

Date 12 October 2021, 10.30am

Venue: Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford

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Members	Councillor	C L Littlewood	Committee Chairperson
	Councillor	N W Walker	Committee Deputy Chairperson
	Councillor	M G Davey	
	Councillor	M J McDonald	<i>via zoom</i>
	Councillor	D H McIntyre	
	Councillor	C S Williamson	<i>via zoom</i>
	Councillor	E D Van Der Leden	<i>via zoom</i>
	Councillor	M P Joyce	ex officio
	Councillor	D N MacLeod	ex officio
Representative			
Members	Councillor	G Boyde	Stratford District Council
	Councillor	S Hitchcock	New Plymouth District Council
	Councillor	C Young	South Taranaki District Council
	Ms	L Tester	Iwi Representative
	Ms	B Bigham	Iwi Representative
	Mr	P Moeahu	Iwi Representative
	Mr	P Muir	Federated Farmers Representative <i>via zoom</i>
Attending	Councillor	D L Lean	
	Mr	S J Ruru	Chief Executive
	Mr	M J Nield	Director - Corporate Services
	Mr	A D McLay	Director - Resource Management
	Ms	A J Matthews	Director - Environment Quality
	Mr	D R Harrison	Director - Operations
	Mr	C Spurdle	Planning Manager
	Ms	K Langton	Policy Analyst
	Ms	B Mestrom	Policy Analyst
	Mr	C Wadsworth	Strategy Lead
	Miss	L Davidson	Committee Administrator
	Mr	K Holswich	<i>via zoom</i>
	Ms	E Bailey	<i>via zoom</i>
		One member of the public.	

Apologies There were no apologies received.

**Notification of
Late Items**

Due to illness Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust Taiao Briefing was postponed.

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 31 August 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 via audio-visual link on Tuesday 31 August 2021 at 10.30am
- b) notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 21 September 2021.

Joyce/Boyde

Matters arising

Progress on working with Iwi leaders will be covered in the workshop.

2. Submission on Proposed Regulations to Support the Crown Minerals (Decommissioning and Other Materials) Amendment Bill 2021

- 2.1 Mr C Wadsworth, Strategy Lead, spoke to the memorandum informing Members of the submission made on the Proposed Regulations to Support the Crown Minerals (Decommissioning and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2021 (“the Bill”) and answered questions arising.
- 2.2 It was suggested that there is potential for more collaboration with Iwi and hapū, especially, in regards to regional concerns. The Council shares its submissions, where there is sufficient time to do so given the Governments rapid reform agenda.
- 2.3 Officers were commended on the circulation of submissions to the Committee earlier for feedback.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum *Submission on Proposed Regulations to Support the Crown Minerals (Decommissioning and Other Matters) Amendments Bill 2021*
- b) adopts the submission on the Proposed Regulations.

Joyce/Young

3. Submission on Managing Intensive Winter Grazing

- 3.1 Mr C Wadsworth spoke to the memorandum informing Members of the submission made on the Managing Intensive Winter Grazing discussion document (“Discussion Document”).

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum *Submission on Managing Intensive Winter Grazing*
- b) adopts (alternatively amends) the submission on the Discussion Document.

MacLeod/Walker

4. Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust Taiao Briefing

4.1 Due to presenter illness this item was deferred to the next meeting.

5. Freshwater Farm Plan Regulations Discussion Document

5.1 Mr D R Harrison, Director – Operations, spoke to the memorandum presenting for Members’ consideration the submission for the Ministry for the Environment’s (MfE) *Freshwater Farm Plan Regulations Discussion Document* (Discussion Document).

5.2 It was suggested that Iwi could audit the farm plans and refer any non-compliance to the appropriate authority. It was noted that these regulations are based on Central Government considerations and frameworks, so Council had to work within those regulations.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Submission on Freshwater Farm Plan Regulations Discussion Document* and the submission appended to this item
 - b) endorses the submission appended to this item.
- Boyde/Young

6. Stock Exclusion Regulations: Proposed Changes to the Low Slope Map Discussion Document

6.1 Mr D R Harrison, Director – Operations, spoke to the memorandum seeking Members’ endorsement of a submission to the Ministry for the Environment’s (MfE) discussion document *Stock Exclusion Regulations: Proposed Changes to the Low Slope Map*.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Stock Exclusion Regulations: Proposed Changes to the Low Slope Map* and submission appended to this item
 - b) endorses the *Submission on Stock Exclusion Regulations: Proposed Changes to the Low Slope Map*.
- MacLeod/Bigham

7. Draft Submission on the Proposed Changes to Wetland Regulations

7.1 Mr D R Harrison, Director – Operations, spoke to the memorandum presenting for Members’ consideration a draft submission to the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) on the *'Managing our wetlands: A discussion document on proposed changes to the wetland regulations'* (Discussion Document) and answered questions arising.

7.2 The proposed changes to wetland regulations was a result of sector wide negative feedback about the operability of the regulations. Extra land management officers have been employed, under the Freshwater Implementation programme, to implement the regulations and continue to use non regulatory methods, particularly for wetland enhancement.

7.3 Officers were congratulated on the way they have navigated a particularly difficult pathway over the last year. The submissions that have been written have had an impact on decisions by the Government.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this Memorandum *Draft Submission on the proposed changes to the wetland regulation* and the attached draft submission
- b) adopts (*alternatively amends*) the draft submission.
Walker/Hitchcock

8. Freshwater Management Unit Review

- 8.1 Mr A D McLay, Director - Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum and introduced Ms K Langton, Policy Analyst, who gave a presentation on the findings of an internal review of Freshwater Management Units (FMUs).

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memo *Freshwater Management Unit Review*
- b) notes the internal recommendations for an FMU approach and that work will soon commence to liaise with Council's tangata whenua partners and establish Proposed FMUs for Taranaki.
Joyce/Young

It was noted that there were some significant environmental issues raised in the Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust Taiao Briefing paper and it was requested that Officers look in to these and provide an update at the next meeting.

There being no further business the Committee Chairman, Councillor C L Littlewood, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed at 11.40am. The meeting closed with a karakia.

Confirmed

Policy and Planning

Chairperson: _____

C L Littlewood
23 November 2021