

**Minutes of the Policy and Planning  
Committee Meeting of the Taranaki  
Regional Council, held in the Taranaki  
Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten  
Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 14 March  
2017 at 11.00 am.**



<b>Members</b>	Councillors	N W Walker M P Joyce C L Littlewood D H McIntyre B K Raine C S Williamson	(Committee Chairperson)
		D L Lean D N MacLeod	(ex officio) (ex officio)
<b>Attending</b>	Councillor Councillor Councillor Mrs	R Jordan G Boyde C Coxhead B Muir	(New Plymouth District Council) (Stratford District Council) (South Taranaki District Council) (Taranaki Federated Farmers)
<b>Attending</b>	Messrs           Mrs Mr	B G Chamberlain A D McLay G K Bedford S R Hall C L Spurdle G C Severinsen M J Nield S Tamarapa P Ledingham R Ritchie K van Gameren J Clough	(Chief Executive) (Director-Resource Management) (Director-Environment Quality) (Director-Operations) (Planning Manager) (Policy and Strategy Manager) (Director-Corporate Services) (Iwi Communications Officer) (Communications Officer) (Communications Manager) (Committee Administrator) (Wrightson Consulting)
<b>Apologies</b>	There were no apologies.		
<b>Notification of Late Items</b>	There were no late items of business.		

**1. Confirmation of Minutes - 31 January 2017**

**Resolved**

THAT the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 31 January 2017 at 11.00am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 20 February 2017.

Raine/Williamson

### **Matters Arising**

#### Introducing dung beetles to Taranaki dairy farms

Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, advised the Committee that a report exploring an increased investment in a dung-beetle release programme in Taranaki will be presented to the next Committee meeting.

## **2. Regionally significant surf breaks**

- 2.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum updating the Committee on work currently being undertaken to develop criteria for determining which surf breaks are regionally significant.
- 2.2 Councillor C S Williamson sought discussion on the proposed surf break survey, enabling community input into the process, and the composition of the 'expert panel'. It was suggested and agreed that the panel composition be extended to involve all board riding groups in Taranaki to ensure as wide as possible key stakeholder engagement in the process going forward.

### **Recommendations**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum and notes the work currently being undertaken to develop criteria for determining which surf breaks are regionally significant
2. notes that the consultant report will inform the section 32 evaluation and a revised draft Coastal Plan.

Williamson/Joyce

## **3. Taranaki Regional Council requirements for good farm management**

- 3.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing a draft booklet outlining the Council's requirements for good farm management in Taranaki.
- 3.2 Progress on addressing environmental issues has not stopped even though the Council has not notified a proposed plan. Work is ongoing and work on protecting wetlands and moving farm dairy discharges to land will occur using existing policy frameworks set out in the requirements document.

- 3.2 It was noted to the Committee that the booklet will be widely distributed in hard-copy to all Taranaki farmers and will be available as an electronic copy as well. The Committee suggested the booklet also be distributed to farm consultants, agricultural contractors and livestock/fertiliser agents in Taranaki to assist with promoting the Council's key messages when dealing with landowners.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Taranaki Regional Council requirements for good farm management*
2. adopts the document *Taranaki Regional Council requirements for good farm management* incorporating changes agreed to by the Committee if required.

McIntyre/Muir

## **4. Ministry for the Environment 'Clean Water' consultation document**

- 4.1 Mr G G Severinsen, Policy and Strategy Manager , spoke to the memorandum introducing the Ministry for the Environment's consultation document entitled *Clean Water: 90% of rivers swimmable by 2040* and to seek feedback from the Committee prior to the closing date for submissions. Submissions close on 28 April 2017 and a draft submission will be emailed to Councillors for comment.
- 4.2 The Council is required to report to the Minister on how it intends to comply with the provisions in the document by October with a final report by March 2018.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum Ministry for the Environment *Clean Water consultation document*
2. notes the Policy and Planning Committee has provided feedback on matters that may be included in a submission.

McIntyre/Lean

## **5. Resource Management (Exemption) Regulations 2017 - Pest Control**

- 5.1 Mr S R Hall, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum providing an update to the Committee on the regulations recently introduced by the Government to streamline the regulatory regime in respect of the use of hazardous vertebrate toxic agents for pest control.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receive the memorandum *Resource Management (Exemption) Regulations 2017 – Pest Control*
2. note that the new regulations come into force on 1 April 2017 and will standardise the national approach for using VTA poisons for pest management as requested through the consultation process undertaken in 2016
3. note that the new regulations broadly align and are consistent with the Council's current approach whereby the application of VTAs in the Taranaki region is a permitted activity.

Joyce/McIntyre

## **6. Submission on King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan**

- 6.1 Mr G C Severinsen, Policy and Strategy Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing a submission made to the Stratford District Council on the King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan. The submission was sent by the due date of 17 February 2016, with Councillors able to comment on a draft submission circulated by email.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Submission on King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan*
2. endorses the submission.

Williamson/Raine

## **7. Key Native Ecosystems programme update 2017**

- 7.1 Mr S R Hall, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum presenting for Members' information an update on the identification of seven new Key Native Ecosystem sites.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum and the attached inventory sheets for Paul Dodge – Mataro Road; Rewarewa Bush; John Whittington – Stanley Road; Penwarden; McQuoid QEII 5/06/309; Joe Gibbs Reserve; and P G Nops Reserve
2. notes that the aforementioned sites have indigenous biodiversity values of regional significance and should be identified as Key Native Ecosystems.

Joyce/Coxhead

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson Councillor N W Walker, declared the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 11.55am.

**Confirmed**

**Chairperson** \_\_\_\_\_  
**N W Walker**

**Date** **2 May 2017**