

**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.**



<b>Members</b>	Councillors	N W Walker	(Committee Chairperson)	
		M P Joyce C L Littlewood D H McIntyre B K Raine C S Williamson		
		D L Lean	(ex officio)	
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)	
<b>Representative Members</b>	Ms	E Bailey	(Iwi Representative) (via Zoom audio/visual)	
	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)	
		R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)	
		C L Spurdle	(Planning Manager)	
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)	
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)	
		Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
		Messrs	T Shanley	(Project Manager Towards Predator-Free)
			B E Pope	(Compliance Manager)
		R Phipps	(Science Manager)	
		G Marcroft	(Policy Analyst)	
		K Holswich	(Iwi Representative)	
	Ms	F Mulligan	(Iwi Representative)	
Mr	H Eriwata	(Iwi Representative)		
Mr	G Pittman	(Wrightson Consulting)		
	Four Members of the media.			
<b>Apologies</b>	There were no apologies.			

**Notification of  
Late Items**

General Business – Government’s blueprint to improve fresh water quality  
Hon D Parker, Minister for the Environment

**1. Confirmation of Minutes – 28 August 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 28 August 2018 at 10.30am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 18 September 2018.

Williamson/Hooker

**Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**2. Update on Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project**

- 2.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum providing an update to the Committee on the progress of the *Towards Predator-Free Taranaki* project.
- 2.2 Mr T Shanley, Project Manager Towards Predator Free, provided a presentation *Towards Predator-Free Taranaki* in support of the item.

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum *Update on Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project*
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.

Lean/Joyce

**3. Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki: Report on submissions**

- 3.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing an officers report on submissions to the Proposed Regional Coastal Plan for Taranaki and to recommend that the report be circulated to submitters as a basis for pre-hearing discussion.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum on the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki: Report on Submissions*
2. agrees to distribute the report to submitters as a basis for pre-hearing meetings.

Williamson/Boyde

## **4. New Zealand Marine Oil Spill Readiness and Response Strategy 2018-2022**

- 4.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing the *New Zealand's Marine Oil Spill Readiness and Response Strategy 2018-2022* and the Council's role in assisting Maritime New Zealand to implement the Strategy.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *New Zealand Marine Oil Spill Readiness and Response Strategy 2018-2022*
2. notes the Strategy is important for Taranaki given it is the only oil producing region in New Zealand
3. notes the important role of the Council in assisting Maritime New Zealand to implement the Strategy.

Littlewood/Raine

## **5. SEM Freshwater Physico-chemical monitoring programme 2016-2017 report**

- 5.1 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 annual state of the environment monitoring programme for fresh water quality (physicochemical measures).
- 5.2 A presentation *SEM Freshwater physico-chemical monitoring programme 2017/2017 report* was provided in support of this item.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum noting the preparation of a report on the state of and trends in regional physicochemical water quality data for Taranaki, for 2016-2017 and over the periods 1995-2017 and 2010-2017 respectively, together with information on compliance with the National Objectives Framework and regional guidelines

2. receives the report *Freshwater Physicochemical Programme State of the Environment Monitoring Annual Report 2016-2017 Technical Report 2017-64*
3. notes the findings of the trend analyses of data from the SEM physicochemical programme
4. notes the findings of the analysis of water quality state data from the SEM physicochemical programme
5. notes the findings of examination of the representativeness of the existing monitoring network
6. adopts the specific recommendations therein.

Boyde/Raine

## **6. Report on Advocacy and Response activities for the 2017/2018 year**

- 6.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum reporting on advocacy and response activities for the 2017/2018 year.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Report on Advocacy and Response activities for the 2017/2018 year*
2. notes that twenty-four (24) submissions were made during the year on the policy initiatives of other agencies
3. notes that senior staff were also involved in various working parties or other fora on central and local government policy development and review projects.

Bailey/Littlewood

Councillor M P Joyce left the Policy and Planning Committee meeting at 12.00pm.

## **7. Submission on proposed policy for regulating decommissioning under the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012**

- 7.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum seeking endorsement of a submission made on proposed policy for regulating decommissioning of offshore oil and gas facilities under the *Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012*. The submission was sent by the due date of 21 September 2018.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

