



MINUTES

Policy & Planning

Date: 15 October 2024

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

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Present:

C S Williamson	Chairperson
S W Hughes	
B J Bigham	zoom
D M Cram	
C L Littlewood	ex officio
M Ritai	Iwi Representative
L Gibbs	Federated Framers
B Haque	New Plymouth District Council (joined meeting at 10.40am)

Attending:

A D McLay	Director – Resource Management
M J Nield	Director – Corporate Services
A J Matthews	Director – Environment Quality
F Kiddle	Strategy lead
L Hawkins	Policy Manager
T Gordon	Programme Manager, Freshwater
C Woollin	Communications Advisor
N Chadwick	Executive Assistant
M Jones	Governance Administrator

One media representative in attendance

The meeting opened at 10.32am

Apologies: Were received and sustained from Councillor Filbee – South Taranaki District Council, Councillor McIntyre, Councillor Walker, Councillor Jamieson, P Moeahu and E Bailey.

Williamson/Boyd

1. Confirmation of Minutes Policy and Planning 3 September 2024

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 10.45 on 3 September 2024 at Taranaki Regional Council 47 Cloten Road Stratford
- b) noted the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 24 September 2024.

Hughes/Littlewood

2. Improving timelines of jury trials submission

- 2.1 F Kiddle provided an overview of the NZ Government's discussion document on improving the timelines of jury trials, seeking endorsement of the draft submission.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled Improving timeliness of jury trials submission
- b) endorsed the submission with an amendment that Council's preferred option is that Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) proceedings are excluded from jury trial requirements all together, if this is not possible, increase the threshold to three years
- c) determined that this decision be recognised not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- d) 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, determined 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.

Gibbs/Cram

3. Crown Minerals Amendment Bill Submission

- 3.1 F Kiddle provided an overview of the Crown Minerals Amendment Bill.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled Crown Minerals Amendment Bill Submission
- b) endorsed the submission contained in Appendix One
- c) determined that this decision be recognised not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- d) 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, determined 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

4. Freshwater Implementation Update October 2024

4.1 L Hawkins provided a freshwater update for October 2024.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the October 2024 update on the Freshwater implementation Programme.

Littlewood/Boyd

5. Freshwater Implementation Consultation Feedback and next steps

5.1 L Hawkins presented the analysis and feedback received from the community during the recent consultation process.

(11.29am M Ritai left meeting.)

(11.33am M Ritai re-joined meeting.)

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled Freshwater Community Consultation Feedback and Next Step
- b) received the attachment titled Help Shape the Rules – Community Engagement Report
- c) noted that a presentation will be provided to the Committee at the meeting to take the members through the content of the consultation report and proposed next steps
- d) supported the next steps and overall direction being taken by staff, as summarised in this memorandum, to progress further targeted engagement, investigation and policy development to support the drafting of the Land and Freshwater Plan
- e) determined that this decision be recognised not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- f) 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, determined 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

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, C S Williamson, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed at 11.53am.

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Committee Chairperson: _____

C S Williamson