

**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.**

<b>Present</b>	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)
<b>Representatives</b>	Councillor	A Hickey	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Councillor	M Betts	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Mr	G Hight	(Federated Farmers of New Zealand)
<b>In attendance</b>	Councillor Messrs	R F H Maxwell	
		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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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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**