

Date 21 November 2023

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

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Present		C S Williamson	Chairperson
		B J Bigham	(<i>zoom</i>)
		D M Cram	
		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>)
		M Ritai	Iwi Representative
		G Boyde	Stratford District Council (<i>left meeting at 11.45</i>)
		L Gibbs	Federated Farmers
Attending	Mr	S J Ruru	Chief Executive
	Mr	A D McLay	Director - Resource Management
	Ms	A J Matthews	Director - Environment Quality
	Mr	C Woollin	Communications Advisor
	Miss	A Smith	Science Communications Advisor (<i>left meeting at 11.02</i>)
	Mr	F Kiddle	Strategy Lead (<i>joined meeting at 11.37am</i>)
	Mrs	M Jones	Governance Administrator
	Miss	N Chadwick	Executive Assistant
	Mr	T McElroy	Manager Science and Technology
	Mr	B Levine	Scientist Land and Soils
	Ms	B Zieltjes	Team Lead Freshwater and Coastal
	Ms	A Norhyati	Scientist Freshwater
	Ms	A Collins	Scientist water Quality

Two media representatives in attendance (*one left meeting at 11.52am*)

The meeting opened with a group Karakia at 10.30am.

Apologies: Were received and sustained from Councillor Hughes, C Filbee - South Taranaki District Council and B Haque - New Plymouth District Council.
Williamson/Walker

1. Confirmation of Minutes Policy and Planning Committee 10 October 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 10 October 2023 at Taranaki Regional Council 47 Cloten Road Stratford
- b) noted the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Cram/Boyde

2. Freshwater Update

- 2.1 Ms L Hawkins spoke to the memorandum to provide the Committee with an update of the Freshwater Implementation project.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

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

Walker/McIntyre

3. Taranaki State of the Environment Lakes Monitoring Programme

- 3.1 Ms A Matthews introduced T McElroy who spoke to the memorandum to provide the committee with an overview of the new state of the environment lakes monitoring programme and the current state of health for the region's lakes.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum Taranaki State of the Environment Lakes Monitoring Programme
- b) noted the findings and recommendations therein.

Williamson/Walker

4. Prioritisation of Fresh Water Land Plan Development

- 4.1 Ms L Hawkins gave a presentation and spoke to the Memorandum to seek endorsement from the committee of the proposed development of a Freshwater and Land Plan.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Prioritisation of Freshwater and Land plan development*

- b) noted that there is a high level of uncertainty in relation to the future direction of resource management reform and the current national policy environment at present
- c) noted that staff expect that greater clarity around this environment will emerge over the next year
- d) agreed that development of new freshwater planning provisions needs to remain a high priority for Council
- e) endorsed the proposal to prioritise the development of the Freshwater and Land Plan for notification in December 2024 and **defer** further work on development of the Natural Resources Plan until post December 2024
- f) directed staff to review the approach that Council might use to advance resource management policy development and report back with a recommended way forward in April 2025
- g) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- h) 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.

Ritai/McIntyre

5. Science Report Card 2023: Can I Swim Here?

- 5.1 Ms A Matthews introduced Mr T McElroy – Manager Science and Technology who spoke to the Memorandum to update the committee on the results from the 2022/2023 ‘Can I Swim Here?’ recreational water quality monitoring programme.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the *Science Report Card 2023: Can I Swim Here?*
- b) noted that monitoring for the 2023/2024 season is now underway.

Williamson/Littlewood

6. Soil Quality in the Taranaki Region 2022: Current Status, Comparison with 2017, and Temporal Analysis

- 6.1 Ms A Matthews introduced Mr B Levine who gave a presentation and spoke to the memorandum to provide the committee with an overview of the findings of the recent Soil Quality in the Taranaki Region 2022: Current status, comparison with 2017, and Temporal Analysis report.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Soil quality in the Taranaki Region 2022: current status, comparison with 2017, and temporal analysis* and presentation
- b) noted the recommendations of the authors and officers regarding future work.

Walker/Littlewood

(S Tamarapa Joined meeting at 12.05)

7. Dangerous Dams Policy Consultation

- 7.1 Mr F Kiddle spoke to the memorandum informing the members of the Dangerous Dams Policy.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum titled *Dangerous Dams Policy Consultation*
- b) adopted the statement of proposal on the *Policy on Dangerous Dams, Earthquake-Prone Dams and Flood-Prone Dams* pursuant to sections 161 and 162 of the *Building Act 2004* set out in Attachment One
- c) approved that a summary of the statement of proposal will not be prepared given that the policy will likely only be of interest to a small group of stakeholders who have a good level of knowledge about the issues involved
- d) agreed to release the Statement of Proposal for the completion of the special consultative procedure and the approval of the *Policy on Dangerous Dams, Earthquake-Prone Dams and Flood-Prone Dams* on 11 December 2023 with submissions closing on 19 February 2024
- 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.

Cram/Williamson

(Mr G Young joined meeting 12.08)

8. Revised Biodiversity Credits Submission

- 8.1 Mr F Kiddle spoke to the memorandum updating the members on the updates made to the submission following the feedback received from members at the previous Policy and Planning meeting.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled *Revised Biodiversity Credits Submission*
- b) endorsed the submission in Attachment One on the *Helping nature and people thrive: Exploring a biodiversity credit system for Aotearoa New Zealand – Discussion document*

- c) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- d) 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/Walker

9. Mayoral Forum Submission on Advancing New Zealand's Energy Transition

- 9.1 Mr F Kiddle spoke to the memorandum updating the members on the on the Taranaki Mayoral Forum's submission on the *Advancing New Zealand's Energy Transition* package of documents.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled Mayoral Forum Submission on Advancing New Zealand's Energy Transition
- b) noted the submission contained in Appendix One.

Littlewood/Gibbs

10. Proposed National Policy Statement for Natural Hazards Decision Making 2023 Submission

- 10.1 Ms L Hawkins spoke to the memorandum to present the members with the submission that was made on the proposed National Policy Statement for Natural Hazards Decision Making 2023 (NPS-NHD)

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled *Proposed National Policy Statement for Natural Hazards Decision Making 2023 Submission*
- b) endorsed the submission, on the draft National Policy Statement for Natural Hazards Decision Making
- c) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- d) 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.

McIntyre/Cram

11. Select Committee Inquiry into Climate Adaptation Sector Submission

- 11.1 Mr F Kiddle spoke to the memorandum to inform the members of the submission from Te Uru Kahika on the Environment Committee's inquiry into climate Adaptation.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled *Select Committee Inquiry into Climate Adaptation: Sector Submission*
- b) noted the Te Uru Kahika submission contained in Attachment One.

Cram/Jamieson

12. Development of a Joint Future Development Strategy with New Plymouth District Council

- 12.1 Ms L Hawkins spoke to the memorandum to inform the members on the requirements for the Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) to work with New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) on the development and implementation of a Future Development Strategy (FDS), under the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD) 2020.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Development of a Future Development Strategy with New Plymouth District Council*
- b) noted the background context for the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020
- c) noted the combined obligations of the Taranaki and New Plymouth Councils, as directed under the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020, to develop a Future Development Strategy using a special consultative procedure under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002
- d) noted Taranaki and New Plymouth Council's collaborative arrangements for delivering the Future Development Strategy
- e) noted the requirement for a joint committee to be developed to facilitate the special consultative procedure, including consideration of iwi representation, and for options on this process to be brought back to the committee in February 2024
- f) delegated to the Chief Executive the authority to seek recommendations from iwi regarding the appointment of a iwi/hapū representative on the joint committee.

Williamson/Ritai

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, C S Williamson, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed with karakia at 12.40am.

**Policy and
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Chairperson: _____

C S Williamson