

**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 November
2019 at 10.30am.**



Members	Councillors	C L Littlewood (Committee Chairperson) N W Walker D H McIntyre C S Williamson E D Van Der Leden D N MacLeod (ex officio) M P Joyce (ex officio)
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Representative Members Representative members have not yet been appointed.

Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain (Chief Executive) G K Bedford (Director-Environment Quality) M J Neild (Director - Corporate Services) A D McLay (Director - Resource Management) S R Hall (Director- Operations) G Severinsen (Manager Policy & Strategy) S Tamarapa (Iwi Communications Officer) R Phipps (Science Manager)
	Mrs	H Gerrard (Science Manager)
	Mrs	V McKay (Science Manager)
	Mr	S Ellis (Environment Services Manager) (from 11.00am)
	Mr	T Shanley (Project Manager - Towards Predator Free Taranaki) (from 11.00am)
	Ms	J Mack (Committee Administrator)
	Mr	J Clough (Federated Farmers)
	Mr	C Young (South Taranaki District Council)
	Mr	G Boyde (Stratford District Council)
	Ms	S Hitchcock (New Plymouth District Council)

One member of the media and four further members of staff.

Apologies The apologies from Councillors MG Davey and MJ McDonald were received and sustained.

Notification of Late Items Councillor Walker had previously circulated an email to Councillors regarding the climate change bill, which will be discussed in general business.

1. Confirmation of Minutes – Tuesday 3 September 2019

Resolved

THAT the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

- a) 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 3 September 2019 at 10.30am
- b) notes that 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 3 September 2019, at 10.30am were authenticated by the Committee Chairperson, N W Walker, and the Taranaki Regional Council Chief Executive, B G Chamberlain, pursuant to Model Standing Orders.

McIntyre/Walker

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Submission on Proposed Priority Products and Priority Product Stewardship Scheme Guidelines

- 2.1 Mrs H Gerrard, Science Manager, spoke to the memorandum to introduce a submission that has been made to the Ministry for the Environment on a consultation document, Proposed Priority Products and Priority Product Stewardship Scheme Guidelines and to recommend its endorsement by the Council.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives and notes the submission sent to the Ministry for the Environment on the Proposed Priority Products and Priority Product Stewardship Scheme Guidelines by the due date of 4 October 2019
- b) endorses the submission on the Proposed Priority Products and Priority Product Stewardship Scheme Guidelines.

MacLeod/Williamson

3. Submission on a Proposed National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land

- 3.1 Mr G Severinsen, Manager, Policy & Strategy, spoke to the memorandum to introduce a submission made by Officers of the Council to a proposed National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land and to recommend that it be endorsed by the Council.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum 'Submission on a proposed National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land'
- b) endorses the submission.

McIntyre/Walker

4. Submission on Proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development

- 4.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum to introduce a submission made to the Ministry for the Environment and Ministry of Housing and Urban Development on a proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development, and to recommend its endorsement by the Council.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives and notes the submission sent to the Ministry for the Environment on the proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development by the due date of 10 October 2019
- b) endorses the submission on the proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development, subject to any changes suggested by Members.

Williamson/Joyce

5. Controller and Auditor-General's report: *Managing freshwater quality: Challenges and opportunities*

- 5.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director – Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum to introduce a report by the Office of the Controller and Auditor-General entitled '*Managing freshwater quality: Challenges and opportunities*'.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum '*Controller and Auditor-General's report: managing freshwater quality: Challenges and opportunities*'.

MacLeod/Williamson

6. Annual report on the Progressive Implementation Programme: National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management

- 6.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum presenting for Members' information the annual report on the implementation programme for the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 (NPS-FM) for the 2018/2019 financial year.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum '*Annual report on the Progressive Implementation Programme: National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management*'
- b) notes the progress on the implementation of the NPS-FM for the 2018/2019 financial year.

Van Der Leden/Walker

7. Update on Towards Predator-Free Taranaki Project

- 7.1 Mr S R Hall, Director - Operations, introduced Mr S Ellis, Manager Environmental Services, and Mr T Shanley, Project Manager – Towards Predator Free Taranaki, who spoke to the memorandum to present for Members' information a quarterly update on the progress of the Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum *Update on Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project*
- b) 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.

McIntyre/Walker

8. Proposal for New Zealand's Next Biodiversity Strategy

- 8.1 Mr S R Hall, Director - Operations, spoke to the memorandum to present for Members' information a Government proposal for a revised New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy (NZBS) and the Local Government New Zealand submission in response to that proposal.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum entitled *Proposal for New Zealand's next Biodiversity Strategy* and the attached regional sector submission.

Joyce/MacLeod

9. Our Marine Environment 2019: MfE and Stats NZ report

- 9.1 Mr G Severinsen, Manager Policy & Strategy, spoke to the memorandum to introduce and briefly discuss 'Our marine environment 2019', the latest report in New Zealand's

environmental reporting series prepared by the Ministry for the Environment and Stats NZ.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum '*Our marine environment 2019: MfE and Stats NZ report*'.

Williamson/Van Der Leden

10. Submission on Resource Management Bill 2019

- 10.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum to introduce a submission made by officers of the Council to the Resource Management Bill 2019 (the Bill).

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Submission on the Resource Management Bill*
b) endorses the submission.

MacLeod/Williamson

11. Report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment: '*Focusing Aotearoa New Zealand's environmental reporting system*'

- 11.1 Mr GK Bedford, Director - Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum to introduce a report prepared by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment (PCE) and released on 7 November 2019, entitled '*Focusing Aotearoa New Zealand's environmental reporting system*'.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum '*Report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment: Focusing Aotearoa New Zealand's environmental reporting system*'.

Williamson/Walker

12. Late item - Climate Change Response Emissions Trading Reform Amendments Bill 2019

- 12.1 Councillor N W Walker proposed that a submission to the Bill be made, this would potentially send a positive message to the landowners and the community involved in the activity.
- 12.2 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, responded that a submission be drafted on the Bill and brought before members for their consideration.

Closing Karakia Mr S Tamarapa (Iwi Communications Officer) gave the closing Karakia to the Policy and Planning Committee and Karakia for kai (lunch).

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson, Councillor C L Littlewood, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 12.10pm.

Confirmed

**Policy and Planning
Chairperson:** _____

C L Littlewood

Tuesday 4 February 2019