologies: Were received and sustained from, B Haque, M Ritai, C Filbee and B J Bigham

1. Confirmation of Minutes Policy and Planning Committee 14 March 2023

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council held at 10.30 on 18 July 2023 at Taranaki Regional Council 47 Cloten Road Stratford
- b) noted the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 7 August 2023.

Walker/Cram

2. Freshwater Update

- 2.1 Ms L Hawkins - Policy Manager, spoke to the memorandum to provide the Committee with an update of the Freshwater Implementation programme.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the August 2023 update on the freshwater implementation programme.

Hughes/Boyde

3. New Zealand Emission Trading Scheme Submission

- 3.1 Mr F Kiddle, Strategy Lead, spoke to the memorandum to seek the endorsement of the Committee on the consultation document for the Submission document – New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS) on the permanent forest category and the survey for Maximising Forest Carbon Programme.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled *New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme Submission*
- b) endorsed the submission in Attachment One addressing both the *Review of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme* consultation and the *Redesigned NZ ETS Permanent Forest Category* consultation
- c) endorsed the Council's response on the *Maximising Forest Carbon Programme* survey set out in Attachment Two
- d) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- e) determined 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, determined 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/Littlewood

4. National Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023

- 4.1 Mr F Kiddle – Strategy Lead, spoke to the Memorandum to inform members of the Council’s responsibilities relating to the *National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023*.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this Memorandum entitled *National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023*
- b) noted that the *National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023* came into effect on 4 August 2023
- c) noted that the *National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023* will have significant resourcing implications for the Taranaki Regional Council
- d) noted that the most immediate funding priority is to assist territorial authorities in identifying and mapping significant natural areas
- e) noted that Council officers will develop an implementation plan for the *National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023*
- f) noted that, to the extent they wish to be involved, council officers will develop the implementation plan in partnership with iwi and the territorial authorities.

Cram/Hughes

5. Spatial Plan Gaps Report

- 5.1 Ms L Hawkins – Policy Manager, spoke to the Memorandum to present the committee with the final report by BECA for the Spatial Gap Analysis project.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Spatial Planning Gap Analysis Report*
- b) noted the attached report from BECA - *Inputs to support spatial planning decision making (data and information gap analysis)*
- c) noted a useful planning framework has been provided for Councils and Iwi to move forward on.

Williamson/Walker

6. National Direction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Industrial Process Heat

- 6.1 Ms L Hawkins - Policy Manager, spoke to the memorandum prepared by N Bradley-Archer - Policy Analyst, to provide the committee with an update of the recent release of the National Environment Standard (NES) and National Policy Statement (NPS) for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Industrial Heat Process and the implications this will have on Council Operations.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this Memorandum, *National Direction for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Industrial Process Heat*
- b) noted the content of the NES-GGEIPH and NPS-GGEIPH (Appendix 1 and 2)
- c) noted the implementation requirements for the Council associated with the NES-GGEIPH rules framework, amendments to the Regional Air Quality Plan and reporting requirements when requested by the Minister for the Environment as set out in the NPS-GGEIPH
- d) endorsed the public notification requirements (Appendix 3) associated with the necessary amendments from the NPS-GGEIPH for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Industrial Process Heat 2023 via s.55(2) and s.55(2A) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Jamieson/McIntyre

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, C S Williamson, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed with karakia at 11.35am.

**Policy and
Planning**

Chairperson: _____

C S Williamson