

Date: 4 February 2025

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
N W Walker	ex officio
D H McIntyre	
A L Jamieson	
M Ritai	Iwi Representative
E Bailey	Iwi Representative (zoom)
P Moeahu	Iwi Representative
G Boyde	Stratford District Council
L Gibbs	Federated Framers

Attending:

S J Ruru	Chief Executive
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
V McKay	Manager – Environmental Assurance
T McElroy	Manager- Science and Technology
C Pickford	Team Leader – Environmental Data
S Tamarapa	Pou Takawaenga – Relationship Facilitator
C Woollin	Communications Advisor
N Chadwick	Governance Administrator
M Jones	Governance Administrator

Three members of the public were in attendance.

The meeting opened at 10.30am.

Apologies: Were received and sustained from Councillor Filbee – South Taranaki District Council, and Councillor Haque – New Plymouth District Council.

McIntyre/Boyde

1. Confirmation of Minutes Policy and Planning 15 October 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 15 October 2024 at Taranaki Regional Council 47 Cloten Road Stratford
- b) noted the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 29 October 2024.

McIntyre/Boyde

2. Government Submission Omnibus

- 2.1 P Moeahu moved a motion that Council will not lodge anymore submissions on Government legislation.

Moeahu/Ritai

10:46am L Gibbs joined the meeting

- 2.2 Following discussion, the motion was withdrawn by P Moeahu/M Ritai with the agreement of the Committee.
- 2.3 F Kiddle provided an overview of the two submissions relating to the proposed Government bills, seeking endorsement of these draft submissions, along with two submissions made by other bodies.

Councillor Bigham noted an interest with the Local Government (Water Services) Bill due to her role with Taumata Arowai.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled Government submissions omnibus
- b) endorsed the submission in Attachment 1 on the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill
- c) endorsed the submission in Attachment 2 on the Local Government (Water Services) Bill
- d) noted the submission in Attachment 5 from the Taranaki Mayoral Forum on the Offshore Renewable Energy Bill
- e) noted that if Council has additional matters it wishes to raise on the Offshore Renewable Energy Bill not canvased in the Taranaki Mayoral Forum submission, there is a short window to lodge a separate submission ahead of submissions closing on 6 February
- f) noted the submission in Attachment 7 from Te Uru Kahika on the Regulatory Standards Bill discussion document
- g) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- h) 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/Walker

3. Freshwater Implementation February Update

- 3.1 L Hawkins provided a freshwater Implementation update for February 2025.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the February 2025 update on the Freshwater Implementation Programme.

Williamson/Cram

4. Request to Commence Coastal Plan Change

- 4.1 L Hawkins provided an update on an issue with the drafting of Policy 43 in the Coastal Plan for Taranaki 2023 (the Coastal Plan) seeking endorsement to commence with a plan change under Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum entitled Proposed Plan Change to the Coastal Plan for Taranaki
- b) noted that the wording of Policy 43 likely applies to the West Coast North Island Sanctuary likely precluding many appropriate use and development activities that disturb the seabed in the CMA
- c) agreed to commence a plan change to Policy 43, and other consequential amendments, to address the issue
- d) directed staff to engage closely with iwi throughout the plan change process
- e) determined that this decision be recognised as 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.

Cram/Hughes

5. Lake Rotorangi State of the Environment Monitoring Report 2021-2024

- 5.1 T McElroy provided an overview of the Lake Rotorangi State of the Environment Monitoring Report 2021-2024.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the Lake Rotorangi State of the Environment Monitoring Report 2021-2024
- b) noted the recommendations therein.

Jamieson/Boyde

6. Awatuna Constructed Wetland

- 6.1 C Pickford provided an overview of an investigation into the use of constructed wetlands. This investigation included the Awatuna Constructed Wetland.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the report titled Awatuna Constructed Wetland, and accompanying documentation
- b) noted the findings of this investigation.

Littlewood/Williamson

P Moeahu spoke to the Committee on behalf of the Iwi Representatives expressing their view on who should be appointed Chair and Deputy Chair of the Taranaki Regional Council.

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, C S Williamson, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed at 12:13pm.

Policy and Planning

Committee Chairperson: _____

C S Williamson