

**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 10.50am.**



<b>Members</b>	Councillors	N W Walker	(Committee Chairperson)	
		M P Joyce		
		C L Littlewood		
		B K Raine		
		C S Williamson		
		D L Lean	(ex officio)	
		D McIntyre		
		D MacLeod	(ex officio)	
<b>Representative Members</b>	Councillors	G Boyde	(Stratford District Council)	
		P Nixon	(South Taranaki District Council)	
		R Jordan	(New Plymouth District Council)	
	Messrs			
	Ms	P Muir	(Federated Farmers Representative)	
		E Bailey	(Iwi Representative)	
		M Ritai	(Iwi Representative)	
	<b>Attending</b>	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
G K Bedford			(Director-Environment Quality)	
M J Neild			(Director – Corporate Services)	
A D McLay			(Director – Resource Management)	
C L Spurdle			(Planning Manager)	
G Marcroft			(Policy Analyst)	
G Severinsen			(Manager Policy & Strategy)	
H Gerrard			(Science Manager)	
B Pope			(Compliance Manager) <i>Part meeting</i>	
R Phipps			(Science Manager)	
J Kitto			(Science Adviser)	
P Ledingham			(Communications Adviser)	
R Ritchie			(Communications Manager)	
Ms			L Davidson	(Committee Administrator)
Mrs			J Bielski	(Policy Analyst) (left meeting 10.45am)
Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)		

Two members of the media, Taranaki Daily News and Radio New Zealand and eight members of the public were in attendance.

Mr R Martin, Radio New Zealand recorded the meeting.

**Apologies** No apologies were received.

## Notification of

### Late Items

There were no late items of business.

## 1. Confirmation of Minutes - Tuesday 23 July 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 23 July 2019 at 10.30am
- b) notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 13 August 2019.

Raine/Bailey

### Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

## 2. Government announcements on three waters review

- 2.1 Mr G Severinsen, Manager Policy and Strategy, spoke to the memorandum to update Members on recent announcements by the Government on the Three Waters Review and answered a number of questions arising.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum 'Government announcements on three waters review'.

Boyde/Littlewood

## 3. PEPANZ publication; Powering to 2050: A vision for natural gas in New Zealand

- 3.1 Mr A D McLay, Director - Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum to introduce a publication by the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand (PEPANZ) entitled 'Powering to 2050: A vision for natural gas in New Zealand'.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum 'PEPANZ publication: Powering to 2050: A vision for natural gas in New Zealand'; and
- b) notes the Taranaki region's natural gas resources have a role in the transition to a low emissions economy.

Littlewood/Williamson

Following discussions Ms E Bailey put a motion to the Committee that recommendation (b) be removed or modified.

Bailey/Ritai

Motion lost.

#### **4. Update on climate change policy announcements**

- 4.1 Mr G Severinsen, Manager Policy and Strategy, spoke to the memorandum to update Members on recent climate change policy announcements by the Government.

##### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum 'Update on climate change policy announcements'.  
MacLeod/Nixon

#### **5. Regional freshwater recreational bathing water quality report for 2018-2019**

- 5.1 Mr G Bedford, Director – Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum to update the Committee on the 2018-2019 bathing season results from the 'state of the environment' programme that monitors freshwater contact recreational water quality.
- 5.2 A minor correction was made to Technical Report 2019-01 recommendations concerning a date.
- 5.3 In response to questions from Ms Bailey it was noted the report presents the results of sampling during low flow periods, when people may be bathing and at weekly intervals, no matter what the flow conditions.

##### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum noting the preparation of the report Freshwater Contact Recreational Water Quality at selected Taranaki sites SEM Monitoring Report 2018-2019, Technical Report 2019-01; and
- b) adopts the specific recommendations presented in Technical Report 2019-01.

Joyce/Boyde

#### **6. Bathing beach recreational water quality SEM report 2018-2019**

- 6.1 Mr G Bedford, Director – Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum presenting Members the report on the quality of coastal bathing waters in the Taranaki region during the 2018-2019 bathing season.

## **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum noting the preparation of the report Bathing Beach Water Quality State of the Environment Monitoring Report Summer 2018-2019 Technical Report 2019-36 and
- b) adopts the specific recommendations presented in Technical Report 2019-36.

Raine/Littlewood

## **7. Submission on protecting Hector's and Māui dolphins**

- 1.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum to introduce the submission on the discussion paper Proposals for the Hector's and Māui Dolphin Threat Management Plan and to recommend its endorsement by the Council.
- 7.2 It was noted the deadline for submissions was 19 August 2019. The submission reflects Council policies and a previous submission on threats to Hector's and Māui dolphins.
- 7.3 Feedback from the Committee to the Department of Conservation will be provided noting that there should be an increase in consultation with Iwi throughout the process.

## **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum Submission on protecting Hector's and Māui dolphins; and
- b) endorses the submission with any changes recommended by the Committee.

Williamson/Boyde

## **8. Coastal Occupation Charges**

- 8.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum to seek Members' agreement that the Taranaki Regional Council (the Council) not charge for the occupation of coastal space in the coastal marine area (CMA).
- 8.2 Councillor C Littlewood and Councillor D N MacLeod declared an interest in relation to Port Taranaki.
- 8.3 The item was discussed in the context of some examples provided by Ms Bailey and Mr Ritai regarding private and public benefit.

## **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum entitled Coastal Occupation Charges;
- b) notes that in Taranaki there is a low number of occupation consents in the CMA, the extent to impact on public access is only minor, and consent conditions have generally been applied allowing free public access except where it is a matter of public safety; and
- c) agrees that the Council forego charging for occupation of coastal space in the CMA.

Joyce/Boyde

## **9. Approval of Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki**

- 9.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager and Ms G Marcroft, Policy Analyst, presented a power point presentation on the Proposed Coastal Plan for Members' consideration. For consideration were the Hearing Panel's report and recommendations and the Section 32AA report on the Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki.
- 9.2 The high level of public engagement and iwi consultation on the plan was noted together with the officers' extensive prehearing engagement with submitters to resolve matters.
- 9.3 Chairperson N W Walker thanked the Hearing Panel members and Council officers for all the positive work that had been undertaken on the Coastal Plan for Taranaki.

## **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum, the Hearing Panel's report, the track change version showing recommended changes to the Proposed Coastal Plan, and the Section 32AA Report;
- b) considers the Section 32AA Evaluation Report and confirms that the Council is satisfied that any changes to the policies, rules and methods set out in the Proposed Plan are the most appropriate way to achieve the objectives of the Plan;
- c) adopts the recommendations set out in the Hearing Panel's report in relation to changes to the Proposed Coastal Plan; and
- d) notes that following the Council, at its meeting on 1 October, making its decisions on the Proposed Coastal Plan, a decisions document will be made available to all submitters and submitters have 30 working days from service of the Council's decisions to appeal to the Environment Court against the Council's decisions should they wish.

Littlewood/Bailey

## 10. Discussion document: Proposed National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land

10.1 Mr G Severinsen, Manager Policy and Strategy, spoke to the memorandum to introduce a discussion document on a proposed National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land and to recommend that the Council makes a submission on the discussion document.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum 'Discussion document: Proposed National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land'; and
- b) agrees to make a submission on the document including matters agreed by the Committee.

Williamson/Littlewood

## 11. General Business

11.1 Chairperson, Councillor N W Walker thanked all members and Iwi representatives for their contributions to the Policy and Planning committee meetings over the last three years and wished Councillors seeking re-election all the best.

11.2 Iwi representative Mr M Ritai thanked Taranaki Regional Councillors and Officers for the opportunity to represent Iwi at Council meetings and allowing robust discussions to occur and learnings to be had.

**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 12.48pm.

## Minutes authenticated pursuant to Model Standing Orders

**Policy and Planning**

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

**Taranaki Regional Council**

**Chief Executive:** \_\_\_\_\_  
B G Chamberlain