

Date 18 July 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	
		B J Bigham	(zoom)
		C L Littlewood	(ex officio)
		N W Walker	(ex officio)
		E Bailey	Iwi Representative (zoom)
		P Moeahu	Iwi Representative
		M Ritai	Iwi Representative
		L Gibbs	Federated Farmers
		G Boyde	Stratford District Council
		B Haque	New Plymouth District Council
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
	Mr	M J Nield	Director - Corporate Services
	Ms	L Hawkins	Planning Manager
	Mr	F Kiddle	Strategy lead
	Ms	J Harvey	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 10.30am.

Apologies: Were received and sustained from Councillors A L Jamieson and D H McIntyre

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 6 June 2023 at Taranaki Regional Council 47 Cloten Road Stratford
- b) noted the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 27 June 2023.

Hughes/Walker

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 July 2023 update on the freshwater implementation programme.

Walker/Filbee

(*10.49 J Harvey joined meeting)

3. Freshwater Farm Plans - Phasing

- 3.1 Ms L Hawkins, Policy Manager, spoke to the memorandum to provide the Committee with an overview of the process to phase in Freshwater farm plans in Taranaki.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled - *Freshwater Farm Plans – Phasing*
- b) noted that a memorandum providing an overview of the regulations and their implementation processes will be brought to the committee in the future
- c) endorsed the guiding principles and roll out plan for farm plan phasing as set out in Appendix 1 to this memorandum , and endorse this to be submitted to the Ministry for the Environment when requested
- 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.

Williamson/Hughes

4. Dam Safety Requirements

- 4.1 Mr F Kiddle - Strategy Lead, spoke to the Memorandum to inform members of the change to the regulation of dam safety and the implications for the Taranaki Regional Council and the dam owners.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *New dam safety requirements*
- b) noted that on 13 May 2024 the *Building (Dam Safety) Regulations 2022* will commence, bringing with them modest new requirements for the Council to implement
- c) noted that before the regulations commence, the Council will need to update its *Dangerous Dams Policy*, which must be adopted in accordance with the special consultative procedure.

Walker/Boyde

5. Change to the Emission Trading Scheme Submission

- 5.1 Mr F Kiddle - Strategy Lead, spoke to the Memorandum to seek approval for the draft submissions on the two consultation documents on the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (the NZ ETS) and the permanent forest category within the NZ ETS.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled *Emissions Trading Scheme Consultation*
- b) noted submissions close on 11 August 2023
- c) approved Council officers drafting submissions on the two NZ ETS consultation documents for review by the Policy and Planning Committee out of session via email prior to submission
- d) noted that the final submissions will be presented at the next meeting of the Policy & Planning committee for retrospective endorsement after the submissions have been made
- e) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- f) 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/Boyde

6. Pesticides in Ground Water

- 6.1 Ms A Matthews, Director – Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum to provide the committee with an overview of the findings of the *National Survey of Pesticides in Groundwater 2022*.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the report *National Survey of Pesticides in Groundwater 2022*
- b) noted the findings and recommendations.

Williamson/Haque

7. Coastal Plan Operative

- 7.1 Ms L Hawkins, Policy Manger, spoke to the memorandum to update the committee that approval of the Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki had been received from the Minister for Conservation and the proposed plan will shortly be made operative.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this report, outlining that the Regional Coastal Plan will be made operative on a date determined by the Chief Executive
- b) noted the success of the mediation process in resolving appeals on the Plan and the avoidance of an expensive Environment Court process for all parties.

Walker/Boyde

8. Key Native Ecosystems Programme update

- 8.1 Mr D Harrison, Director – Operations, spoke to the memorandum to provide an update on the identification of eight new Key Native Ecosystems sites.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum and the attached inventory sheets for Oki Oki Titoki, Doug and Suzanne Raper Bush, Moerangi, Harold's Bush, Kawaiti, A & P Bush Remnants, Stony River Block, and Redbranch Bush.
- b) noted that the aforementioned sites have indigenous biodiversity values of regional significance and should be identified as Key Native Ecosystem sites.

Hughes/Filbee

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, C S Williamson, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed with karakia at 11.48am.

**Policy and
Planning**

Chairperson: _____

C S Williamson