

**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 19 March
2019 at 10.35am.**



Members	Councillors	N W Walker	(Committee Chairperson)	
		M P Joyce		
		C L Littlewood		
		D H McIntyre		
		B K Raine		
		C S Williamson		
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)	
		D L Lean	(ex officio)	
Representative Members	Councillors	G Boyde	(Stratford District Council)	
		P Nixon	(South Taranaki District Council)	
		R Jordan	(New Plymouth District Council)	
	Messrs	J Hooker	(Iwi Representative)	
	Ms	M Ritai	(Iwi Representative)	
	E Bailey	(Iwi Representative)		
Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)	
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)	
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)	
		M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)	
		C L Spurdle	(Planning Manager)	
		R Phipps	(Science Manager)	
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)	
		G Severinsen	(Manager Policy and Strategy)	
		R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)	
		P Ledingham	(Communications Adviser)	
		S Ellis	(Environment Services Manager)	
		Ms	M Lachmann	(Communications Adviser)
		Ms	J Mack	(Committee Administrator)
		Mrs	V McKay	(Science Manager)
	Mrs	H Gerrard	(Science Manager)	
	Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)	
	One Member of the media			
Apologies	There were no apologies			
	1 minute silence was observed to remember the recent Christchurch incident.			

**Notification of
Late Items**

There were no late items of business.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 5 February 2019

Resolved

THAT the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and confidential 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 5 February 2019 at 10.35am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 26 February 2019.

Raine/Hooker

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Update on Taranaki Taku Tūranga - Our Place: Towards a Predator Free Taranaki

- 2.1 Mr S R Hall, Director - Operations, spoke to the memorandum presenting an update on the progress of the *Taranaki Taku Turanga - Our Place: Towards a Predator-Free Taranaki* project. Mr S Ellis, Environment Services Manager, presented a powerpoint presentation and gave a handout of the ommitted attachment in the agenda.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum *Update on Taranaki Taku Tūranga - Our Place: Towards Predator Free Taranaki*; and
2. notes the progress and milestones achieved in respect of the urban and rural predator control and the zero density possum projects of the *Towards Predator-Free Taranaki* project.

Williamson/Boyde

3. Report of the Tax Working Group and findings on environmental taxes

- 3.1 Mr G Severinsen, Manager Policy and Strategy, spoke to the memorandum introducing the Tax Working Group report entitled '*Future of Tax*', and to highlight in particular, the findings and recommendations from the report on environmental taxes.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *'Report of the Tax Working Group and findings on environmental taxes'*.

Williamson/MacLeod

4. Kaupapa Māori Freshwater Assessments report and Wai Māori working group

- 4.1 Mr S Tamarapa, Iwi Communications Officer, spoke to the memorandum to present for Members' information a national Mātauranga Maori stocktake entitled *Kaupapa Māori Freshwater Assessments – A Summary of Iwi and Hapū-based Tools, Frameworks and Methods for Assessing Freshwater Environments* and an update on the establishment of a Wai Māori working group of iwi and hapū representatives to inform the review of the Regional Freshwater and Soil Plan reviews.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum *Kaupapa Māori Freshwater Assessments report and Wai Māori working group*;
2. notes Council is seeking to establish a Wai Māori working group; and
3. notes Council officers will also be able to engage with individual iwi and hapū throughout the Plan review and the development of mātauranga Māori monitoring methods.

Joyce/Bailey

5. National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry in Taranaki – implementation update and slash management

- 5.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum advising the Committee of the monitoring and enforcement activities undertaken to date for the National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry (NES-PF) and the requirements for slash management under the NES-PF. Interest had been shown at the previous meeting around slash management and monitoring and enforcement undertaken to date to avoid the problems experienced in Gisborne.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum;
2. notes the Council has a professional relationship in place with the forestry sector;
3. notes compliance with the NES-PF has been high; and

4. notes the Council is participating in a review of the NES-PF.

Williamson/Joyce

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 Committee Chairperson Councillor N W Walker, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 11.55am.

Confirmed

Chairperson _____

N W Walker

Date

30 April 2019