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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 23 September 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 23 September 2008 at 10.30am.



Councillors

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

In Attendance

Messrs	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

Notification of Late Items

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Resolve	
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 12 August 2008 at 10.30am.	
Matters arising:	

Item 2

Confirmation of Minutes

Consents and Regulatory Committee:
Wednesday 3 September 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 3 September 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 3 September 2008 at 10.30am.

Matters arising:

Item 3

Confirmation of Minutes

Policy and Planning Committee
Thursday 4 September 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 4 September 2008 at 10.30am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Matters arising:

Item 4

Confirmation of Minutes

Executive Committee
Monday 15 September 2008

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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 15 September 2008 at 10.00am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Matters arising:



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Resolve

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council, namely:

**Item 12: Confidential Minutes
Consents and Regulatory Committee
Wednesday 3 September 2008**

**Item 13: Confidential Minutes
Executive Committee
Monday 15 September 2008**

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of the resolution are as follows:

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Item 12 – Confidential Minutes	Where the disclosure of the information would likely prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.	NZS9202:2003 Incorporating Amendment No. 1 A1(a)
Item 13 – Confidential Minutes	Where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.	NZS9202:2003 Incorporating Amendment No. 1 A2(b)(ii)



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**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the
Taranaki Regional Council, held in the
Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47
Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 12
August 2008 at 10.30am.**

ITEM ONE

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Present	Councillors	D N MacLeod M G Davey P D Horton M A Irving B R Jeffares M P Joyce D L Lean B J Marsh R F H Maxwell	(Chairman)
In attendance	Messrs	B G Chamberlain M J Nield A D McLay R A Phillips G K Bedford A W Young P Ledingham	(Chief Executive) (Director-Corporate Services) (Director-Resource Management) (Director-Operations) (Director-Environment Quality) (Financial Services Manager) (Information Officer)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Mrs	J Bielski	(Policy Analyst)

One member of the media.

Apologies The apologies from Councillor M J Cloke and Councillor N W Walker were received and sustained.

**Notification of
Late Items** Item 5 - Composition of new Regional Transport Committee
Ministerial Regional Guidelines for Appointments to Regional
Transport Committees of Regional Councils issued by the Minister
of Transport - *tabled*

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council
Tuesday 1 July 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 1 July 2008 at 10.30 am

08/174

Lean/Horton

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Consents and Regulatory Committee
Tuesday 22 July 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 22 July 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 22 July 2008 at 10.30 am.

08/175

Lean/Marsh

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee
Thursday 24 July 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 24 July 2008 at 10.30 am.

2. adopts the recommendations therein.

08/176

Horton/Joyce

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Executive Committee
Monday 4 August 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 4 August 2008 at 10.00 am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

08/177

Lean/Maxwell

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Composition of new Regional Transport Committee

- 5.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum providing an overview of the changes required to Regional Land Transport Committees as a result of the requirements of the new Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008 (the Act) and to request endorsement for the composition of a new Regional Transport Committee.
- 5.2 Members received and noted the Ministerial Regional Guidelines (tabled) issued by the Minister of Transport. The Guidelines provided advice on the appointments to Regional Transport Committees of people to represent the five New Zealand Transport Strategy objectives and cultural interests. The appointment process for regional council, territorial authorities and the New Zealand Transport Agency representatives are defined in the Act. Councillor B J Marsh expressed concern that the representatives to the Regional Transport Committee representing the five objectives would not provide adequate qualifications or expertise on roading issues for the Taranaki region.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the changes required to the name and composition of regional land transport committees further to the implementation of the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008
2. dissolves the current Regional Land Transport Committee
3. constitutes a Regional Transport Committee pursuant to the requirements of the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008
4. notes that the key functions of the Regional Transport Committee will be to develop a:
 - § Regional land transport strategy for its region, or any variations to the strategy, or any reports on the strategy.
 - § Regional land transport programme for its region or any variations to the programme.
 - § Regional fuel tax scheme for its region, if the committee decides to recommend such a scheme.pursuant to the requirements of the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008

08/178

Lean/Marsh

- 5.3 Taranaki Regional Council Chairman, Mr D N MacLeod, called for nominations from Members for the appointment of two regional council representatives to the Regional Transport Committee. Councillor M J Cloke submitted his nomination in writing to the Chairman due to him being absent from the meeting. Councillor R F H Maxwell and Councillor B R Jeffares also requested to be considered for the Committee positions.
- 5.4 Prior to considering the nominations, the Council determined an election process as defined by the Local Government Act. Following discussion, voting System B was adopted.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. selects voting 'System B' and proceeds with the election of a two Taranaki Regional Councillors to the Regional Transport Committee using the preferred system.

08/179

MacLeod/Lean

- 5.5 Taranaki Regional Council Chairman, Mr D N MacLeod, invited each Councillor to make a brief presentation/statement in support of their application. Each made a presentation to Council in the following order:- Councillor Cloke (prepared statement from Councillor Cloke read by the Chairman), Jeffares and Maxwell.

- 5.6 Members were invited to cast their votes for the three candidates. A candidate would be elected once he receives more votes than any other candidate from the nine Members present and voting. Two rounds of voting will be conducted – one round for each position on the Committee.

Voting Round One	Councillor Cloke	1 vote
	Councillor Jeffares	3 votes
	Councillor Maxwell	4 votes
Voting Round Two	Councillor Cloke	1 vote
	Councillor Jeffares	6 votes

Councillor R F H Maxwell (voting round one) and Councillor B R Jeffares (voting round two) were duly elected.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. appoints Councillor Brian R Jeffares and Councillor Roger R H Maxwell as regional council representatives to the Regional Transport Committee
2. appoints, Councillor Roger F H Maxwell and Chairperson, and Councillor Brian R Jeffares as Deputy Chairperson of the Regional Transport Committee.

08/180

Irving/Horton

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. agrees that correspondence be sent to each of the three district councils (New Plymouth, Stratford and South Taranaki District Council's) and the New Zealand Transport Agency requesting nominations for appointments to the newly formed Regional Transport Committee for Taranaki
2. agrees that correspondence be sent to Te Puni Kokiri requesting a nominated representative to be selected who will represent cultural issues on the Regional Transport Committee for Taranaki
3. agrees that Council invites, by public notice, feedback from the public on the process for obtaining these nominations and any nominations that organisations/individuals may wish to submit for consideration
4. agrees that correspondence be sent to the organisations and individuals listed in this agenda report requesting feedback on the process for seeking public input and nominations for each of the five New Zealand Transport Strategy objectives.

08/181

Lean/Horton

6. Local Government New Zealand 2008 Conference – verbal report from attendees

- 6.1 Councillors R F H Maxwell, M P Joyce, P D Horton, and D N MacLeod gave a verbal report to Council on their attendance at the Local Government New Zealand Conference 2008 held in Rotorua, and the two-day pre-conference tour hosted by Environment Bay of Plenty and Environment Waikato.

7. Meeting Dates – September 2008

- 7.1 The schedule of meeting dates for the six-weekly round in September 2008 was received and noted.

8. General Business

There were no items of general business.

9. 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 11.30 am.

Confirmed

Chairperson: _____
D N MacLeod

Date: **23 September 2008**

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.

08/183

Walker/Davey

3. Resource consents from other consent authorities

- 3.1 The Committee received and considered the schedule of notified and limited-notified resource consent applications forwarded to the Taranaki Regional Council from district councils.
- 3.2 It was noted that the Council had given written approval under section 94 of the Resource Management Act 1991 to Greymouth Petroleum Limited for their proposed tank farm adjoining Council owned land.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the schedule of notified and limited-notified applications for resource consents forwarded from other consent authorities.

08/184

Lean/Cloke

4. Consent monitoring annual reports

- 4.1 Mr A D McLay, Director Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum outlining 24 tailored monitoring programme annual reports for the 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2003-2007, 2005-2007 and 2006-2008 monitoring periods. The reports generally indicated a high or good level of environmental performance with improvements desired in the performances of Hurlstone Earthmoving Limited (Kapi Road Quarry), Stratford District Council and Fonterra (Kapuni site).

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the Gully Rock Limited Uruti Monitoring Programme Biennial Report 2006-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
2. receives the Urenui and Onaero Motor Camps Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2007-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
3. receives the Wai-iti Motor Camp Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2007-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
4. receives the DH Lepper Trust Piggery Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2007-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
5. receives the Osflo Spreading Industries Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2007-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
6. receives the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2007-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
7. receives the Taranaki Milk Products Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2007-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
8. receives the Hurlstone Earthmoving Ltd Kaipi Road Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2007-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
9. receives the Greymouth Petroleum Acquisitions Company Limited Deep Well Injection Monitoring Programme Quadrennial Report 2003-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
10. receives the New Plymouth District Council Inglewood Oxidation Ponds System Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2007-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
11. receives the Meadowvale Stud Farm Piggery Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2007-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
12. receives the Stratford District Council Water Treatment Plants and Structures Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein

13. receives the Stratford District Council Municipal oxidation ponds system Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2007-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
14. receives the Contact Energy Limited Stratford Power Station Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
15. receives the Vector Kapuni GTP Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
16. receives the Fonterra Kapuni Air and Water Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
17. receives the Taranaki Trucking Limited Quarry Monitoring Programme Biennial Report 2006-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
18. receives the R A Wallis Limited Quarry Monitoring Programme Biennial Report 2006-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
19. receives the Pacific Natural Gut String Company Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2007-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
20. receives the South Road Quarries Limited Tokaora quarry Monitoring Programme Biennial Report 2006-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
21. receives the South Taranaki District Council Eltham, Hawera, Kaponga, Manaia, Patea, Opunake and Otakeho Landfills Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2007-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
22. receives the Wai-inu Beach Settlement Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2007-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
23. receives the PPCS Waitotara Monitoring Programme Biennial Report 2005-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein
24. receives the Concrete Batching Plants Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2007-2008 and adopts the specific recommendations therein

08/185

Marsh/Jeffares

5. Unauthorised Incident Register 1 July 2008 to 17 August 2008

- 5.1 The Committee received and considered the Unauthorised Incidents Register for the period 1 July 2008 to 17 August 2008.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the Unauthorised Incidents Register for the period 1 July 2008 to 17 August 2008 and adopts the recommendations therein.

08/186

Irving/Maxwell

6. Forthcoming Hearing: TrustPower Limited – applications to reauthorize the Patea Dam, Patea hydroelectric power scheme and Lake Rotorangi (Consents 0488-2, 0489-2, 0491-2, 7188-1, 7191-1 and 7191-1)

- 6.1 Mr C H McLellan, Consents Manager, spoke to the memorandum recommending that the Taranaki Regional Council delegates to a Hearing Committee the power to determine six nonified resource consent applications lodged by TrustPower Limited where submissions cannot be resolved via the pre-hearing process. The Hearing is proposed for the week beginning 9 February 2009.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum
2. notes that a hearing is expected to be held on 9 February 2009 and the days following
3. subject to an unsuccessful pre-hearing process, in accordance with section 34A(1) of the Resource Management Act delegates to Cr D Lean, Cr N Walker and Cr B Jeffares [as hearing commissioners] the power to determine the resource consent applications 4814, 4816, 4818, 4820, 4822 and 4823 lodged by TrustPower Limited

08/187

Marsh/Davey

7. Annual Activity Reports 2007/2008

- 7.1 Members received and noted the memorandum introducing the Consents, Administration and Enforcement, and Compliance Monitoring 2007/2008 significant activity annual reports.
- 7.2 Mr C H McLellan, Consents Manager and Mr B E Pope, Compliance Manager, provided a brief verbal report on the highlights of each report. Members expressed their thanks to council staff on achieving and maintaining high standards in consent processing and administration, and compliance monitoring.

08/188

Lean/Marsh

8. General Business

Chairman, Councillor D L Lean, advised the Committee that Mr Peter Ashe, Monitoring Manager, had resigned from the Taranaki Regional Council. Councillor Lean on behalf of the Committee thanked Mr Ashe for his support and assistance to the Committee over the last five years.

9. Public Excluded

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

resolves that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council, held on Wednesday 3 September 2008, namely:

**Item 10: Confidential Minutes
Consents & Regulatory Committee
22 July 2008**

Item 11: Unauthorised Incident

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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: **23 September 2008**

**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 Thursday 4
September 2008 at 10.30 am.**

ITEM THREE

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Present	Councillors	N W Walker	(Chairperson)
		M J Cloke M G Davey P D Horton M A Irving M P Joyce	
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)
Representatives	Councillor	A Hickey	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Councillor	M Betts	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Mr	G Hight	(Federated Farmers of New Zealand)
In attendance	Councillor	R F H Maxwell	
		Messrs	B G Chamberlain (Chief Executive) M J Nield (Director-Corporate Services) A D McLay (Director-Resource Management) G C Severinsen (Policy Manager) R Ritchie (Senior Information Officer) P Ledingham (Information Officer) B E Pope (Compliance Manager)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Ms	R Miller	(Policy Analyst)
	Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)
			One member of the media

Apologies The apologies from Councillor D L Lean and Councillor J Rowe (Stratford District Council) were received and sustained.

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

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

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Policy & Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 12 June 2008 at 10.30 am.

08/191

Horton/MacLeod

Matters Arising

Hearing of submissions on the Proposed Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki

Members noted that 35 submissions have been received on the Council's Proposed Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki with the pre-hearing process resulting in very few submitters wishing to be heard. The Hearing will be held at the conclusion of the Council's Policy & Planning Committee meeting on Thursday 16 October 2008.

2. Annual activity reports for 2007/2008

- 2.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing reports on the Council's activities in the 2007/2008 year for pest plant management, pest animal management, public information, resource investigations and monitoring (including waste minimisation), biodiversity, navigation, safety and harbour management and land management, and highlighted aspects of each report.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum and annual reports for 2007/2008 on pest plant management, pest animal management, public information, resource investigations, monitoring and waste minimisation, biodiversity, navigation, safety and harbour management, and land management;
2. notes that the reports will be made available to key and interested stakeholders.

08/192

Cloke/Irving

3. Approval of Marine Oil Spill Contingency Plan for Taranaki

- 3.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum providing an update on the completion of a review of the Council's Marine Oil Spill Contingency Plan (the Plan) and its subsequent approval by Maritime New Zealand.
- 3.2 Mr B E Pope, Compliance Manager, provided a powerpoint presentation to the Committee on the October 2007 Okato Oil spill (oil spill from the Umaroa which processes and stores oil from the Tui Field for off-load to tankers) showing the main phases of the oil spill response, how the Plan was used and the lessons learned.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum
2. notes Maritime New Zealand provided approval for the Council's Marine Oil Spill Contingency Plan on 24 June 2008.

08/193

Joyce/Davey

4. Proposed National Environmental Standard on Ecological Flows and Water Levels

- 4.1 The memorandum presenting for endorsement, a submission on the discussion document entitled Proposed National Environmental Standard on Ecological Flows and Water Levels (2008) submitted to the Ministry for the Environment was received and discussed by the Committee. The submission was sent by the due date of 29 August 2008.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum
2. notes that the Ministry of the Environment has released a discussion document relating to a proposed National Environmental Standard on Ecological Flows and Water Levels
3. endorses the submission on the discussion document on the National Environmental Standard on Ecological Flows and Water Levels.

08/194

Joyce/Irving

5. Primary Sector Water Partnership: Plan of Action

- 5.1 The memorandum introducing the Primary Sector Water Partnership Leadership Document: Plan of Action – Summary of the Plan for action (2008) was received and discussed. The Primary Sector Water Partnership is a grouping of major primary sector organisations and has been formed to anticipate and engage proactively on water management issues.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on the *Primary Sector Water Partnership: Plan of Action(2008)*;

2. acknowledges the Plan represents a positive first step by primary sector organisations towards environmental sustainability; and
3. supports the engagement opportunities with Partnership members arising through Plan implementation and the anticipated environmental improvements.

08/195

Horton/Irving

6. Submission on Proposed Stratford District Plan 2008 – further to plan changes 14 & 15

- 6.1 Mr G C Severinsen, Policy Manager, spoke to the memorandum presenting for endorsement, a submission made to the Stratford District Council on their Proposed Stratford District Plan 2008. The submission was sent by the due date of 6 June 2008.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on the Stratford District Council's Proposed District Plan 2008
2. endorses the submission.

08/196

Cloke/Joyce

7. Energy-save light bulbs and their environmental implications

- 7.1 The memorandum providing the Committee with information concerning the environmental significance of the introduction of energy-saver light bulbs was received and discussed.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on CFL light bulbs and their environmental implications
2. notes that the Ministry of Health and ERMA would appear, on a provisional consideration, to be the agencies with responsibilities for addressing the matters raised in a recent magazine article
3. notes the advice of Council officers, that the disposal of end-of-life and damaged CFLs would not appear to pose an environmental risk in Taranaki.

08/194

Hickey/Cloke

8. The future of pest management in new Zealand

- 8.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum introducing a report

to be endorsed by the Council as a basis for advocacy in common with other councils and Local Government New Zealand going forward entitled 'The Future of Pest Management in New Zealand: A think piece'. It was noted that the report was received and endorsed by the Regional Affairs Committee of Local Government New Zealand.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the report *The Future of Pest Management in New Zealand: A think piece*
2. adopts the report as a basis for ongoing advocacy on pest management issues.

08/197

MacLeod/Cloke

9. Afforestation Grant Scheme

- 9.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum introducing a report on the Council's role in implementing the Government Afforestation Grant Scheme.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the report on the Afforestation Grant Scheme

08/198

Joyce/Davey

10. General Business

There were no items of general business.

There being no further business, the Committee Chairman Councillor N W Walker, declared the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 12.10 pm.

Confirmed

Chairman: _____
D N MacLeod

Date: **23 September 2008**

2. Asset Management Plan – Waitara River and Waiwhakaiho River Flood Control Schemes

- 2.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum to receive, review, update and adopt the asset management plans for the Waitara and Waiwhakaiho River Flood control schemes.
- 2.2 Members noted and discussed the preliminary and ongoing research that will be finalised over the next one to two years into the level of protection that needs to be provided by the Waiwhakaiho Scheme resulting from changes in land use in the Waiwhakaiho valley.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and adopts the Asset Management Plan for the Waitara River and Waiwhakaiho River flood control schemes.

08/200

Lean/MacLeod

3. Revenue and Financing Policy, Investment Policy and Liability Management Policy Annual Activity Report for 2007/2008

- 3.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to receive the Revenue and Financing Policy, Investment Policy and Liability Management Policy annual activity report for the 2007/2008 year.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the annual activity report on the Revenue and Financing Policy, the Investment Policy and the Liability Management Policy for the 2007/2008 year.

08/201

MacLeod/Walker

4. Annual activity report for 2007/2008 – Recreation, Culture and Heritage

- 4.1 Members received and discussed the Council's Recreation, Culture and Heritage annual activity report for the 2007/2008 year.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the 2007/2008 Recreation, Culture and Heritage annual activity report

2. notes that the report will be made available to key and interested stakeholders.

08/202

Lean/Maxwell

5. **Annual activity report for 2007/2008 – Emergency Management**

5.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum introducing for consideration the Council's Emergency Management annual activity report for the 2007/2008 year.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the 2007/2008 Emergency Management annual activity report.

08/203

Walker/MacLeod

6. **2008/2009 Insurance Programme**

6.1 The Committee received and discussed the memorandum informing Members on the placement of the Council's insurance needs for the 2008/2009 financial year.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the placement of insurance and coverage for material damage, business interruption, motor vehicles, personal accident, civil defence costs, marine hulls, fidelity guarantee and combined liability risks for the 2008/09 insurance year.

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MacLeod/Maxwell

7. **General Business**

There were no items of general business.

8. **Public Excluded**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

resolves that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Executive Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council, held on Monday 15 September 2008, namely:

Item 9: Port Taranaki Limited

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Item 9 – Port Taranaki Limited	Where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.	NZS9202:2003 Incorporating Amendment No. 1 A2(b)(ii)

08/205

Walker/MacLeod

There being no further business, the Chairperson Mr D N MacLeod, declared the Executive Committee meeting closed at 10.45 am.

Confirmed

Chairman _____
D N MacLeod

Date: **23 September 2008**

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**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 10 June 2008.
2. The minutes were received and approved at the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held at the Stratford District Council, Miranda Street, Stratford on Tuesday 9 September 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 10 June 2008.

B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive

Minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 10 June 2008 commencing at 10.35 am.

Present		B R Jeffares A Matheson J D Edwards R Dunlop	(Taranaki Regional Council)(Chairperson) (New Plymouth District Council) (Stratford District Council) (South Taranaki District Council)
In attendance	Messrs	G K Bedford M Langford D L Lean	(Taranaki Regional Council) (Taranaki Regional Council) (Regional Civil Defence Controller)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mrs	D Paulsen	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mr	I Wilson	(Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management)

One member of the media

Apologies There were no apologies.

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting -
18 March 2008

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 18 March 2008 at 10.00 am; and
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Matheson/Edwards

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:

Wednesday 27 February 2008; and
Tuesday 27 May 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 Wednesday 27 February 2008
2. notes the unconfirmed minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group meeting held on Tuesday 27 May 2008.

Jeffares/Dunlop

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. CDEM Advisory Group Minutes

- 3.1 The memorandum providing minutes of the CDEM Welfare, Lifelines and Health Advisory Groups for information of the Group was received.
- 3.2 Members noted that the debrief following the Patea Freezing Works fire (Welfare Advisory Group minutes) did not include the New Zealand Red Cross. This was an oversight and discussions with the New Zealand Red Cross have subsequently been held regarding the Patea incident. The New Zealand Red Cross would be included in future in any debrief following a civil defence incident.

Recommended

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives the draft minutes of the Welfare Advisory Group, the Lifelines Advisory Group and the Health Advisory Group.

Matheson/Edwards

4. Lifelines Advisory Group Activity Report

- 4.1 Mr D L Lean, Regional Civil Defence Controller, spoke to his report on his attendance at the Central Regional CDEM Forum held in Gisborne on Thursday 20 March 2008.
- 4.2 Mr Lean highlighted to the Group the issues for retailers of the Gisborne CBD and the Gisborne District Council that arose following the Gisborne earthquake in December 2007 whereby inconsistencies between the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 and the Building Act were identified.
- 4.3 Members noted the lack of progress in the Rural Fire Review. Members provided their endorsement to the suggestion from the Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group that a transition proposal be forward to the Minister for consideration to act in the interim until the Review has been progressed further.

Recommended

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives the report on the Central Regional CDEM Forum held in Gisborne on Thursday 20 March 2008.

Jeffares/Edwards

5. Update on action points resulting from the tornadoes in July 2007

- 5.1 Mr G K Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum reporting to the Members on the progress of improvements implemented following the tornado event in July 2007.
- 5.2 Members discussed the action point summary noting that the issue of Police liaison at the Taranaki Emergency Management Office during a civil defence emergency had been resolved by New Zealand Police committing staff resources in future. In general, Members discussed the issue and supply of tarpaulins and the role and response of insurance companies during the tornado event. Mr I Wilson, Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management, advised to the Group that the New Zealand Insurance Council would be prepared to meet with the Taranaki CDEM Group to discuss issues that arose following the tornado event.

Recommended

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives the report on the implementation of action points identified following the tornado events of July 2007 for information.

Jeffares/Matheson

6. Ratification of submission CDEM sector representation

- 6.1 Mr G K Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum presenting to the Group a provisional submission for consideration and/or amendment and ratification of a request by the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management for agreement and guidance on representation of CDEM sector representatives on national working groups. The submission was sent as a provisional submission by the due date of 6 June 2008.

Recommended

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives the memorandum on the call for submissions by the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management on CDEM sector representation
2. adopts the submission with out amendment.

Jeffares/Edwards

7. Proposed submission to New Plymouth District Council: NPDC transport options report

- 7.1 Mr G K Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum advising the Group of the release of a report on behalf of the New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) entitled *Summary report of transport issues and options, New Plymouth District Council March 2008* (the Report) inviting submissions by 6 June 2008. The Taranaki CDEM Group's submission sets out points that are considered relevant to and representative of the Group's interests and concerns in regard to the roading network of the NPDC and has regard to the Group's intention to secure the outcomes identified within the CDEM Group Plan for Taranaki (2004). The deadline for submissions has been extended for the Taranaki CDEM Group to received and discuss the proposed submission.
- 7.2 Members discussed the submission questioning the role of the Taranaki CDEM Group in submitting on an issue that is under the control of a territorial authority. Members agreed that the submission be amended to provide a more general view from the Group in support of the NPDC developing the Report and to outline a broad strategy in which civil defence initiatives could be implemented. The revised submission would be reviewed by the Group's Chairperson before being sent.

Recommended

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. adopts a revised submission, subject to review from the Group's Chairperson, to be made to the New Plymouth District Council in respect of the report *Summary report of transport issues and options, New Plymouth District Council March 2008*.

Edwards/Dunlop

8. Revised National Civil Defence Emergency Management Strategy

- 8.1 The memorandum introducing to Members the National Civil Defence Emergency Management Strategy (2007) was received and discussed. Copies of the Strategy were provided to Members for information.

Recommended

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. notes the release of the National Civil Defence Emergency Management Strategy 2007.

Jeffares/Matheson

9. Update on the Mt Taranaki Eruption Exercise

- 9.1 Mr M A Langford, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum reporting to Members on the progress towards a Taranaki CDEM Group Exercise in 2008-2009.
- 9.2 The exercise will be called Exercise Billow and will be based on an ashfall scenario with emphasis placed on shelter and placement of residents, with delivery of the exercise over several days in early December 2008. The exercise will involve a declaration from the Taranaki CDEM Group, and the region's three district councils will be participating.

Recommended

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives the report on progress in preparation for Exercise Billow for information.

Jeffares/Edwards

10. Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management Report

- 10.1 Mr I Wilson, Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management, provided a verbal report to the Group on the 24/7 Civil Defence Emergency Management Warning and Advisory system recently put in place by the Ministry. Mr Wilson also provided an update to Members of the Group on matters of interest from the Ministry.

Recommended

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives the report from the Regional Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management Advisor, including a description of the Ministry's 24/7 response service and 0800 CD EVENT response service.

Edwards/Dunlop

11. General Business

There were no items of general business.

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 11.25 am.

Confirmed:

Chairperson:

B R Jeffares

Date:

9 September 2008

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

2007/2008 Annual Report

Purpose

1. To receive, consider and adopt the audited consolidated 2007/2008 Annual Report.

Background

2. The Council is required to prepare an annual report pursuant to section 98 and Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 assessing the performance of the Council against the policies, objectives, activities, performance targets, indicative costs, and sources of funds specified in the *2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan* and the *2007/2008 Annual Plan*. Section 98 requires that the annual report be audited and then made available for public inspection. The Council is also required to produce and publish/distribute an audited summary annual report.

2007/2008 Annual Report

3. The 2007/2008 Annual Report contains the audited financial and non-financial results of the Council plus the audited financial results of the Council's subsidiary (Port Taranaki Limited).
4. The operational results indicate a very satisfactory year's performance for the Council. Detailed reporting on the achievements within each function of the Council has been included and reported in the Significant Activity Annual Reports.
5. Financially, the results for the Council were good. The full analysis of the Council's performance against budget is:

Budgeted operating deficit	\$188,219
Actual operating surplus	\$2,614,560
Difference	<u>\$2,426,341</u>

The key reasons for this variance are as follows:

The annual revaluation of investment properties in New Plymouth resulted in income of \$2.1m higher than budgeted for. Investment property unrealised gains are now required to be shown as income pursuant to NZ IFRS. This higher than planned return reflects the buoyant property market in Taranaki.

\$2,080,738

Operating expenditure was lower in total than planned. Across the range of activities there were positive and negative variances. Expenditure on riparian plants was lower than budget by \$187,982, although the total number of plants bought and sold was as planned.	\$133,581
Direct charges were lower than budget due mainly to riparian plant sales being under budget by \$236,820 (see above).	(\$99,789)
Port Taranaki Ltd's better than expected performance resulted in \$200,000 of unbudgeted dividends.	\$200,132
Other minor variances – higher than planned transport subsidies and treasury returns.	\$111,680
	\$2,426,341

6. This is the second annual report prepared under the Council's 2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan. It is also the second annual report prepared in compliance with New Zealand International Financial Reporting Standards (NZ IFRS).
7. The audit revealed no significant issues or internal control deficiencies. The audit highlights memorandum is attached. Deloitte has been able to issue an unqualified audit opinion.
8. A summary annual report, in the form of a special edition of *Recount*, is being prepared and audited presently. The summary annual report will be a snapshot of the full annual report.
9. Public notification of the availability of the audited 2007/2008 Annual Report will be made on Saturday 11 October 2008 (subsequent to printing). The Summary Annual Report will be distributed in the week following, through the midweek newspapers through out the region.

Decision-making obligations

10. Part 6 (Planning, decision-making and accountability) of the Local Government Act 2002 has been considered and documented in the preparation of this agenda item. The recommendation(s) made in this item comply with the decision-making obligations of the Act.

Policy considerations

11. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the Local Government Act 2002, the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Financial considerations

12. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Council Community Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Legal considerations

13. This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.

Recommendation

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum on the 2007/2008 Annual Report and audit
2. adopts the audited consolidated 2007/2008 Annual Report
3. notes that the 2007/2008 Annual Report and the Summary Annual Report will be available to the public from 13 October 2008 onwards.

MJ Nield
Director - Corporate Services

Approved:

B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive

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

**Nominations for representation on the Regional Transport
Committee for Taranaki**

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to:
 - € Advise the Council on nominations which have been received for Regional Transport Committee membership.
 - € Request endorsement of one nominated representative and alternative from each of the following:
 - New Zealand Transport Agency
 - New Plymouth, Stratford and South Taranaki District Council's.
 - € Request endorsement of one nominated representative from each of the following objectives of the New Zealand Transport Agency:
 - Environmental sustainability
 - Safety and personal security
 - Access and mobility
 - Public health
 - Economic development
 - Cultural interests
 - € Request endorsement of one alternative Committee representative from the Taranaki Regional Council.

Background

2. Members will recall that at the last Ordinary meeting on 12 August a report was presented which outlined the requirements of the new Regional Transport Committee (as set out by the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008).
3. Following this meeting, correspondence was sent out seeking nominations for membership on the Committee. A public notice requesting nominations was also placed in local newspapers on 16th and 20th August. The closure date for these nominations to be received was Friday 5 September.
4. In response to this process a total of 12 nominations were received as follows:

Interest area	Nominee	Nominator	Key attributes
New Plymouth District Council	Councillor Heather Dodunski <i>Councillor Marie Pearce as the alternate</i>	New Plymouth District Council	
Stratford District Council	Mayor John Edwards <i>Councillor Neil Volzke (Deputy Mayor) as the alternate</i>	SDC Ordinary Council meeting 12 August	
South Taranaki District Council	Councillor Gordon Lawson <i>An alternative is yet to be decided</i>	STDC Ordinary Council meeting 8 September	
New Zealand Transport Agency	Ms Rosalie Orr <i>Errol Christiansen as the alternate</i>	Geoff Dangerfield (Chief Executive)	
Environmental sustainability	Mr Steve Pivac	Steve Pivac (endorsed by Ian Armstrong and Tina-Marie Chapman)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> € Has been an active participant in public consultation in recent years € Highlights the importance that adequate and integrated transport policies contribute to individual and community economies € Highlights the need to focus on the development of alternative fuels € Has commercial interests in areas geographically isolated that are disadvantaged when it comes to accessibility € Believes the targets & monitoring framework outlined in the NZ Transport Strategy can provide the basic structures needed to extend Taranaki's vision into practical & self funded initiatives to benefit all
	Mr Rex Hendry	Diana Ratana (Chairperson of the Taranaki/Whanganui Conservation Board)	Mr Hendry is a current member of the Taranaki/Wanganui Conservation Board and has been the Stratford Area Manager of the Department of Conservation.
Safety and personal security	Inspector Frank Grant	Central District Police	Inspector Grant is the Area Commander for Taranaki Rural at the NZ Police. He is based in Hawera.
Access and mobility	Mr Steve Pivac	Steve Pivac (endorsed by Ian Armstrong and Tina-Marie Chapman)	See previous comments provided.

Interest area	Nominee	Nominator	Key attributes
	Ms Karyn Stowers	NZ AA – Taranaki District Council <i>Supported by the Western Central District RTA</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> € Ms Stowers has supported the Regions objectives & recognises that regional priorities require regional solutions € Has supported the RLTC strategies with regard to PT, cycling, walking, sustainability and the environment € The AA values and considers each of the 5 objectives and balances them all € AA members are pedestrians, cyclists and PT users € Her objective is to use the experience and knowledge gained to work towards the purpose of supporting the wider regional community € She is actively involved in her Church community & supports her husband in his role as Chair of the Vaimoana Pasifika Trust € Her desire is to actively build relationships that promote this objective to ensure all people have access to appropriate transport that is affordable & reliable
	Mr Brian Erikson	Taranaki Disabilities Information Centre Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> € Has a good understanding of the role required on this Committee € Mr Erikson’s has good working relationships with the TM Co-ordinator and other agencies involved with access and mobility issues € He is familiar with the NZ Disability Strategy € Is in a position to discuss access and mobility issues with groups and individual users on a regular basis € Is active in the Positive Aging community and has 16 years knowledge and experience in the disability sector
Public health	Dr Penny Hutchinson	Taranaki District Health Board	Dr Hutchinson is a public health medicine specialist at the Taranaki District Health Board
Economic development	Mr Steve Pivac	Steve Pivac (endorsed by Ian Armstrong and Tina-Marie Chapman)	See previous comments provided.
	Mr John Geraghty	Western Central District Road Transport Association	€ Mr Geraghty has been operating a transport business for approx. 40 years and has been a member of the RTA for

Interest area	Nominee	Nominator	Key attributes
		<p><i>Letters of support have been provided by:</i> <i>Taranaki Chamber of Commerce</i> <i>Taranaki Bus & Coach Assoc</i> <i>Federated Farmers of NZ</i> <i>Taranaki Transport Network Group</i> <i>Taranaki Branch NZ Contractor Federation</i> <i>AA Automobile Association</i></p>	<p>that time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> € He has taken an active role in the affairs of the RTA, serving as Branch Chairman & NZ National President € He holds company directorship and sits on several boards and committees € He has extensive knowledge of and contacts within all modes of the transport industry
Cultural interests	Mr Peter Moeahu	Te Puni Kokiri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> € Is well known for his diligence, participation in extensive iwi networks and his commitment to advancing the aspirations of Maori people and the community at large € Mr Moeahu serves on the NPDC & STDC Iwi Liaison Committees, TDHB Hospital Advisory Committee and Port Authority Mutual Interest Group. € Is a trustee for a number of Marae and iwi authorities, and maintains a keen interest in the rural sector as a trustee to the Parihaka X and Tarakihi farms. € Also serves on several community organisations

5. Attached to this report is the information provided by each of the nominees for consideration.

Alternative representative from the Taranaki Regional Council

6. Members will be aware that at the last Ordinary meeting Councillors Roger Maxwell and Brian Jeffares were endorsed as the Taranaki Regional Council's representatives on the Regional Transport Committee. Also that they were endorsed as Chair and Deputy Chair of this Committee respectively.
7. However it has since been identified that an alternative representative from the Council is required to act in the absence of either Councillor Maxwell or Councillor Jeffares at any Regional Transport Committee meeting.
8. It is important that alternative representatives from each of the funding members of the RTC are indentified (i.e. the Taranaki Regional Council, three District Council's and NZ Transport Agency) as any decisions required on the Regional Land Transport Programme may require a full quorum of voting members to be present.

Memorandum of Understanding with Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council

9. As the management area of the Stratford District Council [SDC] falls within the jurisdictional boundaries of both the Taranaki and Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council's, SDC has requested that they remain a member of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee rather than the Manawatu-Wanganui Committee. This is a requirement of section 105(11) of the Land Transport Management Amendment Act which states that *"where the area of a territorial authority falls into the regions of more than one regional council, the territorial authority must decide (after consulting the relevant regional councils) which regional transport committee to join"*.
10. The Stratford District Council has also requested that a Memorandum of Understanding be entered into which specifies what is to happen when dealing with regional transport planning matters located in the Stratford District, but outside of the Taranaki Region. Staff are therefore currently working on a draft MOU to be signed by each of these three local authorities.

Decision-making obligations

11. Part 6 (Planning, decision-making and accountability) of the Local Government Act 2002 has been considered and documented in the preparation of this agenda item. The recommendations made in this item comply with the decision-making obligations of the Act.

Policy considerations

12. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the Local Government Act 2002, Land Transport Act 1998, Land Transport Management Act 2003 and Transport Services Licensing Act 1989.

Financial considerations

13. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Council Community Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Legal considerations

14. This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.

Recommendations

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. agrees that a Memorandum of Understanding be entered into between the Taranaki and Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Transport Committees which specifies that all transport planning and operational matters relevant to the Stratford District Council's area of jurisdiction be considered by Taranaki's Regional Transport Committee, despite being located in the Manawatu-Wanganui Region;
2. appoints Ms Rosalie Orr as the representative for the New Zealand Transport Agency to the Regional Transport Committee, with Mr Errol Christiansen as the alternate;
3. appoints Councillor Heather Dodunski as the representative for the New Plymouth District Council to the Regional Transport Committee, with Councillor Marie Pearce as the alternate;
4. appoints Mayor John Edwards as the representative for the Stratford District Council to the Regional Transport Committee, with Councillor Neil Volzke as the alternate;
5. appoints Councillor Gordon Lawson as the representative for the South Taranaki District Council to the Regional Transport Committee;
6. appoints either Mr Rex Hendry or Mr Steve Pivac as the representative for environmental sustainability on the Regional Transport Committee for Taranaki;
7. appoints Inspector Frank Grant as the representative for safety and personal security on the Regional Transport Committee for Taranaki;
8. appoints either Mr Brian Erikson or Ms Karyn Stowers or Mr Steve Pivac as the representative for access and mobility on the Regional Transport Committee for Taranaki;
9. appoints Dr Penny Hutchinson as the representative for public health on the Regional Transport Committee for Taranaki;
10. appoints either Mr Steve Pivac or Mr John Geraghty as the representative for economic development on the Regional Transport Committee for Taranaki;
11. appoints Mr Peter Moeahu as the representative for cultural interests on the Regional Transport Committee for Taranaki;
12. appoints a Member to the Regional Transport Committee to act as an alternative to Councillors Maxwell and Jeffares; and
13. agrees that the Stratford District Council remain a member of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee and that a Memorandum of Understanding be developed which specifies what is to happen when dealing with regional transport planning matters located in the Stratford District, but outside of the Taranaki Region.

Approved:

RA Phillips
Director - Operations

B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive

23 September 2008

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

Electoral Systems - 2010 Taranaki Regional Council elections

Purpose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information to allow the Council to make a decision on an electoral system to be used for the 2010 Taranaki Regional Council election.

Background

2. In May 2001 the Local Electoral Act 2001 (the Act) was enacted. The Act significantly altered previous legislation governing the conduct of local government and district health board (DHB) elections in New Zealand. The new Act provided local authorities with greater flexibility and local choice in many electoral matters. In particular the Act provided local authorities the opportunity to make a choice of electoral system (between First Past the Post - FPP and Single Transferable Vote - STV).
3. In August 2002, the Council considered its choices regarding the electoral system to be used for the 2004 elections and resolved to retain the First Past the Post system. In August 2005, the Council once again considered its choices and resolved to retain the First Past the Post system for the 2007 elections.
4. Under the Act, the Council has the option to '*...resolve that the next two triennial elections...will be held using a specified electoral system other than that used for the previous triennial election*'. In other words, the Council can decide to change from FPP to STV for the 2010 elections. If changed, the STV electoral system would be in effect for the 2010 and 2013 elections.

Choice of electoral system and legislative deadlines

5. The Act requires a local authority to comply with the following timelines when deciding which electoral system will be used:

By September 2008	Date for any council resolution relating to the 2010 elections.	Section 27 of LEA
By September 2008	Mandatory public notice of the right to demand a poll on the matter of the electoral system.	Section 28 of LEA
By 28 February 2009	Last date to receive poll demand	Section 31 of LEA

	relating to the 2010 elections. Last date for Council resolution to conduct a poll relating to the 2010 elections.	
By 21 May 2009	Last date to conduct a poll relating to the 2010 elections.	Section 33 of LEA

6. Section 27 of the Act provides that the Council may resolve of its own volition to adopt an electoral system that is different to the system used at the previous triennial election. This decision must be made no later than September two years prior to the next triennial election, unless it decides to hold a poll of electors. Therefore, if the Council wishes to consider changing its system from FPP to STV for the 2010 elections, it must do so in September 2008.
7. The Council can decide to hold a poll of electors at any time during the process irrespective of whether a valid demand has been received, or the time has expired for electors to demand a poll. For the poll to have effect for the 2010 elections, public notice of the poll must be given not later than 28 February 2009. The results of the poll are binding and will determine whether FPP or STV is to be used for at the next two triennial elections, and for all subsequent elections until either a further resolution under Section 27 of the Act takes effect or a further poll is held.
8. In summary, the Council may consider adopting one of the following options:
9. **Resolve to retain FPP for the 2010 elections.** The Council can resolve to retain FPP for the 2010 elections and give public notice in September 2008 that electors have the right to demand a poll on the electoral system to be used for the next two triennial elections.
10. **Resolve to adopt STV for the 2010 elections.** The Council can resolve to change to STV for the 2010 elections and give public notice in September 2008 that electors have the right to demand a poll on the electoral system to be used for the next two triennial elections.
11. **Resolve to Hold a Poll.** Council can defer its decision and simply resolve to hold a poll of electors. The decision to hold a poll could be made anytime prior to 28 February 2009, but a public notice in September 2008 would still be required.
12. In Taranaki, the 2007 elections were conducted under two different systems (STV for the Taranaki District Health Board and FPP for the four local authorities).
13. Conducting elections in 2007 under the two different systems was not overly confusing for voters as all local authorities used the FPP system and the DHB used STV. However, there could be confusion if there were different systems between the TRC and the district councils. Therefore, as the Council's elections are conducted on its behalf by the three Taranaki based district councils, it is desirable that the Taranaki Regional Council adopts an election system that is consistent with the other local authorities in Taranaki.
14. The New Plymouth, Stratford and South Taranaki district councils have all resolved to retain FPP.
15. The Department of Internal Affairs, Local Government New Zealand and SOLGM have prepared some background information on FPP and STV – refer to the attached.

Decision-making obligations

16. Part 6 (Planning, decision-making and accountability) of the Local Government Act 2002 has been considered and documented in the preparation of this agenda item. The recommendations made in this item comply with the decision-making obligations of the Act.

Policy considerations

17. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Financial considerations

18. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Council Community Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Legal considerations

19. This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.

Recommendations

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives this memorandum and notes the requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001
2. resolves to retain First Past the Post electoral system for the 2010 elections
or
3. resolves to change to Single Transferable Vote electoral system for the 2010 and 2013 elections
or
4. makes no decision and resolves to undertake a poll on the matter of electoral systems.

MJ Nield
Director - Corporate Services

Approved:

B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive

1. The Choice: First Past the Post (FPP) or the Single Transferable Vote (STV)

(a) How do the two electoral systems work?

FPP	STV
<p>FPP: casting a vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> € You place ticks equal to the number of vacancies next to the candidate(s) you wish to vote for. € In multi-member wards/constituencies you cast one vote for each vacancy to be filled, as above. € In single-member wards/constituencies you cast one vote. 	<p>STV: casting a vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> € You cast one <i>single</i> vote regardless of the number of vacancies. € You cast this <i>single</i> vote by consecutively ‘ranking’ your preferred candidates beginning with your most preferred candidate (‘1’) your next preferred candidate (‘2’) and so on. € In multi-member wards/constituencies you cast a <i>single</i> vote by ranking as few or as many candidates as you wish, as above. € In single-member wards/constituencies you cast a <i>single</i> vote by ranking as few or as many candidates as you wish.
<p>FPP: counting votes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> € The candidate(s) with the most votes win(s). Each winning candidate is unlikely to have a majority of votes, just the largest number of votes cast. 	<p>STV: counting votes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> € The candidate(s) are elected by reaching the ‘quota’ (the number of votes required to be elected).² € Vote counting is carried out by computer.³ € First preference votes (‘1s’) are counted. Candidates who reach the quota are ‘elected’. The ‘surplus’ votes for elected candidates are transferred according to voters’ second preferences. Candidates who reach the quota by including second preferences are ‘elected’. This process repeats until the required number of candidates is elected.⁴

² The quota is calculated using the total number of valid votes cast and the number of vacancies.

³ The New Zealand method of STV uses the ‘Meek method’ of counting votes. Because this method transfers proportions of votes between candidates, it requires a computer program (the STV calculator).

⁴ If at any point there are no surpluses left to transfer, the candidate with the lowest number of votes is excluded and the votes redistributed according to voters’ next preferences. For further information on the details of vote counting, see, for example, STV Taskforce, ‘Choosing Electoral Systems in Local Government in New Zealand: A Resource Document’, (May 2002).

FPP	STV
<p>FPP: announcing results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∄ FPP results can usually be announced soon after voting ends. ∄ Results are announced and published showing the total votes received by each candidate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∄ In multi-member constituencies, despite voters casting only a <i>single</i> vote, a voter may influence the election of more than one representative (if their vote can be transferred to other candidates according to voters' preferences) <p>STV: announcing results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∄ Because vote counting is multi-part, it is likely to take longer than for FPP election results. ∄ Results are announced and published showing elected candidates in the order they reached the quota and unsuccessful candidates in the reverse order they were excluded. All elected candidates will have the same share of the vote.

(b) What are the most important differences between the two electoral systems?

To understand the important differences between the two electoral systems it is helpful to think about what happens to 'wasted votes' in both cases. A 'wasted vote' is a vote that does not help to elect a candidate. This might be because the candidate was very popular (so did not need all the votes received), or was very unpopular (and had no chance of being elected).

Let's imagine that you vote in a local government FPP election to fill two vacancies, with four candidates standing for election. You vote for Candidates A and B. Imagine Candidate A wins by a landslide and Candidate B is the least popular of all the candidates. The vote for the other candidate to be elected is very close between Candidates C and D; in the end Candidate D wins the second vacancy by a very small margin. Candidate D is your least preferred candidate.

You might think to yourself, once you see the results, 'I wish I had known that Candidate A didn't need my vote to win, and that Candidate B didn't have a chance of being elected as I would have voted differently. I may have still voted for Candidate A, but would have voted for Candidate C instead of Candidate B.'

Now imagine you vote in the same election using STV. You have a *single* transferable vote even though there are two positions to fill. Again Candidate A wins by a landslide and Candidate B is the least popular candidate. Candidates C and D are very close on first preference votes and so second and subsequent preferences become important.

You cast your vote by ranking the candidates according to your preferences; you rank Candidate A as '1', Candidate B as '2' and Candidate C as '3'. You don't rank candidate D at all because you don't want that candidate to be elected. Under STV:

- ∉ Candidate A is very popular and is elected on first preferences
- ∉ Candidate A has votes surplus to the number required to reach the quota and these are transferred according to voters' second preferences
- ∉ the surplus portion of your vote for Candidate A is transferred to your second preference, Candidate B
- ∉ both Candidates C and D are very close to the quota at this point and Candidate B is least popular
- ∉ Candidate B is excluded and the proportion of your vote for this candidate is transferred to your third preference, Candidate C
- ∉ when preferences are counted again Candidate C reaches the quota and is elected.

Under STV, unlike the FPP election, your ranking of the candidates made your vote more effective and avoided it being 'wasted' on Candidates A (who had a surplus of first preference votes) and B (who was excluded once surplus votes from Candidate A were transferred). In other words, despite Candidates A and B being your most preferred candidates, under STV you were also able to influence the race between Candidates C and D because you showed a preference between them on your voting document.⁵

These election results reveal an important difference between FPP and STV electoral systems. Think again about your FPP vote. You voted for two candidates to fill two vacancies. If you are part of the largest group of like-minded voters, even if that group is not the majority, you could determine the election of both candidates. Other voters (from perhaps only slightly smaller groups) won't have gained any representation at all.

In the STV election, however, you cast only one *single* transferable vote, even in multi-member wards/constituencies. That vote is used to greater effect as long as you rank all the candidates you like in order of preference. Because your vote is a single vote that can be transferred in whole or in part according to your wishes, you and other voters will not be over-represented or under-represented. This is why STV, unlike FPP, in multi-member wards or constituencies, is called a proportional representation system. The outcomes potentially better reflect community views.

⁵ These scenarios oversimplify how the vote count actually works under NZSTV, in order to explain the principle of vote transfers. The STV calculator uses a complex mathematical set of rules to ensure that the appropriate proportions of votes are transferred between candidates.

2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each system?

No electoral system is perfect. Both FPP and STV have advantages and disadvantages.

Overall, the advantages of STV relate to the people who get elected using STV.⁶ The system potentially achieves:

- ∄ broad proportionality (in multi-member wards/constituencies)
- ∄ majority outcomes in single-member elections
- ∄ more equitable minority representation
- ∄ a reduction in the number of wasted votes.

The disadvantages of STV relate to:

- ∄ the public being less familiar with the system and possibly finding it harder to understand
- ∄ matters of process such as the way votes are cast and counted (for example perceived complexity may discourage some voters)
- ∄ the information conveyed in election results.

The advantages of FPP, on the other hand, relate to the simplicity of the process including the ways votes are cast, counted and announced.

The disadvantages of FPP relate to:

- ∄ the results of the election, including the generally 'less representative' nature of FPP councils
- ∄ the obstacles to minority candidate election
- ∄ the number of wasted votes.

Deciding which electoral system is best for your community may come down to deciding which is more important: process, or outcome. Unfortunately, neither electoral system can claim to achieve well in both.

⁶ For further discussion, see Graham Bush, 'STV and local body elections – a mission probable?' in J. Drage (ed), *Empowering Communities? Representation and Participation in New Zealand's Local Government*, pp 45–64 (Wellington: Victoria University Press, 2002).

More detailed advantages and disadvantages

FPP	STV
<p>FPP: casting votes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∄ FPP is a straightforward system of voting. ∄ FPP is familiar to most people. ∄ ‘Tactical’ voting is possible; votes can be used with a view to preventing a candidate from winning in certain circumstances. 	<p>STV: casting votes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∄ STV is a less straightforward system of voting. ∄ There is a need for more information for people to understand the STV ranking system of candidates. ∄ It is virtually impossible to cast a ‘tactical’ vote under STV. As a result, voters are encouraged to express their true preferences.
<p>FPP: counting votes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∄ FPP is a straightforward system for counting votes. ∄ Votes can be counted in different locations and then aggregated. ∄ Election results are usually announced soon after voting ends. 	<p>STV: counting votes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∄ STV vote counting requires a computer program (the STV calculator). ∄ Votes must be aggregated first and then counted in one location. ∄ Election results will usually take a little longer to produce.
<p>FPP: election results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∄ Official results show exactly how many people voted for which candidates. ∄ Results are easy to understand. ∄ A ‘block’ of like-minded voters can determine the election of multiple candidates in multi-member wards/constituencies, without having a majority of the votes, thereby ‘over-representing’ themselves. ∄ The overall election results will not be proportional to voters’ wishes, and will not reflect the electoral wishes of the <i>majority</i> of voters, only the <i>largest group</i> of voters who may not be the majority. 	<p>STV: election results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∄ Official results will identify which candidates have been elected and which have not and in which order. They do not show how many votes candidates got overall, as all successful candidates will have the same proportion of the vote (the quota). This information, at stages of the count, can still be requested. ∄ Results can be easy to understand if presented appropriately. ∄ STV moderates ‘block’ voting as each voter casts only one <i>single</i> vote, even in multi-member wards/constituencies. ∄ The overall election results reflect the wishes of the majority of voters in proportion to their support for a variety of candidates.

FPP	STV
<p>∄ In single-member elections, the winner is unlikely to have the majority of votes, just the largest group of votes.</p> <p>∄ There will be more ‘wasted’ votes (votes that do not contribute to the election of a candidate).</p>	<p>∄ In single-member wards/constituencies, the winner will have the majority of votes (preferences).</p> <p>∄ Every vote is as effective as possible (depending on the number of preferences indicated) meaning there are fewer ‘wasted votes’ and more votes will contribute to the election of a candidate than under FPP.</p>

3. Common Questions and Concerns

FPP ain't broke: so why fix it?

For those voters supporting candidates who tend to get elected under FPP, it can appear that there is nothing wrong with this system. But FPP councils do not truly ‘represent’ their community in terms of their composition. STV is a proportional representation voting system that means (if a diversity of candidates stand for election and a diversity of electors vote) the candidates elected will better represent the wishes of a greater number, and a wider diversity of voters.

FPP is easy to understand. I can't trust a complicated system like STV.

It is true that FPP is a very easy way to vote, and to count votes. Voting under STV is less straightforward, but as long as a voter knows how to rank their preferred candidates, they will find it easy to vote. A post-election survey has found that most people found it easy to fill in the STV voting document and rank their preferred candidates.⁷ The way votes are counted is complicated. That is why it requires a computer program (STV calculator). The STV calculator has been independently certified and voters *can* trust that it only transfers a vote according to voters’ preferences ranked on their voting documents. Nothing (and no person) can influence the transfer of votes set out on voting documents.

Won't voters be put off if the voting system is too complicated?

Voter turnout (the number of people voting) in 2004 and 2007 in the STV local body elections was mixed. Some councils’ turnout was higher than the national average, and some lower.⁸ Turnout for DHB elections (which must use STV) can be seen to be

⁷ Local Government Commission, ‘Report to the Minister of Local Government on the review of the local Government Act 2002 and the Local Electoral Act 2001: Special topic paper: Representation’ (February 2008), p 14

⁸ Local Government Commission, ‘Report to the Minister of Local Government on the review of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Electoral Act 2001: Special topic paper: Representation’ (February 2008), p 13

influenced by a range of factors including elections being at large for seven vacancies, the number of candidates (and often less well-known than council candidates) and the fact this issue is usually at the end of the voting document).

Overall, voter turnout has been on the decline for many years. It is possible that *more* voters would turn out to local elections in the future if they feel with STV they have a better chance of electing a representative who better represents them than FPP has in the past.

Won't there be more blank and informal votes under STV, which is not good for democracy?

Despite voters saying in the Local Government Commission survey that they generally found STV an easy way to vote, some voters did cast an invalid vote in STV elections (including DHB elections). A small proportion of these voters seemed confused by the voting system. But most blank and informal votes are thought to be due to two different voting systems (FPP and STV) appearing on the same voting document and to other factors, rather than being due to the way STV votes are cast.⁹

STV will not work for our council because of our ward/at large system.

Eight of the ten councils using STV in 2004 had wards, one used the at large system, and one had a combination of wards and at large. There is no 'rule' about the need or otherwise for wards or constituencies, but STV can be seen to provide the greatest benefit in wards or constituencies of between three and nine candidates. If there are fewer than three candidates, the benefits of the transferable vote in terms of proportionality are not likely to be evident. If there are a very large number of candidates to choose from, voters are likely to find it a more difficult task to rank preferred candidates (though there is no need to rank all candidates).

STV hasn't made any difference to the diversity of representation in STV councils

Until a greater variety of people stand for local body election and a wide diversity of electors vote, no representation system will be able to improve the diversity of representatives elected. There has been some change in the gender, ethnicity and age of some members elected by STV in 2004 and 2007 which may be due to STV.¹⁰ But it will take some time for a diversity of candidates to see the opportunities of standing in an STV election and more electors to see the potential benefits of voting under a proportional representation system. Two elections in a small number of councils is not enough time to judge the difference STV could make over time.

⁹ Local Government Commission, 'Report to the Minister of Local Government on the review of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Electoral Act 2001: Special topic paper: Representation' (February 2008), pp 13–18

¹⁰ Local Government Commission, 'Report to the Minister of Local Government on the review of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Electoral Act 2001: Special topic paper: Representation' (February 2008), pp 18–19

Useful resources

Graham Bush, 'STV and local body elections – a mission probable?' in J. Drage (ed), *Empowering Communities? Representation and Participation in New Zealand's Local Government*, pp 45–64 (Wellington: Victoria University Press, 2002).

Local Government Commission, 'Report to the Minister of Local Government on the review of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Electoral Act 2001: Special topic paper: Representation' (February 2008)

(Note: this paper has now been withdrawn from the Commission's website but its contents may be found in the Commission's main report on its review of the above legislation which will be posted on its website in the near future at www.lgc.govt.nz.)

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23 September 2008

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

Meeting Dates – October-November 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 October-November 2008 will be as follows:

Regional Transport Committee	Thursday 9 October 2008
Consents and Regulatory Committee	Tuesday 14 October 2008
Policy and Planning Committee	Thursday 16 October 2008
Policy & Planning Committee	Thursday 16 October 2008 at 1pm*
<i>* Hearing of submissions on the Council's Draft Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki</i>	
Executive Committee	Tuesday 28 October 2008
Ordinary Meeting	Tuesday 4 November 2008

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