



**Date** 16 March 2021, 10.30am  
**Venue:** Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford  
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**Members**

Councillors	C L Littlewood N W Walker M G Davey M J McDonald D H McIntyre C S Williamson E D Van Der Leden D N MacLeod	Committee Chairperson Committee Deputy Chairperson      Via Zoom ex officio
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**Representative Members**

Councillors	C Young S Hitchcock G Boyde	South Taranaki District Council New Plymouth District Council Stratford District Council ( <i>left 11.15am</i> )
Mr	P Moeahu	Iwi Representative
Ms	L Tester	Iwi Representative
Ms	B Bigham	Iwi Representative
Mr	P Muir	Federated Farmers Representative

**Attending**

Councillors	D L Lean	
Messrs	M J Nield A D McLay G K Bedford D Harrison C Spurdle C Wadsworth P Ledingham S Ellis	Director - Corporate Services Director - Resource Management Director - Environment Quality Director - Operations Planning Manager Strategy Lead Communications Officer Environment Services Manager
Miss	L Davidson	Committee Administrator
One member of the media and one member of the public.		

**Apologies** An apology was received and sustained from Councillor M P Joyce and it was noted that Councillor G Boyde (Stratford District Council) would have to leave at 11.15am.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes – 2 February 2021**

**Resolved**

That the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 2 February 2021 at 10.30am
- b) notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 23 February 2021.

McDonald/Williamson

**Matters arising**

Correction of Councillor M G Davey's name on the minutes.

**2. Engagement on the Long-Term Vision for Freshwater**

- 2.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing to Members, the engagement process on the long-term vision for freshwater that forms part of the review of the *Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki* (RPS).
- 2.2 It was noted that the Iwi Representatives would like to be included in the iwi engagement process and suggested that the marae around the region be considered as venues for the workshops.

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the agenda memorandum titled *Engagement on the Long-term Vision for Freshwater*
- b) notes that that engagement with communities and tangata whenua on the development of the long-term vision for freshwater is a requirement under the *National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management*
- c) notes that that initial phase of the engagement, the online survey, has already commenced alongside engagement on the *Long-term Plan*.

Walker/McDonald

**3. Good Farm Management and Water Quality Improvements (Past and Potential)**

- 3.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director – Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum providing key findings presented in a suite of recently release research papers, concerning reductions in contaminant losses to water from pastoral farming in New Zealand that have been achieved to date, together with prospective future gains.

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Good Farm management and Water Quality Improvements (Past and Potential)*
- b) notes its findings, that New Zealand has made demonstrable progress towards better fresh water quality, and has both some potential for future gains, and also some significant challenges if it is to meet the Government's NPS target
- c) references the agenda memorandum and accompanying referenced documents at the time of any consideration of the sections of the Natural Resources Plan relating to methods for managing fresh water quality, and as occasion arises for consideration of national-level instruments.

McDonald/Young

**4. Fonterra Co-operative Difference Payment Initiative**

- 4.1 Mr A D McLay, Director – Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing to members Fonterra's *Co-operative Difference Payment* initiative.

*Councillor G Boyde – Stratford District Council left at 11.15am*

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the agenda memorandum titled *Fonterra Co-operative Difference Payment Initiative*
- b) notes that the environmental achievement area set out in the initiative aligns with and compliments Council's expectations in relation to sustainable environmental management on dairy farms in Taranaki.

Williamson/Muir

**5. Draft Submission on Climate Change Commission Draft Advice**

- 5.1 Mr A McLay, Director – Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum informing members of the Draft Submission, prepared on the Climate Change Commissions Draft Advice to the Government on possible transition pathways to a zero carbon economy. A presentation was made on the large submission by Mr C Wadsworth, Strategy Lead.

- 5.2 After discussion members considered the submission reflected the views of the region.

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum *Draft Submission on the Climate Change Commission Draft Advice*
- b) adopts the Draft submission for presentation to the Climate Change Commission by the due date of 28 March

- c) recommends sharing the submission with the three district councils, Venture Taranaki and iwi authorities to encourage a consistent approach to Government from the region
- d) makes minor amendments to the submission following engagement with the district councils and other parties.

McDonald/Walker

## 6. Key Native Ecosystems Programme Update

- 6.1 Mr D Harrison, Director – Operations, spoke to the memorandum presenting for Members information an update on the identification of twelve new Key Native Ecosystem (KNE) sites. A presentation on the programme was made by Mr S Ellis, Environment Services Manager, to respond to requests from iwi members. Their response was positive and the Council was encouraged to engage more with iwi and hapu groups.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum and the attached inventory sheet for Messengers Bush, Meier QEII, Base Camp QEII, Van der Poel's Bush, Watsons Hill Bush, Twin Giants, Menzies Road Hill Bush, Lucas Block, Hyview, Eight Hundred Trust KNE, Wild Earth, and Pete's Spot.
- b) notes that the aforementioned sites have indigenous biodiversity values of regional significance and should be identified as Key Native Ecosystems.

Williamson/McIntyre

There being no further business the Committee Chairman, Councillor C L Littlewood, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed at 12.06pm. The meeting closed with a karakia.

**Confirmed**

**Policy and Planning**

**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_

**C L Littlewood**

**27 April 2021**