

**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 17 October  
2017 at 10.40am.**



<b>Members</b>	Councillors	N W Walker	(Committee Chairperson)	
		M P Joyce C L Littlewood D H McIntyre B K Raine		
		D L Lean	(ex officio)	
<b>Representative Members</b>	Ms	E Bailey	(Iwi Representative)	
	Councillor	G Boyde	(Stratford District Council)	
	Mr	J Hooker	(Iwi Representative)( <i>from 11.05am</i> )	
	Councillor	R Jordan	(New Plymouth District Council)	
	Mrs	B Muir	(Taranaki Federated Farmers)	
	Mr	M Ritai	(Iwi Representative)	
<b>Attending</b>	Messrs	A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)	
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)	
		M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)	
		S R Hall	(Director-Operations)	
		C L Spurdle	(Planning Manager)	
		G C Severinsen	(Policy and Strategy Manager)	
		R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)	
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)	
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)	
		Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
		Mrs	N West	(Policy Analyst)
		Mrs	H Gerrard	(Science Manager)
		Mrs	V McKay	(Science Manager)
		Mr	R Phipps	(Science Manager)
		Mrs	N West	(Policy Analyst)
	Mrs	F Mulligan	(Iwi Representative)	
Mr	H Eriwata	(Iwi Representative)		
Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)		

Three Members of the media.

**Apologies**

The apologies from Councillor D N MacLeod, Councillor C S Williamson, Councillor P Nixon (South Taranaki District Council) and Councillor C Coxhead (South Taranaki District Council) were received and sustained.

## Notification of

### Late Items

There were no late items of business.

## 1. Confirmation of Minutes - 29 August 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 29 August 2017 at 10.30am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 18 September 2017.

Raine/Walker

### Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

## 2. State of the Environment Monitoring of Lake Rotorangi water quality and biological programme Annual Report 2015-2016

- 2.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum presenting a report (*State of the Environment Monitoring of Lake Rotorangi water quality and biological programme Annual Report 2015-2016 Technical Report 2016-82*) prepared by the Council on the ecological and physico-chemical state of Lake Rotorangi, as determined in the 2015-2016 programme monitoring of the state of the lake, and trends in that quality since monitoring first began in 1984.

### Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum noting the preparation of a report into the state of the water quality and biological programme of Lake Rotorangi as determined in monitoring during 2015-2016
2. notes the findings of the SEM programme
3. adopts the specific recommendation therein.

Littlewood/McIntyre

## 3. State of the Environment Monitoring Groundwater quality report 2016-2017

- 3.1 Mr R Phipps, Science Manager, spoke to the memorandum (and presentation) presenting a report (*State of the Environment Monitoring Groundwater Quality Report 2016-2017*).

- 3.2 Ms E Bailey sought discussion on groundwater monitoring and sampling across the ring plain and in the proximity of the Kupe and Rimu Production Stations. The purpose of the sampling and report was to provide a general regional overview as opposed to measuring groundwater quality at a specific industrial site. Given the technical nature of the queries Council staff would meet with Ms Bailey and report back to the Committee in due course.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *State of the Environment Groundwater Quality Report 2016-2017*, that presents the findings of a report into the state of and trends in the concentrations of nitrate in shallow groundwater resources within the region
2. receives the report *State of the Environment Groundwater Quality Report 2016-2017 Technical report 2017-45*
3. notes the findings of the analysis of state and trend data from the SEM groundwater programme
4. notes that Council officers are following up any elevated results with individual landowners, recognising most of the wells used in the programme are not used for potable supply
5. adopts the specific report recommendations therein.

Joyce/Littlewood

## **4. State of the Environment Rocky Shore Monitoring Report 2015-2017**

- 4.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum presenting an update to the Committee on the latest results of the Council's state of the environment monitoring programme for rocky coastal environments. The Council's report *State of the Environment Rocky Shore Monitoring Report 2015-2017* provides full details of the Council's monitoring of the ecological condition of the region's rocky and reef foreshore environs.
- 4.2 Impacts of sand derived from accelerated erosion on the Maunga and human predation were noted as key impacts on kaimoana.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum noting the preparation of a report into the state of and trends in regional rocky coastal ecological quality data for Taranaki, for 2015-2017
2. receives the report *State of the Environment Rocky Shore Monitoring Report 2015-2017 Technical Report 2017-79*
3. notes the findings of the trend analysis of data from the SEM coastal ecological programme

4. notes the findings of the analysis of state data from the SEM coastal ecological programme
5. adopts the specific report recommendations therein.

Littlewood/Joyce

## 5. Regionally significant surf breaks

- 5.1 Mrs N West, Policy Analyst, spoke to the memorandum presenting for the Committee's consideration the findings of the online Wave Survey and the reports relating to the identification of regionally significant surf breaks.
- 5.2 In response to a query about the potential impact of increased surfers it was noted that additional work is underway with iwi to identify sites of cultural significance in the coastal marine area and liaising with district councils to ensure both natural and cultural environmental values/concerns are recognised. Work is also being undertaken (as a separate project) to identify reefs in the coastal marine area to be included in a GIS layer as part of the *Regional Coastal Plan* review.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum
2. receives the consultant's report *Regional significance criteria for the assessment of surf breaks, Orchard, 2017*, and notes the findings of this report
3. receives the officer's report *Online Wave Survey data analysis and proposed regionally significant surf breaks*, and notes the findings of this report
4. notes that these reports will inform the section 32 evaluation for the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki*
5. notes the online survey is the first such survey undertaken in New Zealand
6. approves the inclusion of the 81 proposed regionally significant surf breaks in the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki* for further consultation with the community.

Boyde/Littlewood

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson Councillor N W Walker, declared the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 12.10pm.

**Confirmed**

**Chairperson**

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**N W Walker**

**Date**

**21 November 2017**

**Minutes of the Policy and Planning  
Hearing Committee Meeting of the  
Taranaki Regional Council, held in the  
Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47  
Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 17  
October 2017 at 12.10pm.**



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		R Phipps	(Science Manager)	
		S Ellis	(Environment Services Manager)	
		Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
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		Mrs	J Ritchie	(Policy Analyst)
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Two Members of the media.

**Apologies** The apologies from Councillor M P Joyce, Councillor D N MacLeod, Councillor C S Williamson, Councillor G Boyde (Stratford District Council), Councillor P Nixon (South Taranaki District Council) and Councillor C Coxhead (South Taranaki District Council) were received and sustained.

**Notification of  
Late Items** There were no late items of business.

**1. Hearing of submissions on the *Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki and the Biosecurity Strategy for Taranaki 2017-2037***

- 1.1 Members of the Policy and Planning Hearing Committee head from the following submitters who wished to speak to their written submission on the *Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki and the Biosecurity Strategy for Taranaki 2017-2037*.

Submission No. 7	Taranaki Mounga Project Limited	Sean Zieltjes
Submission No. 6	Department of Conservation	Bill Fleury Nicola Palmer

- 1.2 Members of the Policy and Planning Hearing Committee discussed and deliberated on all submissions received. Members made the following recommendations:

Submission No. 1 – Murray Hancock

**Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. adopts the recommendations contained within the Officer's Report to the Hearing Committee on submissions to the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan and Taranaki Regional Council Biosecurity Strategy
3. makes no further changes to the Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki or the Biosecurity Strategy for Taranaki 2017-2037.

Submission No. 2 – Waikato Regional Council

**Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. adopts the recommendations contained within the Officer's Report to the Hearing Committee on submissions to the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan and Taranaki Regional Council Biosecurity Strategy
3. makes no further changes to the Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki or the Biosecurity Strategy for Taranaki 2017-2037.

Submission No. 3 – Federated Farmers – Taranaki

Mrs B Muir, Federated Farmers Taranaki, and Councillor D N McIntyre declared an interest in Submission No. 3 (Federated Farmers Taranaki) and took no part in the discussions or deliberations.

**Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. adopts the recommendations contained within the Officer's Report to the Hearing Committee on submissions to the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan and Taranaki Regional Council Biosecurity Strategy
3. makes no further changes to the Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki or the Biosecurity Strategy for Taranaki 2017-2037.

#### Submission No. 4 – Morgan Foundation

##### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. adopts the recommendations contained within the Officer's Report to the Hearing Committee on submissions to the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan and Taranaki Regional Council Biosecurity Strategy
3. makes no further changes to the Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki or the Biosecurity Strategy for Taranaki 2017-2037.

#### Submission No. 5 – Predator Free New Zealand Trust

##### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. adopts the recommendations contained within the Officer's Report to the Hearing Committee on submissions to the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan and Taranaki Regional Council Biosecurity Strategy
3. makes no further changes to the Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki or the Biosecurity Strategy for Taranaki 2017-2037.

Councillor R Jordan, New Plymouth District Council, left the Policy and Planning Hearing Committee meeting at 12.50pm.

#### Submission No. 6 – Department of Conservation

The submitter's comments in support of their submission were received and noted. The matter of including Climbing Asparagus in the Pest Management Plan was discussed. It was agreed that Council officers would liaise with the Department of Conservation on this plant pest to address its control and/or eradication on a site by site basis. The discussions on Brown Bull-headed Catfish were acknowledged and noted. It was agreed to keep a watching brief on this pest fish through the *Biosecurity Strategy* to ensure measures are in place should it be found in Taranaki.

##### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission



2. adopts the recommendations contained within the Officer's Report to the Hearing Committee on submissions to the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan and Taranaki Regional Council Biosecurity Strategy subject to minor amendments being made to provide relief in relation to some specific matters raised by the submitter
3. makes no further changes to the *Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* or the *Biosecurity Strategy for Taranaki 2017-2037*.

#### Submission No. 7 – Taranaki Mounga Project Limited

The submitter's comments in support of their submission were received and noted. The matter of including rules relating to feral goats was noted and discussed. It was agreed that the Council support and assist the submitter in developing a goat eradication programme and that minor amendments could be made to the *Biosecurity Strategy* to recognise this matter.

#### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. adopts the recommendations contained within the Officer's Report to the Hearing Committee on submissions to the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan and Taranaki Regional Council Biosecurity Strategy subject to minor amendments being made to provide relief in relation to some specific matters raised by the submitter
3. makes no further changes to the *Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* or the *Biosecurity Strategy for Taranaki 2017-2037*.

#### Submission No. 8 – KiwiRail Holdings Limited (KiwiRail)

#### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. adopts the recommendations contained within the Officer's Report to the Hearing Committee on submissions to the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan and Taranaki Regional Council Biosecurity Strategy
3. makes no further changes to the *Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* or the *Biosecurity Strategy for Taranaki 2017-2037*.

#### Submission No. 9 – Fish and Game New Zealand (Taranaki Region)

#### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. adopts the recommendations contained within the Officer's Report to the Hearing Committee on submissions to the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan and Taranaki Regional Council Biosecurity Strategy

3. makes no further changes to the *Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* or the *Biosecurity Strategy for Taranaki 2017-2037*.

Submission No. 10 – Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society (North Taranaki Branch)

**Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. adopts the recommendations contained within the *Officer's Report to the Hearing Committee on submissions to the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan and Taranaki Regional Council Biosecurity Strategy*
3. makes no further changes to the *Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* or the *Biosecurity Strategy for Taranaki 2017-2037*.

- 1.3 There being no further discussion on the submissions received on the *Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* and the *Biosecurity Strategy for Taranaki 2017-2037*, Members of the Policy and Planning Hearing Committee recommended the following:

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives and acknowledges with thanks the submissions received on the *Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* and the *Draft Biosecurity Strategy 2017-2037*
2. notes officers have undertaken a pre-hearing process to seek to resolve submissions received
3. adopts the recommendations contained within the attached *Officers' Report*, subject to any amendments agreed to by the Committee
4. agrees that the *Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* and the *Draft Biosecurity Strategy 2017-2037*, as amended, be presented to the Taranaki Regional Council's Ordinary Meeting on 31 October 2017 meeting for approval.

Walker/Raine

**Closing Karakia**

Mr M Ritai (Iwi Representative) gave the closing Karakia to the Policy and Planning Committee and Karakia for kai (lunch).

There being no further business, the Hearing Committee Chairperson Councillor N W Walker, declared the Policy and Planning Hearing Committee meeting closed at 1.10pm.

**Confirmed**

**Chairperson**

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**N W Walker**

**Date**

**21 November 2017**