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**Chairperson and Members  
Taranaki Regional Council**

## **Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the **Ordinary Meeting** of the Taranaki Regional Council will be held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on:

**Tuesday 1 July 2008 commencing at 10.30am**

B G Chamberlain  
**Chief Executive**

**THE TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT THIS  
AGENDA REMAINS EMBARGOED UNTIL COMMENCEMENT OF THE  
MEETING**

**Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council to be held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 1 July 2008 at 10.30am.**



**Councillors**

	D N MacLeod	(Chairperson)
	M J Cloke	
	M G Davey	
	P D Horton	
	M A Irving	
	B R Jeffares	
	D L Lean	
	B J Marsh	
	R F H Maxwell	
	N W Walker	

**In Attendance**

Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
	M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
	G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)
	R A Phillips	(Director-Operations)
	A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
	A W Young	(Financial Services Manager)
Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
Mr	P Ledingham	(Information Officer)

**Apologies**      Councillor    M P Joyce

**Notification of Late Items**

**Presentation      2008 Taranaki Regional Council Environmental Awards**

Business/local authority

*The Ugly Duck Restaurant New Plymouth* – for energy efficiency and waste minimisation – Jason Tairawhiti

*Bella Vita Restaurant New Plymouth* – for energy efficiency and waste minimisation – Cherie Bourgoise

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<b>Resolve</b>	
THAT the Taranaki Regional Council	
1. <u>takes as read</u> and <u>receives</u> the minutes and resolutions of	

the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 20 May 2008 at 11.10am.

**Matters arising:**



**Pages**

**Item 2**      **Confirmation of Minutes**  
Consents and Regulatory Committee:  
Wednesday 11 June 2008

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**Resolve**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, Cloten Road, Stratford, on Wednesday 11 June 2008 at 10.30am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.
3. takes as read and receives the resolutions (under delegated authority) of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, Cloten Road, Stratford, on Wednesday 11 June 2008 at 10.30am.

**Matters arising:**

**Item 3**      **Confirmation of Minutes**  
Policy and Planning Committee  
Thursday 12 June 2008

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**Resolve**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 12 June 2008 at 10.30am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

**Matters arising:**

**Item 4**      **Confirmation of Minutes**  
Executive Committee  
Monday 23 June 2008

23 - 25

## Resolve

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Executive Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 23 June 2008 at 10.00am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

### Matters arising:



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	THAT the Taranaki Regional Council	
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## Individual/school/community group

- **Taranaki Arts Festival Trust and volunteers** – for integrating waste minimisation into public event management at Womad 08.
- **Lynda Sutherland** – for biodiversity work and education.
- **Taranaki Environmental Education Trust** – for promoting sustainability through environmental education.
- **Enviropower Inglewood High School**– for sustainability education and increasing energy efficiency.
- **Gavin Shoebridge electric car**– for innovation and efficient use of energy for transportation.
- **Midhirst School**– for implementing a school recycling and composting programme.
- **St Josephs (Hawera) Primary School** – for environmental education and waste minimisation.

### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council  
Tuesday 8 April 2008

#### Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and receives the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 8 April 2008 at 10.30 am

08/101

Lean/Horton

#### Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Consents and Regulatory Committee  
Tuesday 29 April 2008

#### Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 29 April 2008 at 10.30 am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

3. takes as read and receives the resolutions (under delegated authority) of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 29 April 2008 at 10.30 am.

08/102

Lean/Cloke

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee  
Thursday 1 May 2008

**Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 1 May 2008 at 10.30 am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

08/103

Walker/Joyce

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the Executive Committee  
Monday 12 May 2008

**Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Executive Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Committee Room, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 12 May 2008 at 10.00 am.

2. adopts the recommendations therein.

08/104

MacLeod/Lean

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**5. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting to hear submissions on the Draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan:

Monday 12 May 2008

**Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and receives the minutes and recommendations of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council to hear submissions on the Draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan, held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 12 May 2008 at 10.30am.

08/105

Marsh/Davey

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**6. Setting of Rates – 2008/2009**

- 6.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum setting the rates for 2008/2009 having adopted the Council's 2008/2009 Annual Plan. General Rates increased by 2.4%.

**Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. sets the following rates pursuant to the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on rating units in the Taranaki region for the financial year commencing 1 July 2008 and ending on 30 June 2009:

**General Rate**

Pursuant to section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 a general rate on the rateable equalised capital value (ECV) of all land within the region known as Taranaki region to collect the following amounts:

<b>General rate</b>	<b>ECV</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>GST excl.</b>	<b>GST</b>	<b>GST incl.</b>
New Plymouth DC	16,317,475,000	58.02%	\$2,142,537	\$267,818	\$2,410,355
Stratford DC	2,671,991,000	9.50%	\$350,812	\$43,852	\$394,664
South Taranaki DC	9,134,143,000	32.48%	\$1,199,407	\$149,925	\$1,349,332
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28,123,609,000</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$3,692,756</b>	<b>\$461,595</b>	<b>\$4,154,351</b>

- a rate of 0.016313 cents in the dollar (GST inclusive) of capital value on every rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region
- a rate of 0.022511 cents in the dollar (GST inclusive) of capital value on every rating unit in the Stratford constituency of the Taranaki region
- a rate of 0.019152 cents in the dollar (GST inclusive) of capital value on every rating unit in the South Taranaki constituency of the Taranaki region.

#### **Uniform annual general charge**

Pursuant to section 15(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a uniform annual general charge of \$43.03 (GST inclusive) for every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the Taranaki region.

#### **River Control and Flood Protection Targeted Rate**

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a targeted rate of 0.002349 cents in the dollar (GST inclusive) for river control and flood protection works on the capital value on every rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region.

#### **Passenger Transport Targeted Rate**

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a targeted rate of 0.002781 cents in the dollar (GST inclusive) for passenger transport services on the capital value on every rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region.

#### **Passenger Transport Targeted Rate**

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a targeted rate of 0.000359 cents in the dollar (GST inclusive) for passenger transport services on the capital value on every rating unit in the South Taranaki constituency of the Taranaki region.

#### **Yarrow Stadium Targeted Rate**

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a differential targeted rate for Yarrow Stadium on the land value on each rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region. The targeted rate (in cents in the dollar of land value) for 2008/2009 for each differential category is:

- Group 1 Commercial and Industrial to produce \$169,756 (GST inclusive) at a rate of 0.023788 cents in the dollar of land value (GST inclusive)
- Group 2 Residential to produce \$190,407 (GST inclusive) at a rate of 0.005210 cents in the dollar of land value (GST inclusive)
- Group 3 Small holdings to produce \$9,487 (GST inclusive) at a rate of 0.002312 cents in the dollar of land value (GST inclusive)

- Group 4 Farmland to produce \$19,648 (GST inclusive) at a rate of 0.000633 cents in the dollar of land value (GST inclusive).

### **Differential Categories**

#### **Differential rating group 1: Commercial and industrial.**

Differential Rating Group 1 shall comprise all separately rateable properties, which are:

- a) Used for any commercial, industrial, cultural or community purpose, including (by way of example):
- Commercial accommodation such as hotels, motels, tourist hotels, and commercially owned or operated residential homes;
  - Community halls, cultural facilities, recreation and sports grounds, reserves, cemeteries and urupa where such uses are located within commercial or industrial areas;
  - Hospitals;
  - Educational uses and institutions located within commercial or industrial areas;
  - Oil, gas and petrochemical processing and treatment, energy generation or reticulation, water treatment and sewerage plants;

**but excluding:**

- Mining or quarrying, including oil wells and shingle pits;
- Owner/occupier, rental or other multi-unit flats;
- Residential homes owned and operated by registered charitable trusts;

or

- b) Vacant land or substantially vacant land with no discernible use, being land that is located within a commercial or industrial area and which is capable of being used for commercial or industrial uses as provided for in sub – clause (a) above;

or

- c) Used for more than one purpose and one or more of these purposes is a commercial, industrial, cultural or community purpose as provided for in sub-clause (a) above.

#### **Differential rating group 2: Residential.**

Differential Rating Group 2 shall comprise all separately rateable properties:

2.1 With a land area of 1 hectare or less, not being properties in Differential Rating Group 1 and which are:

- a) Used for residential and related purposes, including (by way of example):
- Owner/occupier, rental and other multi-unit flats;
  - Residential homes owned and operated by registered charitable trusts;
  - Rural or urban small holdings or farmlets that contain one or more residential dwellings;

**but excluding:**

- Commercial accommodation such as hotels, motels, tourist hotels and commercially owned or operated residential homes;
- Hospitals;

or

- b) Vacant land or substantially vacant land which is capable of being used for the erection of a dwelling house or other residential and related uses as provided for in sub-clause 2.1(a) above;

or

2.2 With a land area in excess of 1 hectare, not being properties in Differential Rating Group 1 and which are properties used for multi-unit residential purposes;

or

2.3 With a land area of any size, not being properties in Differential Rating Group 1 and which properties are used for:

- a) Religious places of worship;
- b) Community halls, cultural facilities, recreation and sports grounds, reserves, cemeteries and urupas, where such uses are located within residential areas;
- c) Educational uses and institutions located outside of industrial and commercial areas;
- d) Marae, meeting houses and related facilities.

### **Differential rating group 3: Small holdings**

Differential Rating Group 3 shall comprise all separately rateable properties, not being properties included in Differential Rating Group 1 or Differential Rating Group 2 and which:

3.1 Have a land area in excess of 1 hectare but no greater than 4 hectares and do not meet the requirements of clauses 4.2(a), (b) or (c) for inclusion in Differential Rating Group 4;

or

3.2 Have a land area of 1 hectare or less and are used in conjunction with one or more other properties (and the total land area is in excess of 1 hectare but no greater than 4 hectares) in circumstances to which Section 23 of the Rating Powers Act 1988 applies.

### **Differential rating group 4: Farmland**

Differential Rating Group 4 shall comprise all separately rateable properties, not being properties included in Differential Rating Group 1 or Differential Rating Group 2 or Differential Rating Group 3 and which:

4.1 Have a land area in excess of 4 hectares;

or

4.2 Have a land area of 4 hectares or less and:

a) Are vacant or substantially vacant land which is not capable of being used for the erection of a dwelling house or other residential and related uses as defined in sub-clause 2.1(a) above;

or

b) Are used for community halls, cultural facilities, recreation and sports grounds, reserves, cemeteries and urupas, where such uses are located within the rural area;

or

c) Are used in conjunction with one or more other properties as a single farm (and the total land area of the single farm is more than 4 hectares) in circumstances to which Section 23 of the Rating Powers Act 1988 apply.

### **Due Dates**

Pursuant to Section 24 of the Act the Council's rates will become due and payable by four equal instalments on the following dates:

Instalment 1 27 August 2008

Instalment 2 26 November 2008

Instalment 3 25 February 2009

Instalment 4 27 May 2009.

### **Penalties and Discounts**

Pursuant to Section 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 the following penalties on unpaid rates will be applied:

- a charge of 10 percent on so much of any instalment that has been assessed after 1 July 2008 and which remains unpaid after the due date for that instalment.
- a charge of 10 percent on so much of any rates levied before 1 July 2008 which remain unpaid on 1 July 2008 or such later date as required under section 58(1)(b)(ii) (New Plymouth, North Taranaki and Stratford constituencies only).
- a continuing additional penalty of 10 percent on so much of any rates levied before 1 July 2008 that remain unpaid six months after the previous penalty was added (New Plymouth, North Taranaki and Stratford constituencies only).

The Council will allow a discount of 3% where a ratepayer pays the year's rates in full on or before the due date of the first instalment for the year. This will be 27 August 2008. South Taranaki constituency only.

### **Payment Locations**

The Council's rates and charges will become due and payable at the principal offices and service centres of the region's district councils. The rates and charges can also be paid at the principal office of the Taranaki Regional Council.

2. appoints the New Plymouth District Council, the Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council, pursuant to section 53 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to collect the rates set by the Taranaki Regional Council.
3. approves the keeping the rating information database in separate parts for the constituent districts of the region and delegates the function of maintaining the rating information database to the New Plymouth District Council, the Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council, pursuant to section 27(7) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.
4. delegates to the Chief Executive and the Director – Corporate Services the power to resolve administrative matters in relation to the collection of the Taranaki Regional Council's rates and the administration of the rating information database.

08/106

Lean/Horton

## **7. Council tours - Ordinary Meetings**

- 7.1 The memorandum advising Members that a programme of tours following each Ordinary Meeting of Council will resume was received and noted.

### **Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on the provision of regional tours for the benefit of Councillors.

08/107

Joyce/Horton

## **8. Meeting Dates - June/July 2008**

- 8.1 Members received and noted the memorandum providing information on the next six-weekly round of Council meetings for 2008.

## **9. General Business**

Council Chairman, Mr D N MacLeod, thanked Council staff on the preparation and organisation of the 2008 Taranaki Regional Council Environmental Awards.

## **10. Public Excluded**

Members resolved not to take the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council into public excluded as there were no matters arising under the items for discussion.

There being no further business, Chairman D N MacLeod, declared the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council closed at 11.25 am.

**Confirmed**

**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**D N MacLeod**

**Date:** **1 July 2008**

**Minutes of the Consents and Regulatory  
Committee Meeting of the Taranaki  
Regional Council, held in the Taranaki  
Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten  
Road, Stratford, on Wednesday 11 June  
2008 at 10.30 am.**

**ITEM TWO**

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<b>Present</b>	Councillors	D L Lean M J Cloke M A Irving B R Jeffares M B Marsh R F H Maxwell N W Walker	(Chairperson)
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)
<b>In attendance</b>	Messrs	B G Chamberlain A D McLay G K Bedford M J Nield C H McLellan P D Ashe B E Pope C Fowles	(Chief Executive) (Director-Resource Management) (Director-Environment Quality) (Director-Corporate Services) (Consents Manager) (Monitoring Manager) (Compliance Manager) (Scientific Officer)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)

**Apologies** The apologies from Councillor M G Davey and Councillor M P Joyce were received and sustained.

**Notification of  
Late Items** There were no late items of business.

**1. Confirmed Minutes: Consents and Regulatory Committee  
- 29 April 2008**

**Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting held on Tuesday 29 April 2008 at 10.30 am.

08/108

Irving/MacLeod

## **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **2. Non- notified resource consents and exercise of delegations**

- 2.1 The Committee considered and discussed the memorandum advising the Committee of non-notified consents/certificates of compliance granted under delegated authority and of consent processing actions since the last meeting.
- 2.2 The exercise of delegations under the Resource Management Act 1991 was reported for information.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the schedule of non-notified resource consents/certificates of compliance granted under delegated authority
2. receives the schedule of consent processing delegations.

08/109

Lean/Marsh

### **3. Reports on two applications for limited-notified resource consents: Roger Dickie Family Trust - review water take consent 5807 and Kohi Beach Farm Limited - vary water take consent 4783**

- 3.1 Mr C H McLellan, Consents Manager, spoke to the memorandum recommending that the Taranaki Regional Council approve applications following the limited-notified resource consent process, for the Roger Dickie Family Trust and Kohi Beach Farm Limited.

### **Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum
2. approves the application by Kohi Beach Farm Limited (application 2518 for change to conditions to consent 4783) subject to Council's general consent conditions and the special conditions contained in the Council's officers report

3. approves the application by the Roger Dickie Family Trust (application 4678 for review of consent 5807) subject to Council's general consent conditions and the special conditions contained in the Council's officers report.

08/110

Walker/Marsh

#### **4. R A Wallis Limited – Environment Court decision and assessment**

- 4.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum providing an assessment of the Environment Court's decision on the R A Wallis Limited quarry resource consent applications and appeals, whereby the Environment Court on 19 May 2008 upheld the appeals and declined all the applications including two applications to the Council for resource consents.

##### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum
2. notes the Environment Court's decision to uphold the appeals and decline all the applications primarily on the grounds of the adverse environmental effects of the landuse consent applications to the South Taranaki District Council
3. notes the Council was unable to defend its decision before the Environment Court.

08/111

Marsh/Jeffares

#### **5. Consent monitoring annual reports**

- 5.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum outlining 10 tailored monitoring programme annual reports for the 2006-2007, 2004-2007 and 2005-2007 monitoring periods.
- 5.2 Members noted and discussed the reports relating to the Mangati Stream Catchment, Waiwhakaiho Airshed Monitoring, Osflo Spreading Industries and PEL Waste Services Limited.

##### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the PEL Waste Services Limited (formerly Perry Environmental Limited) Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein

2. receives the Osflo Spreading Industries Ltd Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
3. receives the Waitaha Catchment Joint Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
4. receives the Mangati Stream Catchment Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
5. receives the Waiwhakaiho Airshed Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
6. receives the Dow AgroSciences Ltd Monitoring Programme Report 2002-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
7. receives the TrustPower Ltd Mangorei Hydroelectric Power Scheme Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
8. receives the Stratford District Council Huiroa, Pukengahu and Stratford Landfill Resource Consents Monitoring Programme Biennial Report 2005-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
9. receives the South Taranaki District Council Central landfill Baseline Monitoring Programme Triennial Report 2004-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
10. receives the South Taranaki District Council Hawera Municipal Oxidation Ponds System Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein.

08/112

MacLeod/Cloke

## **6. Release of report on Patea freezing works site investigations**

- 6.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum advising the Committee of the release of a report prepared by Council staff on the findings of an investigation into the possible levels of contamination at the site of the Patea freezing works.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum noting the release of the report Patea Freezing Works Detailed Site Investigation Report (Taranaki Regional Council May 2008)
2. notes the findings of the investigation, that the significant risks remaining at the site relate to asbestos and PCB's on the site, and there is no evidence of discharges from the site of environmental concern

3. notes the issues of liability remain outstanding.

08/113

Irving/Maxwell

**7. Unauthorised Incident Register  
10 April 2008 to 25 May 2008**

7.1 The Committee received and considered the Unauthorised Incidents Register for the period 10 April 2008 to 25 May 2008.

**Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the Unauthorised Incidents Register for the period 10 April 2008 to 25 May 2008 and adopts the recommendations therein.

08/114

Lean/Walker

**8. General Business**

There were no items of general business.

There being no further business, the Chairperson Mr D L Lean declared the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting closed at 11.10 am.

**Confirmed**

**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**D N MacLeod**

**Date:** **1 July 2008**

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**ITEM THREE**

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<b>Present</b>	Councillors	N W Walker P D Horton M A Irving B Marsh R Maxwell	
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)
<b>Representatives</b>	Councillor Mr	A Hickey G Hight	(South Taranaki District Council) (Federated Farmers of New Zealand)
<b>In attendance</b>	Messrs	B G Chamberlain M J Nield R A Phillips G C Severinsen	(Chief Executive) (Director-Corporate Services) (Director-Operations) (Policy Manager)
	Mrs	D A Smith	(Acting Committee Administrator)
	Ms	R Miller	(Policy Analyst)
	Mrs	J Bielski	(Policy Analyst)
	Ms	J Bowden	(Technical Officer)
	Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)
		1 member of the media	

**Apologies** Apologies were received and sustained from Councillors M J Cloke, M G Davey, M P Joyce, D L Lean and Mr J Rowe (Stratford District Council).

**Notification of  
Late Item**

There were no late items.

**1. Confirmed Minutes: Policy and Planning Committee Meeting  
- 1 May 2008**

**Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Policy & Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 1 May 2008 at 10.30 am.

08/115

Irving/Horton

### **Matters Arising**

#### Climate change policies briefing and workshop

It was noted that this workshop was well worthwhile.

## **2. Recreational Use of Coast, Rivers and Lakes in Taranaki**

- 2.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director – Environment Quality introduced the memorandum introducing a report on the recreational use of the coast, rivers and lakes in Taranaki. It was noted that a previous survey was undertaken in 1984 as part of the Ring Plain Water Resources Survey.
- 2.2 Ms Jane Bowden, Technical Officer provided Members with a powerpoint presentation on the findings of the survey. It was noted that the current report represented the results of a postal questionnaire and observation surveys undertaken to obtain up to date information on where people choose to go for recreational purposes as well as gauge the degree and types of recreational activities in which they engage.
- 2.3 The findings of the current survey would now be incorporated into state of the environment reporting and used as a basis for general water management.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on the Recreational Use of Coast, Rivers and Lakes in Taranaki 2007-2008
2. agrees the results of the report be incorporated into the State of the Environment report and used as a basis for general water management in the region.

08/116

Irving/MacLeod

## **3. Summary of interim comments received on the Regional Coastal Plan for Taranaki**

- 3.1 Mrs Jo Bielski, Policy Analyst provided Members of the Committee with a powerpoint presentation on the responses received to a request for interim comments on the current *Regional Coastal Plan for Taranaki* to assist in the Plan's review process. In response to this request, a total of 17 comments were received from various individuals and organisations.

- 3.2 It was noted that the comments would be used in the preparation of the draft *Regional Coastal Plan* but that any timeline for progressing the Draft Plan was very much dependant on progress made with regard to the *New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement*. The *New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement*, once approved, would have significant bearing on the content of the next *Regional Coastal Plan* and it was not considered desirable to progress the review into the formal statutory notification stage until the *New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement* was finalised.
- 3.3 It was agreed that the submitters should be thanked, noting that their comments would be taken on-board in the preparation of a Draft *Regional Coastal Plan*.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the interim comments received on the *Regional Coastal Plan for Taranaki*
2. notes officers' comments in response to the main submission points made
3. endorses the officers' responses made, subject to comments received by Committee Members
4. agrees to circulate officers' responses to those that made comments in response to the Council's request for initial feedback.

08/117

Horton/Irving

## **4. State of the environment: Sustainable land-use monitoring in the eastern Taranaki hill country and coastal sand country**

- 4.1 Mr G Severinsen, Policy Manager spoke to the memorandum presenting the main findings of a report entitled *Sustainable Land-use monitoring in the eastern Taranaki hill country and coastal sand country – 2007 re-survey* prepared by Landcare Research Ltd on sustainable land-use monitoring in the eastern Taranaki hill country and coastal sand country.
- 4.2 It was noted that the results of the 25 site re-survey were good news for the Council and for Taranaki and that in 2007, 87.4% of the hill country monitoring area was being used sustainably – an increase in sustainability of 2.4% ( $\pm 1.5\%$ ). There was no change on the four coastal sand country sites.
- 4.3 Members agreed this was a positive and encouraging sign, particularly given that there had been good years for the meat and wool sector during the monitoring period and that good progress had been made in managing the issue of accelerated erosion in the eastern Taranaki hill country. It was concluded that farmers were good stewards of their land.
- 4.4 The results of the survey would be included in the Council's 2008 State of the Environment report currently in preparation.

## Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on State of the Environment Sustainable land-use monitoring in the eastern Taranaki hill country and coastal sand country
2. notes that there has been an increase in sustainability on the 25 eastern Taranaki hill country monitoring sites of 2.4% ± 1.5% and no change on the four coastal sand country sites
3. notes that the results of the re-survey will be reported in the Council's 2008 State of the Environment report.

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Irving/MacLeod

## 5. Release of MAF report: costs and benefits of climate change and adaptation to climate change in NZ agriculture

- 5.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director – Environment Quality spoke to the memorandum advising Members of the recent release of a report entitled *Costs and benefits of climate change and adaptation to climate change in New Zealand agriculture: what do we know so far?* prepared by MAF examining the implications of climate change for agricultural productivity and economics in New Zealand on a national and regional scale.
- 5.2 It was noted that the study found that for the Taranaki region, the probability of a moderate drought occurring in successive years had not changed and the probability of a severe drought was non-existent. The study found that Taranaki, Southland and the West Coast are regions of New Zealand least likely to experience drought in successive years.
- 5.3 It was noted that the study was not a comprehensive and integrated study of all consequences of climate change for agriculture but focused only on productivity. It confirmed and in some cases, reinforced some of the predictions and modelling outputs that have emerged previously, that overall Taranaki farmers will benefit from changes to the climate.

## Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives this memorandum noting the release by MAF of the report *Costs and benefits of climate change and adaptation to climate change in New Zealand agriculture: what do we know so far?* and discussing the implications of its findings for the Taranaki pastoral agricultural sector.

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Horton/Irving

## **6. Waste Minimisation Bill as reported back to Parliament**

- 6.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director – Environment Quality spoke to the memorandum updating Members on the progress of the Waste Minimisation Bill [formerly the Waste Minimisation (Solids) Bill which was in its final stages of consideration by Parliament and would take effect from 1 July 2009.
- 6.2 It was noted that despite strong submissions to the contrary, the Bill had no role for regional councils as of right. The Bill gave a wider range of functions to those involved in waste management, particularly territorial local authorities and any future involvement in waste management in the region by the Council would be provided for through the waste management plans of each district council.
- 6.3 It was noted that the Council had a long history of waste management involvement both independently and in conjunction with the district councils of the region. The Council currently had representation on the Regional Solid Wastes Working Party, convened a waste management forum of councillors and senior staff of all four councils and employed a Waste Minimisation Officer. It was noted that the role of the Waste Minimisation Officer could be continued if provided for in the waste management and minimisation plans of the territorial local authorities. Alternatively, the Council could apply for a grant towards this position, to be provided through the district councils, from the waste levy monies provided by the Government.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives this memorandum on the Waste Minimisation Bill as re-introduced back into the House of Representatives
2. notes that the Bill provides no role nor funding for a regional council to engage in waste management and waste minimisation activities
3. notes that under the provisions of the Bill, any such role involving partnership or coordination with the district councils would have to be provided for through a waste management and minimisation plan of each district council
4. discusses with the region's district councils through the Regional Solid Wastes Working Party and other avenues the future engagement of the Regional Council in waste management in the region.

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MacLeod/Irving

## **7. National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission**

- 7.1 Mr G Severinsen, Policy Manager spoke to the memorandum introducing the final gazetted National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission (NPS) which came into force on 10 April 2008.
- 7.2 It was noted that following an initial assessment, it did not appear there was any need to change the Council's plans to give effect to the NPS as the plans already provided

for many of the activities associated with the operation, maintenance, upgrading and development of the electricity transmission network.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission
2. notes that an initial assessment has been carried out that does not identify an immediate need to change Council plans to give effect to the National Policy Statement but that changes are likely to be made to the Proposed National Policy Statement for Taranaki in response to submissions that will give effect to the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission.

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Horton/MacLeod

## **8. National Environmental Standard for Sources of Human Drinking Water**

- 8.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director – Environment Quality spoke to the memorandum updating Members on the implications for the Council and consent holders of the Ministry for the Environment 's National Environmental Standard for Sources of Drinking Water. This Standard has been legally gazetted and will come into force on 20 June 2008 although transitional provisions mean changes to permitted rules do not come into force until the *Regional Fresh Water Plan* is reviewed in 2011.
- 8.2 It was noted that the Council would be required to consider the effects of certain activities on drinking-water sources when granting water or discharge permits and when including or amending rules in a regional plan in relation to permitted activities. The regulations would also require the Council to impose a notification requirement on certain resource consents where a spillage event occurred that may have significant adverse effects on a drinking-water source.
- 8.3 It was noted that a programme of works has been identified for the Council to ensure compliance with the regulations, including identifying water supply catchments supplying over 25 people and those supplying over 500 people on the Council's GIS system so that advice can be provided to applicants on the water quality standards required.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum
2. notes that the regulations that come into force on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2008, although transitional provisions mean changes to permitted rules do not come into force until the *Fresh Water Plan* is reviewed in 2011

3. notes that the regulations have implications for consent applicants in respect of information provision, and for the Council in assessing and determining applications and when drafting conditions where consents are granted
4. notes that these immediate implications are relatively minor and are able to be managed through reviewing consent processing procedures and updating information and advice provided to consent holders and applicants
5. notes that a programme of actions has been identified to ensure that the Council complies with the regulations.

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Hickey/Horton

## **9. Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Regional Fresh Water Plan**

- 9.1 Ms R Miller, Policy Analyst provided a powerpoint presentation to Members introducing a report entitled *Effectiveness and efficiency of the Regional Fresh Water Plan for Taranaki*.
- 9.2 The report concluded that the achievement of the objectives in the *Fresh Water Plan* are generally on track and that the Council's regulatory and non-regulatory programmes are an effective and efficient means of delivering on those objectives.
- 9.3 It was agreed to circulate the report to key stakeholders for comment.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum and attached report entitled *Effectiveness and efficiency of the Regional Fresh Water Plan for Taranaki*
2. agrees to circulate to key stakeholders the *Effectiveness and efficiency of the Regional Fresh Water Plan for Taranaki* for comment.

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Horton/Irving

## **10. Trends in the ecological state of Taranaki's rivers and streams**

- 10.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director – Environment Quality spoke to the memorandum introducing an annual report entitled *Fresh Water Macroinvertebrate Fauna Biological Monitoring Programme Annual State of the Environment Monitoring Report 2006-2007*. The report detailed the findings of the Council's freshwater macroinvertebrate biological monitoring programme
- 10.2 It was noted that the report which looked at life in rivers and streams provided 'good news' with continuing maintenance or significant improvements in the state of Taranaki's surface waters.
- 10.3 The results would now be incorporated into the Council's 2008 State of the

Environment report.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the release of the report '*Fresh Water Macroinvertebrate Fauna Biological Monitoring Programme Annual State of the Environment Monitoring Report 2006-2007, Technical Report 2007-22*', Taranaki Regional Council December 2007
2. notes that the report finds continuing maintenance or significant improvement in the state of Taranaki's surface waters, as measured through biological indicators within a monitoring programme implemented as part of the Council's state of the environment monitoring
3. notes that this finding represents attainment of the objectives set out in the Council's Regional Fresh Water Plan for Taranaki (2001), 'to maintain and enhance the quality of the surface water resources of Taranaki..' (objectives 6.2.1 and 6.3.1).

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MacLeod/Horton

## **11. General Business**

There was no general business.

There being no further business, the Committee Chairman Councillor N W Walker, declared the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 12.25pm.

### **Confirmed**

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_  
D N MacLeod

**Date:** 1 July 2008

**Minutes of the Executive Committee  
Meeting of the Taranaki Regional  
Council, held in the Taranaki Regional  
Council Committee Room, 47 Cloten  
Road, Stratford, on Monday 23 June 2008  
at 10.00 am.**

**ITEM FOUR**

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**Present** Councillors D N MacLeod (Chairperson)  
R F H Maxwell

**In attendance** Messrs B G Chamberlain (Chief Executive)  
M J Nield (Director – Corporate Services)  
P Ledingham (Information Officer)  
Mrs K van Gameren (Committee Administrator)

One member of the media

**Apologies** The apologies from Councillor D L Lean and Councillor N W Walker were received and sustained.

**Notification of  
Late Items** General Business – Taranaki Regional Council/Fonterra Planting  
Day 18 June 2008

**1. Financial and Operational Report**

- 1.1 The Committee received and considered the Monthly Financial Report for April 2008 outlining the operational and financial performance of the Council for the month and year to date.
- 1.2 The documents signed under the Council’s seal during the period to 23 June 2008 were noted and confirmed.
- 1.3 Members discussed and noted the information provided on usage pertaining to the Council’s internet and Regional Explorer websites.

**Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives this memorandum and adopts the Monthly Financial Report for April 2008
2. notes the Common Seal has been affixed to the following documents:
  - 2008/01 Memorandum of Encumbrance. EC O’Sullivan & EJ Lobb - Lts 1-3 DP16452 BLKIV Mimi SD

- 2008/02 Deed of Grant of Funds - Department of Conservation - Biodiversity Condition Fund - Umuteki Bush Covenants
- 2008/03 Renewal of lease 343414 - KA Terry and AR Richards - Lot 16 DP 9392
- 2008/04 Consent to registration of a transfer - lease 343414 - KA Terry and AR Richards - Lot 16 DP 9392

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MacLeod/Maxwell

## **2. Flood event 30 April 2008**

- 2.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum advising Members of the effects on watercourses following the 30 April 2008 flood event and to seek approval of funding for repair and restoration work.
- 2.2 Members noted that the Council's recorder at the Mangatete Bridge over the Stony River captured the highest one-hour rainfall intensity and highest ever peak flow.
- 2.3 Members discussed the Council's proposal to restore and repair Council river works and the removal of blockages and the clearance of channels and agreed to approve the proposed funding requirements.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum
2. approves funding of \$35,000 for repair and restoration work to Council river works
3. notes that future river management of the Stony River reach in the vicinity of State Highway 45 will be further investigated and the subject of later reporting
4. approves funding of \$20,000 for channel clearing in the Kaihihi, Mangatete and Stony watercourses
5. approves funding of \$50,000 for cost sharing with landholders to undertake 30 April event-related channel clearing in watercourses between the Oakura and Waiaua catchments.

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Maxwell/MacLeod

## **3. South Taranaki Bus Services**

- 3.1 The memorandum providing an update on the three South Taranaki Bus Services weekly return passenger transport 18 month trial and a request for approval to extend the existing trial period for another six months to 30 June 2009 as received and discussed by the Committee.

## **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the update of the three SouthLink passenger service trials
2. notes that correspondence has been sent to Land Transport New Zealand seeking agreement for a six month extension to the existing contracted agreements
3. notes that a response from Land Transport New Zealand on the requested six month extension, for each service, is anticipated to be received in early June
4. agrees to the six month extension for each service, further to agreement from Land Transport New Zealand.

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MacLeod/Maxwell

## **4. General Business**

### Taranaki Regional Council/Fonterra Planting Day 18 June 2008

Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, provided a verbal report to the Committee on the riparian planting day held Wednesday 18 June 2008 on a dairy farm near Opunake involving farming leaders, Fonterra representatives and staff and the Council.

There being no further business, the Chairperson Mr D N MacLeod, declared the Executive Committee meeting closed at 10.50 am.

## **Confirmed**

**Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_

**D N MacLeod**

**Date:**

**1 July 2008**

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**Minutes of the Regional Land Transport  
Committee Meeting of the Taranaki  
Regional Council, held in the Taranaki  
Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road,  
Stratford on Tuesday 24 June 2008  
commencing at 10.30 am.**

**ITEM FIVE**

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<b>Present</b>	Councillors	R F H Maxwell M J Cloke P D Horton B J Marsh	(Chairperson)
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)
<b>Representatives</b>	Councillors	G Lawson H Dodunski	(South Taranaki District Council) (New Plymouth District Council)
	Mayor	J D Edwards	(Stratford District Council)
	Messrs	E Christiansen	(Transit New Zealand)
		B Eriksen	(Taranaki Disabilities Information Centre Trust)
		J H Geraghty	(Road Transport Association – Western Central District)
	Mrs	A Jamieson	(Bus & Coach Association)
Mrs	R Orr	(Land Transport New Zealand) from 10.50am	
	Mrs	K Stowers	(New Zealand Automobile Association)
<b>In Attendance</b>	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
		R A Phillips	(Director-Operations)
		G C Severinsen	(Policy Manager)
		W Wallace	(Technical Officer Transport Projects)
		C Clarke	(Passenger Services Officer)
	Mrs	P Ledingham	(Information Officer)
		K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Messrs	M Aves	(New Plymouth District Council)
		A Wilson	(New Plymouth District Council)
		A Wright	(Toll New Zealand)
Ms	E Shaw	(Ministry of Transport) from 10.50am	

One member of the media from 10.40am.

**Apologies** The apologies from Councillor D L Lean, Councillor B R Jeffares, Mr I May (Taranaki District Health Board), Inspector N Wynne (New Zealand Police) and Mrs S Foley (Toll New Zealand) were received and sustained.

**Notification of Late Items** There were no late items of business.

**1. Confirmed Minutes - Regional Land Transport Committee:  
13 March 2008**

**Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting held on Thursday 13 March 2008 at 1.30 pm.

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Cloke/Marsh

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**2. Passenger transport operational update**

- 2.1 The memorandum providing Members with an update on passenger transport operational matters was received and discussed by the Committee. The memorandum provided updates on: the New Plymouth Concession Fare Scheme; the progress in the implementation of the new Contract for bus services in New Plymouth commencing 1 July 2008; the South Taranaki Transport Services trials; the Inglewood to New Plymouth Services trial; the next step in the Passenger Services four trial services; the Total Mobility ID card system and the Total Mobility \$10 flat rate payment.

**Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the update on the New Plymouth Concession Fare Scheme Agreement passenger's services trial
2. receives and notes the update on the New Plymouth services Contract commencing 1 July 2008
3. receives and notes the update on the Inglewood to New Plymouth passenger's services trial
4. receives and notes the update on the South Taranaki passenger's services trial
5. receives and notes the update on the extension of the four passenger's services trials until 30 June 2009
6. receives and notes the update on the Total Mobility I.D Card System
7. receives and notes the update on the Total Mobility \$10 flat rate payment.

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Maxwell/Horton

**3. Passenger survey responses**

- 3.1 The Committee received and discussed the memorandum informing Members of the

results of passenger transport surveys undertaken in the 2007/2008 financial year for the Inglewood to New Plymouth, Waverley to Hawera, Opunake to Hawera and Opunake to New Plymouth bus services.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on the 2007/2008 survey of passenger transport users in the Taranaki region.

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Marsh/Dodunski

## **4. Stock truck effluent disposal update**

- 4.1 Mr R A Phillips, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum providing the Committee with an update on issues pertaining to stock truck effluent disposal sites in the region.
- 4.2 Members noted and discussed the apparent overuse of the regions four stock truck effluent sites due to no disposal sites being available near the Taranaki regional boundary. The Committee endorsed the request of the Taranaki Stock Truck Effluent Disposal Working Party for Transit New Zealand to investigate sites for the Wanganui/Manawatu and Waikato regions.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes that correspondence has been sent by the Council on behalf of the Taranaki Stock Truck Effluent Disposal Working Party to Transit New Zealand noting concerns that no stock truck disposal sites have yet been installed near to Taranaki's regional boundaries.

08/131

Cloke/MacLeod

## **5. Rail update**

- 5.1 The memorandum updating members on progress made by the Stratford to Okahukura Railway Line Working Party and providing information on the Government's recent purchase of the rail and ferry assets from Toll Holdings Limited was received and noted by the Committee.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes that a report has been developed by ONTRACK which investigates the condition and future usage of the SOL Line and that this report will be presented to the next Regional Land Transport Committee meeting

2. receives the information on the Government's recent purchase of the rail and ferry assets from Toll Holdings Ltd.

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Lawson/Edwards

## **6. State Highway 3 Working Party update**

- 6.1 The Committee received and discussed the memorandum providing an update to Members on the State Highway 3 Working Party following their meeting held 9 April 2008.
- 6.2 Members noted the concern of the State Highway 3 Working Party regarding the turning movements of vehicles into the Onaero Motor Camp on State Highway 3. The Committee agreed to send formal correspondence to Transit New Zealand and Transfield Services requesting improvements be made noting recent changes in use and increased vehicle movements at the Motor Camp.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the meeting notes of the State Highway 3 Working Party meeting held at the Awakino Bowling Club on 9 April 2008
2. notes the issues that the State Highway 3 Working Party is addressing through their continued advocacy and promotional initiatives
3. agrees to write to Transit New Zealand and Transfield Services requesting improvements be made to the Onaero Motor Camp entrance situated on State Highway 3, North Taranaki, noting recent changes in use and increased vehicle movements.

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Dodunski/Cloke

## **7. Waikato Inter Regional Transport Study**

- 7.1 Mr G C Severinsen, Policy Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing to the Committee the development of an Inter Regional Transport Study for the Waikato Region that has linkages through to the Taranaki Region.
- 7.2 Environment Waikato has proposed the implementation of an inter-regional transport study to assess the appropriate land transport provision and network requirements in the future for Waikato and neighbouring regions. Such a study requires a collaborative approach between the Waikato, Auckland, Bay of Plenty and Taranaki Regional Council's, ONTRACK, Transit New Zealand and Land Transport New Zealand.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the development of an Inter Regional Transport Study for the Waikato Region

2. notes that the Study has implications for the Taranaki Region
3. agrees that the Regional Land Transport Committee for Taranaki be part of the Project Reference Group.

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MacLeod/Geraghty

## **8. Taranaki Regional Funding update**

- 8.1 Mr R A Phillips, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum providing an update to Members on the finalised Regional Funding Project Priority List sent to Land Transport New Zealand by the due date of 28 March 2008 and the amount of regional funds both allocated and spent within the Taranaki region to date.
- 8.2 Mrs R Orr, Land Transport New Zealand, advised that Land Transport New Zealand have supported the Committee's recommendations for R funding for 2008/2008.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the finalised Regional Funding Project Priority List sent to Land Transport New Zealand by the due date of 28 March 2008
2. notes the information provided by Land Transport New Zealand on the amount of Regional Funds currently allocated to Taranaki, what has been spent or allocated so far, and what is left over.

08/135

Marsh/Cloke

## **9. New Plymouth Strategic Study update**

- 9.1 Mr R A Phillips, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum introducing to the Committee a report entitled Summary Report of Transport Issues and Options for the New Plymouth District Council (the Report) and a draft submission prepared on behalf of the Regional Land Transport Committee in response.
- 9.2 Mr A Wilson, New Plymouth District Council, provided a powerpoint presentation on the Report and Mr E Christiansen, Transit New Zealand, provided a presentation on the next steps of the report from the perspective if possible implementation and funding of the conclusions pertaining to the state highway network within the New Plymouth district.
- 9.3 Members conducted a general discussion on the Report and noted that any traffic control methods that could congest or slow down the flow of vehicles along the northern outlet from New Plymouth would require further consideration.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the development of a *Summary Report of Transport Issues and Options for the New Plymouth Strategic Transport Study*
2. receives a presentation from the New Plymouth District Council and Transit New Zealand on the *Summary Report of Transport Issues and Options for the New Plymouth Strategic Transport Study*
3. endorses the submission prepared by officers of the Taranaki Regional Council in response to the *Summary Report of Transport Issues and Options Report*, subject to comments made at the meeting.

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Maxwell/Cloke

## **10. Land Transport Management Amendment Bill update**

- 10.1 The Committee received and noted the memorandum providing information to Members of the Transport and Industrial relations Select Committee Report (the Report) prepared in response to the submissions received on the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill (the Bill) and the implications of the Report on the Taranaki region.
- 10.2 Mr E Christiansen, Transit New Zealand, (as a follow-on from his powerpoint presentation in Item 9) and Mrs R Orr, Land Transport New Zealand, provided an update to the Committee on the changes to their respective organisations and the implications to the Regional Land Transport Committee of the Land Transport Amendment Bill expected to be passed into law by the end of June 2008.
- 10.3 The New Zealand Transport Agency comes into effect 1 July 2008 formed by combining the functions of Land Transport New Zealand and Transit New Zealand. Members noted and supported the inclusion of Taranaki into a central zone including Manawatu and other 'southern' regions. Members noted and agreed to advocate to the newly formed New Zealand Transport Agency to have a presence with the Taranaki region.
- 10.4 The Select Committee did not recommend any changes to the Bill in terms of committee membership and voting rights. The membership of the Committee will reduce from 19 to 12 members and will be reformed as a Regional Transport Committee before 1 October 2008. Committee Chairperson, Councillor R F H Maxwell, noted and thanked the Representative Members for their work and support during their term on the Committee.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the changes made to the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill by the Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee
2. notes the implications of this Select Committee Report on the Taranaki Region
3. notes that the 24 June 2008 Regional Land Transport Committee meeting is the last meeting to be held before membership changes, further to the requirements of the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill

4. agrees to advocate to the New Zealand Transport Agency to have a presence within the Taranaki region and that the Taranaki region be serviced from the south.

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Maxwell/Dodunski

## **11. Update from Land Transport New Zealand**

Mrs R Orr provided the Committee with matters of interest from Land Transport New Zealand.

## **12. Update from each of the three District Councils**

- 12.1 Mrs H Dodunski (New Plymouth District Council), Mayor J Edwards (Stratford District Council) and Mr G Lawson (South Taranaki District Council) provided the Committee with matters of interest from their districts.

## **13. Update from New Zealand Police**

- 13.1 Due to the absence of Inspector N Wynne from the meeting, no update from New Zealand Police was made available.

## **14. Update from Transit New Zealand**

- 14.1 Mr E Christiansen provided the Committee with matters of interest from Transit New Zealand.

## **15. General Business**

There were no items of general business.

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor R F H Maxwell, declared the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

**Confirmed**

**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**D N MacLeod**

**Date:** **1 July 2008**

**ITEM SIX**

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1 July 2008

**Memorandum to  
Chairperson and Members  
Taranaki Regional Council**

**Minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group**

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to receive the confirmed minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Group Meeting held on 18 March 2008.
2. The minutes were received and approved at the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 10 June 2008.
3. A copy of the minutes is attached to this memorandum for information.

**Recommendation**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held on Tuesday 18 March 2008.

B G Chamberlain  
Chief Executive

**Minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held in the Taranaki Emergency Management Office, 45 Robe Street, New Plymouth on Tuesday 18 March 2008 commencing at 10.00 am.**

<b>Present</b>		B R Jeffares	(Taranaki Regional Council)(Chairperson)
		P D Tennent	(New Plymouth District Council)
		A Matheson	(New Plymouth District Council)
		J D Edwards	(Stratford District Council)
		N Volzke	(Stratford District Council)
		R Dunlop	(South Taranaki District Council)
		G Lawson	(South Taranaki District Council)

<b>In attendance</b>	Messrs	G K Bedford	(Taranaki Regional Council)
		M Langford	(Taranaki Regional Council)
		D L Lean	(Regional Civil Defence Controller)
	Mrs	D A Smith	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mrs	D Paulsen	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mr	K Evans	(Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management)
	Councillor	A Judd	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Messrs	A Hawkes	(Eltham Community Board)
		D Hislop	(Kaitake Community Board)

One member of the media

**Apologies**            There were no apologies.

**Notification of Late Items**            There were no late items of business.

**Briefing**            Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a briefing on civil defence emergency management as well as the legal responsibilities placed on elected members under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 was provided.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting -  
4 December 2007

## **Resolved**

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held in the Taranaki Emergency Management Office, 45 Robe Street, New Plymouth on Tuesday 4 December 2007 at 10.30 am; and
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Jeffares/Tennent

## **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **2. Minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group**

Minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group meetings:

Tuesday 6 November 2007; and  
Wednesday 27 February 2008 (Unconfirmed)

## **Recommended**

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group meeting held on Tuesday 6 November 2007; and
2. notes the unconfirmed minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group meeting held on Wednesday 27 February 2008.

Tennent/Dunlop

## **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **3. Update on Text Message Warning System ('OPTN')**

- 3.1 Mr M Langford, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum updating members on the introduction of a text message warning system in Taranaki. It was noted that there were now 2,800 subscribers to the service and that the service would be again advertised during Disaster Awareness Week in early October.

## **Recommended**

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives this memorandum on the update of the implementation of a text alerting system for CDEM purposes in Taranaki.

Jeffares/Tennent

#### **4. Lifelines Advisory Group Activity Report**

- 4.1 Mr G K Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council updated Members on the activities of the Lifelines Advisory Group. Members indicated their appreciation at the acceptance by John Sutton (NPDC) to be Lifelines Co-ordinator and John Jones (SDC) to be alternate co-ordinator.

##### **Recommended**

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives the report on the Lifelines Advisory Group.

Tennent/Edwards

#### **5. Appointment of chair and deputy chair for Co-ordinating Executive Group**

- 5.1 Mr G K Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum advising Members of the appointment of a chairperson and deputy chairperson for the Co-ordinating Executive Group.
- 5.2 It was noted that Mr David Lean had been elected as Chairperson and Mr Gary Bedford had been elected as Deputy Chairperson of the Co-ordinating Executive Group to serve until the next triennial local body elections. To provide for the gap in time between the elections and the subsequent meeting of the CEG, it was noted that a new chair and deputy chair should be elected at the meeting of the CEG prior to the next triennial local body elections.

##### **Recommended**

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. notes the appointment of David Lean as Co-ordinating Executive Group chairperson and Gary Bedford as deputy chairperson for a term expiring at the next local body triennial elections.

Tennent/Edwards

#### **6. Briefing by TrustPower on the Patea Dam**

- 6.1 Members of the Group received and discussed the memorandum on a briefing by TrustPower to the CEG on the management and current contingency planning for the Patea Dam, and the forthcoming resource consent renewal process.
- 6.2 It was noted that it was timely to work with TrustPower during the resource consent renewal process to assist the Company to upgrade their contingency planning before an

event occurred. A submission had been prepared on behalf of the CEG on TrustPower's resource consent applications relating to the Patea Dam outlining relevant concerns.

**Recommended**

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives this memorandum.

Jeffares/Matheson

**7. Review of Patea evacuation (freezing works fire)**

- 7.1 Members discussed the involvement of the Group in the evacuation of Patea on 6 February 2008 following a fire at the Patea Freezing Works and the findings of a de-brief of CEG Members and officers from other agencies who were involved.
- 7.2 Mr R Dunlop, Mayor of South Taranaki District indicated that he believed the overall response had been right but felt that the biggest problem for the residents of Patea had been fear with regard to the asbestos and believed the Taranaki District Health Board should have tested the samples more quickly to allay those fears.
- 7.3 Mr G Bedford, who was congratulated for his part in the public meeting at Patea, suggested that the Medical Officer of Health Dr Richard Hoskins should be asked to attend the next meeting of the Group to report on the findings of the Health Board's internal debrief.

**Recommended**

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives this memorandum;
2. notes that a de-brief of agencies involved in the evacuation of Patea on 6 February 2008 has been held;
3. requests Taranaki District Health Board's Medical Officer of Health, Dr Richard Hoskins to attend the next meeting of the Group to report on the findings of the Health Board's internal debrief.

Edwards/Jeffares

**8. Updated Civil Defence Emergency Management Public Education Plan for Taranaki for 2005 - 2010**

- 8.1 Mr G Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum introducing the updated Civil Defence Emergency Management Public Education Plan for 2005-2010 noting that it was a five year plan structured and integrated with the Ministry's Public Education Plan.

**Recommended**

**THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group**

1. receives this memorandum;
2. adopts the updated *Civil Defence Emergency Management Public Education Plan for 2005-2010*.

Tennent/Jeffares

**9. Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management Report**

- 9.1 Mr K Evans, Emergency Management Advisor for the Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management gave a report which included Exercise Ruauumoko held in Auckland recently, the Ministry's new 24/7 call arrangement and the Central Region MCDEM Forum to be held on 20 March 2008 in Gisborne.

**Recommended**

**THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group**

1. receives the Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management report.

**10. General Business**

Possible flooding following the breaking of the current drought. It was advised that the Waitotara River could now handle much heavier flows following recent river control works.

There being no further business, Chairperson Mr B R Jeffares (Taranaki Regional Council), declared the meeting of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group closed at 12.05 pm.

**Confirmed:**

**Chairperson:**

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**B R Jeffares**

**Date:**

**10 June 2008**

1 July 2008

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**Memorandum to  
Chairperson and Members  
Taranaki Regional Council**

**Youth Environment Forum 2008**

**Purpose**

1. Penny Lynne-Siebert (New Plymouth Girls High School), Hazel Swanson (New Plymouth Girls High School) and Abbie Fowler (Inglewood High School) will inform the Council of their experiences as the Taranaki delegates at the Youth Environment Forum.

**Sir Peter Blake Youth Environment Forum**

2. The three students were winners of the Taranaki Regional Council Essay competition to select the delegates.
3. They attended the Youth Environment Forum in Wellington hosted by the Ministry for the Environment and the Sir Peter Blake Trust held at the end of April 2008.

**Recommendation**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the report from the Youth Environment Forum delegates.

Approved:

M J Nield  
Director - Corporate Services

B G Chamberlain  
Chief Executive

**ITEM EIGHT**

1 July 2008

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**Memorandum to  
Chairperson and Members  
Taranaki Regional Council**

**Meeting Dates – July/August 2008**

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information on the next six-weekly round of Council meetings for 2008.

**Meeting Dates**

2. At the Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 12 December 2007, the 2008 schedule of Council meetings was adopted.
3. Member's attention is drawn to the next six-weekly round of meetings.
4. The six-weekly round of meetings for July/August 2008 will be as follows:

Consents and Regulatory Committee	Tuesday 22 July 2008
Policy and Planning Committee	Thursday 24 July 2008
Executive Committee	Monday 4 August 2008
Ordinary Meeting	Tuesday 12 August 2008

B G Chamberlain  
Chief Executive