

**Date** 6 June 2023

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

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<b>Present</b>	C L Littlewood	Acting Chairperson
	D M Cram	
	D H McIntyre	
	S W Hughes	
	A L Jamieson	
	N W Walker	<i>(ex officio)</i>
	E Bailey	Iwi Representative ( <i>zoom</i> )
	P Moeahu	Iwi Representative
	C Filbee	South Taranaki District Council
	G Boyde	Stratford District Council
	B Haque	New Plymouth District Council
<b>Attending</b>	Mr S J Ruru	Chief Executive
	Mr A D McLay	Director - Resource Management
	Ms A J Matthews	Director - Environment Quality
	Mr D R Harrison	Director - Operations
	Mr M J Nield	Director - Corporate Services
	Ms L Hawkins	Planning Manager
	Mr F Kiddle	Policy lead
	Mr D Sherman	Land Services Manager
	Mr T McElroy	Science and Technology Manager
	Mr H Smith	Landcare research ( <i>zoom</i> )
	Ms K Holland	Communications Adviser ( <i>zoom</i> )
	Mrs M Jones	Governance Administrator
	Miss N A Chadwick	Executive Assistant to Chief Executive

*1 member of the media*

*1 member of the public*

**Apologies** Were received and sustained from, C S Williamson - Committee Chairperson, Councillor B J Bigham and M Ritai.

With the absence of the Committee Chair and Deputy Chair. Mr S J Ruru - Chief Executive Taranaki Regional Council, put the motion that the committee nominate and appoint a chairperson for the Policy and Planning committee. Councillor McIntyre nominated Councillor Littlewood.

McIntyre/Littlewood

**1. Confirmation of Minutes Policy and Planning Committee 14 March 2023**

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council held at 10.30 on 14 March 2023 at Taranaki Regional Council 47 Cloten Road Stratford
- b) noted the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 4 April 2023.

Walker/Boyde

**2. Freshwater Implementation Project Report**

- 2.1 Ms L Hawkins, Policy Manager, spoke to the memorandum to provide the Committee with an update of the *Freshwater Implantation project*.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Freshwater Implementation Report*

Walker/Hughes

**3. Sediment Contributions from natural land cover areas and impacts of climate change for freshwater planning in Taranaki**

- 3.1 Mrs A J Matthews, Director – Environmental Quality, spoke to the memorandum to provide the Committee with an overview of the findings of a recent report commissioned by Taranaki Regional Council *SedNetNZ modelling to assess sediment contributions from natural land cover areas and impacts of climate change in Taranaki* by Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research).
- 3.2 Mr H Smith – Landcare Research provided a PowerPoint presentation.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Sediment contributions from natural land cover areas and impacts of climate change for freshwater planning in Taranaki* and accompanying report
- b) received the presentation by Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research; and
- c) noted the recommendations of the authors and officers regarding future work.

Boyde/Cram

**4. Strengthening National Direction on renewable Electrify Generation and electricity Transmission**

- 4.1 Mr A D McLay, Director – Resource Management, spoke to the Memorandum and introduced Mr F Kiddle – Strategy Lead, requesting the members endorse the submission on the *Strengthening national direction on renewable electricity generation and electricity transmission consultation document* (the Consultation Document).

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum entitled *Strengthening National Direction on Renewable Electricity Generation and Electricity Transmission*;
- b) noted the attached *Submission on strengthening national direction on renewable electricity generation and electricity transmission*;
- c) endorsed the submission made on the Consultation Document;
- d) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- e) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Hughes/Cram

**5. The Minister for the Environment’s request for information on providing for vegetable production through regional plans**

- 5.1 Ms L Hawkins, Policy Manager, spoke to the Memorandum informing members of the new requirement, under section 27 of the *Resource Management Act 1991* (RMA), to carry out annual reporting to the Minister for the Environment on the Council’s intention to provide for vegetable production within its review of the Freshwater Regional Plan.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum
- b) noted that the Minister for the Environment has requested annual reporting on the Taranaki Regional Councils intentions to provide for vegetable production when implementing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020
- c) noted that the first report to the Minister has been prepared and submitted by the Chief Executive.

Littlewood/Jamieson

**6. Regional Policy Statement - resource management issues**

6.1 Ms L Hawkins, Policy Manager, spoke to the memorandum to update the members on the Resource Management issues for the region.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum titled *Regional Policy Statement – Resource management issues*;
- d) noted that these issues are draft until the Natural Resources Plan is notified by the Council (end 2024) and are subject to refinement through the Councils plan development process and feedback from stakeholders;
- b) noted that issues are mandatory provisions for the RPS under the RMA and have been prepared in accordance with RMA, National Planning Standards and current plan drafting practice;
- c) noted that the issues of significance to iwi authorities has been prepared by Ngā Iwi o Taranaki through the Pou Taiao under the Heads of Agreement;
- e) noted that the Council will be presented these issues, and any updates to them, for their endorsement in 2023 prior to consultation on the draft Natural Resources Plan and again prior to formal notification of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan.

Walker/Hughes

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, C Littlewood, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed at 11.56am the meeting closed with a karakia.

**Policy and  
Planning**

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

**C L Littlewood**