

**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 20 November
2018 at 10.30am.**



Members	Councillors	N W Walker	(Committee Chairperson)	
		M P Joyce		
		C L Littlewood		
		D H McIntyre		
		B K Raine		
		D L Lean	(ex officio)	
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)	
Representative Members	Ms	E Bailey	(Iwi Representative)	
	Councillor	G Boyde	(Stratford District Council)	
	Mr	J Hooker	(Iwi Representative)	
	Councillor	R Jordan	(New Plymouth District Council)	
	Mr	P Muir	(Taranaki Federated Farmers)	
Mr	M Ritai	(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)	
		S R Hall	(Director-Operations)	
		R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)	
		C L Spurdle	(Planning Manager)	
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)	
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)	
		Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
		Mr	R Phipps	(Science Manager)
		Mrs	V MacKay	(Science Manager)
		Mrs	H Gerrard	(Science Manager)
		Mr	J Kitto	(Science Advisor)
	Mrs	F Hafiz	(Environmental Scientist)	
Mr	G C Severinsen	(Policy and Strategy Manager)		
		K Holswich	(Iwi Representative)	
Ms	F Mulligan	(Iwi Representative)		
Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)		

One Member of the media.

Apologies The apologies from Councillor C S Williamson and Councillor P Nixon (South Taranaki District Council) were received and sustained.

Notification of

Late Items

There were no late items of business.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 9 October 2018

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 9 October 2018 at 10.35am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 30 October 2018.

Hooker/Raine

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Climate change reports

- 2.1 Mr G C Severinsen, Policy and Strategy Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing four reports release recently by the Government on climate change issues.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Climate change reports*
2. notes the many problems and complexities with the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme that the Government is seeking to address
3. notes the findings of the reports *Climate Change Projections for New Zealand* and *Hydrological projections for New Zealand rivers under climate change*
4. notes that the Council's current work programmes are addressing climate change issues consistent with its existing statutory duties and obligations
5. notes that further work on climate change policy is underway within central government.

Boyde/MacLeod

3. Report of the Biodiversity Collaborative Group and draft *National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity*

- 3.1 Mr S L Hall, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum introducing the report of the Biodiversity Collaborative Group which contains the Group's Draft National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity and outlined the potential implications of the report for the Council and regional sector.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum Report of the Biodiversity Collaborative Group and draft *National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity* (NPSIB)
2. notes the concerns of the regional sector with aspects of the report and of the draft NPSIB
3. notes that work on reviewing New Zealand's biodiversity strategy should precede further work on the draft NPSIB.

Joyce/McIntyre

4. Regional targets for swimmable rivers and lakes in Taranaki

- 4.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing a report setting out regional targets for swimmable rivers and lakes in Taranaki that gives effect to Policy A6 requirements of the *National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management*.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum and adopts the targets set out in the attached report *Regional targets for swimmable rivers and lakes in Taranaki*
2. notes that the community will not be able to meet the Government's national targets of 80% of rivers classified as swimmable by 2030 and 90% by 2040 but will exceed that target for lakes
3. agrees that the regional targets for swimmability be made available to the public by 31 December 2018 as required by the *National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management*
4. agrees to send a copy of the report to the Ministry for the Environment.

Lean/MacLeod

Ms Bailey and Mr Hooker voted against the recommendations.

5. Regional freshwater recreational bathing water quality report for 2017-2018

- 5.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum presenting an update to the Committee on the results of the state of the environment

programme that monitors freshwater contact recreational water quality for the 2017-2018 bathing season.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum noting the preparation of the report *Freshwater Contact Recreational Water Quality at selected Taranaki sites SEM Monitoring Report 2017-2018, Technical Report 2018-01*
2. adopts the specific recommendations presented in Technical Report 2018-01.

Littlewood/Raine

Ms Bailey voted against the recommendations.

6. Bathing beach recreational water quality SEM report 2017-2018

- 6.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum reporting on the quality of coastal bathing waters in the Taranaki regional during the 2017-2018 bathing season.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum noting the preparation of the report *Bathing Beach Water Quality State of the Environment Monitoring Report Summer 2017-2018 Technical Report 2018-33*
2. adopts the specific recommendations presented in Technical Report 2018-33.

Littlewood/McIntyre

Ms Baily voted against the recommendations.

Councillor D L Lean left the Policy and Planning Committee meeting at 11.45am.

7. National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management: Adoption of Progressive Implementation Programme and annual report

- 7.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum reporting on the implementation programme for the *National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) 2014* for the 2017/2018 financial year and recommending the adoption of a revised progressive implementation programme for implementation of the NPS-FM.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum and attached *Progressive Implementation Programme for the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, Taranaki Regional Council* and public notice
2. approves the *Progressive Implementation Programme for the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, Taranaki Regional Council, November 2018*
3. agrees that the Implementation Programme be publicly notified
4. notes the progress on the implementation of the NPS-FM for the 2017/2018 financial year.

Muir/Raine

8. Groundwater Quantity – State of the Environment Monitoring Report 2015-2017

- 8.1 Mr R Phipps, Science Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing a biennial report entitled *Groundwater Quantity – State of the Environment Monitoring Report 2015-2017* and an assessment of its content and recommendations was received and noted by the Committee.
- 8.2 A presentation *Groundwater Quality State of the Environment Monitoring Report 2015-2017*, which included an introduction to regional geo-hydrology, was provided in support of this item.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Groundwater Quantity State of the Environment Monitoring Report 2015-2017* that presents the findings of a report outlining the state of and trends in measures directly influencing groundwater quantity across the region
2. receives the report *Groundwater Quantity State of the Environment Monitoring Report 2015-2017 Technical Report 2017-110*
3. notes the findings of the analysis of state and trend data from the SEM groundwater programme
4. adopts the specific recommendations therein.

Williamson/MacLeod

9. Essential Freshwater: Latest announcements on the Government’s freshwater agenda

- 9.1 Mr G C Severinsen, Policy and Strategy Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing the latest announcements on the Government’s freshwater agenda and the potential implications for the Council.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Essential Freshwater: Latest announcements on the Government's freshwater agenda*
2. notes that the Government's work programme includes at risk catchments; amendments to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management; a new National Environmental Standard for Freshwater Management; amendments to the Resource Management Act; allocation of freshwater resources; and future policy framework development
3. notes that proposals for change to freshwater management in New Zealand will be consulted on over the next two years with special advisory groups set up for the purpose, and the general public, prior to final decisions being made
4. notes that the Council will be involved in these processes to ensure the proposals are appropriate for Taranaki.

Raine/Boyde

10. Proposed resource management system review

- 10.1 Mr G C Severinsen, Policy and Strategy Manager, spoke to the memorandum informing the Committee of recent announcements made by the Minister for the Environment on the proposed resource management system review and, in particular, on proposals for Stage 1 of the review timed for early next year.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Proposed resource management system review*
2. notes that the Government is proposing a two stage review of the resource management system with Stage 1 being a narrowly focused set of amendments to the Resource Management Act programmed for early in 2019, with Stage 2 being a more comprehensive review of the resource management system, programmed to start in 2019
3. notes that the Council will make a submission on Stage 1 of the review when a Bill is introduced in early 2019.

Joyce/Littlewood

11. National Policy Statement for Urban Development Capacity - minimum housing targets

- 11.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum for information and consideration, an update on the implementation of the *National Policy Statement for Urban Development Capacity*, including minimum housing targets for New Plymouth urban areas that must be incorporated into the *Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki*.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum *National Policy Statement for Urban Development Capacity – minimum housing targets*
2. notes the outcome of the letter to the Minister for the Environment seeking an extension of time in which to complete the Future Development Strategy
3. agrees to the projected timeframe for the Future Development Strategy
4. endorses the minimum targets that are required to be incorporated into the Regional Policy Statement.

Jordan/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 12.30pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson _____
N W Walker

Date **5 February 2019**