

**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 24 April 2018  
at 10.35am.**



<b>Members</b>	Councillors	N W Walker	(Committee Chairperson)	
		M P Joyce		
		C L Littlewood	(attended via ZOOM audio/visual)	
		D H McIntyre		
		C S Williamson		
		D L Lean	(ex officio)	
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)	
<b>Representative Members</b>	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)	
	Councillor	P Nixon	(South Taranaki District Council)	
	Mr	M Ritai	(Iwi Representative)	
<b>Attending</b>	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)	
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)	
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)	
		M J Neild	(Director-Corporate Services)	
		G C Severinsen	(Policy and Strategy Manager)	
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)	
		R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)	
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)	
		Mrs	H Gerrard	(Science Manager)
		Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
		Mrs	F Mulligan	(Iwi Representative)
		Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)
Mr	A Bunn	(Information Technology Officer)		

One member of the media.

<b>Apologies</b>	The apology from Councillor B K Raine was received and sustained.
<b>Notification of Late Items</b>	There were no late items of business.

## 1. Confirmation of Minutes - 13 March 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 13 March 2018 at 10.40am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 10 April 2018.

Joyce/Nixon

### Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

## 2. New Zealanders' view of the primary sector

- 2.1 Mr G C Severinsen, Policy and Strategy Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing a research report commissioned by the Ministry for Primary Industries on urban and rural New Zealanders' views of rural New Zealand and the primary sector. The report was published in October 2017 which repeated a similar benchmark study undertaken in 2008.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *New Zealander's views of the primary sector*.

Williamson/McIntyre

## 3. NIWA Study of riparian management and freshwater health, quality and swimmability in Taranaki

- 3.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum presenting the background and findings of a report the Council commissioned the National Institute of Water and Atmosphere (NIWA) to undertake, 'Analysis of stream responses to riparian management on the Taranaki ring plain' (NIWA, April 2018). Mr Bedford provided a presentation in support of the agenda item.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *NIWA Study of riparian management and freshwater health, quality and swimmability in Taranaki*

2. receives the independent draft report *Analysis of stream responses to riparian management on the Taranaki ring plain*, (NIWA, March 2018), and notes it is innovative and leading edge in terms of its timeframes, spatial scope and findings
3. notes the findings of the report with particular reference to the strong correlation between the implementation of riparian management and improved stream health and reduced *E coli* levels; the lack of correlation between increasing riparian interventions and any evidence of a change in attainment of the NPS-FM swimmability criteria; the very high rate of attainment of swimmability in Taranaki if assessed against EU criteria instead of NPS-FM criteria; and the absence of any correlation between nutrient trends and macroinvertebrate community health trends
4. notes the report's findings highlight the potential dangers of a 'one size fits all' problem analysis and solution imposition to water quality interventions at a national level
5. notes that the findings of the report are available to inform the Council's position in matters of freshwater quality management policies and interventions, at regional and national level.

Williamson/MacLeod

Councillor C L Littlewood left the Policy and Planning Committee meeting at 11.30am.

#### **4. LAWA: Release of analysis of water quality trends at national and regional level**

- 4.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environmental Quality, spoke to the memorandum advising the Committee of the release of results for trend analysis of freshwater quality at national level for the most recent 10 year period, on the LAWA (Land Air Water Aotearoa) website. The analysis provides trends at both national and regional data levels, and the memorandum also presents the 10 year trends in a suite of water quality parameters for the Taranaki region.

#### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *LAWA: Release of analysis of water quality trends at national and regional level*
2. notes the trend data and commentary presented in the LAWA analysis.

Lean/Williamson

## 5. Regional plan alignment with National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry

- 5.1 The memorandum advising the Committee of the findings of a review into regional plan rules to ensure alignment with the National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry (NES-PF) was received and discussed.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum on the *Regional plan alignment with the National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry*
2. notes NES-PF requirements for the Council to review and amend any regional rules that duplicate or conflict with the NES as soon as practicable after 1 May 2018
3. notes that officers have completed a review of regional rules in relation to the NES-PF and agrees to amend relevant regional plans to ensure alignment with the NES.

Lean/Williamson

## 6. Interim review of the efficiency and effectiveness of the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki

- 6.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing a report entitled *Interim review of the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki – Evaluation of appropriateness, efficiency and effectiveness* that gives effect to the *Resource Management Act 1991*.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum and attached report *Interim review of Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki – Evaluation of appropriateness, efficiency and effectiveness*
2. notes that the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki continues to be relevant, efficient and effective
3. agrees that no immediate changes to the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki are required.

Joyce/Nixon

## 7. Public Excluded

In accordance with section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*, it is resolved that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Policy and Planning Committee on Tuesday 24 April 2018 for the following reason/s:

Item 8 – Hill country sustainable management programme

*THAT the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities or negotiations.*

Walker/Williamson

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson Councillor N W Walker, declared the open meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 11.50am.

**Confirmed**

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

**Date** **5 June 2018**