

**Minutes of the Policy and Planning  
Committee Meeting of the Taranaki  
Regional Council, held in the Taranaki  
Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten  
Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 25 July 2017  
at 10.30 am.**



<b>Members</b>	Councillors	N W Walker	(Committee Chairperson)
		C L Littlewood D H McIntyre B K Raine	
		D L Lean	(ex officio)
<b>Attending</b>	Councillor	G Boyde	(Stratford District Council)
	Councillor	P Nixon	(South Taranaki District Council)
<b>Attending</b>	Messrs	A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
		M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		S R Hall	(Director-Operations)
		C L Spurdle	(Planning Manager)
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)
		R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)
		Mrs H Gerrard	(Science Manager)
		Mrs V McKay	(Science Manager)
		Mr Q Amore	(Environment Team Leader)
Mrs K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)		
Mr J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)		

**Apologies** The apologies from Councillor M P Joyce, Councillor D N MacLeod, Councillor C S Williamson, Councillor R Jordan (New Plymouth District Council) and Mrs B Muir (Taranaki Federated Farmers) were received and sustained.

**Notification of Late Items** Notes on Land Use and Water Quality Conference 2017

**1. Confirmation of Minutes - 6 June 2017**

**Resolved**

THAT the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 6 June 2017 at 10.30am

2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 27 June 2017.

McIntyre/Littlewood

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **2. Update on the Pest Management Review for Taranaki**

- 2.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum updating Members on submissions made by the public on the *Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* and the *Taranaki Regional Council Biosecurity Strategy 2017-2037* and to recommend that the Council conduct a hearing of submissions on both documents.
- 2.2 Following the Council's closing date for submissions (30 June 2017), 10 submissions were received. Council officers have commenced reviewing and analysing the submissions and organising pre-hearing meetings with key submitters to discuss the issues raised and policy responses.

### **Recommendations**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum on the *Update on the Pest Management Review for Taranaki*
2. notes that 10 submissions have been received on the *Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* and the *Taranaki Regional Council Biosecurity Strategy 2017-2037*
3. notes that six of the 10 submitters have stated that they wish to present their submission at a Council hearing
4. agrees that the Policy and Planning Committee be convened as a Hearing Committee to hear submissions and make its recommendations on submissions to the Council on 17 October 2017.

McIntyre/Raine

## **3. Report back on the interim review of the Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki**

- 3.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum presenting for information, feedback obtained on the report entitled *Final report on the interim review of the Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki 2010 – Evaluation of appropriateness, efficiency and effectiveness*, thus completing the process of the interim review of the *Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki*.
- 3.2 It was noted to the Committee that feedback on the review of the effectiveness and efficiency of the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) was largely supportive of the preliminary findings from the Report and for a combined RPS and regional plan for

air, coast, freshwater and soil by 2020. Further work is required on how the Council will operationalise this, however there would be efficiencies for the Council and key stakeholders going forward.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum and report *Final report on interim review of the Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki 2010 – Evaluation of appropriateness, efficiency and effectiveness*
2. notes the views and responses of key stakeholders on the preliminary report
3. notes that the Regional Policy Statement continues to be relevant, efficient and effective
4. agrees that no immediate changes to the Regional Policy Statement are required.

Lean/McIntyre

## **4. Submission on charging to monitor permitted activities in the National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry**

- 4.1 The memorandum introducing a Council submission on the Ministry for Primary Industries discussion paper on charging to monitor permitted activities in the National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry was received and noted by the Committee. The submission was sent by the due date on 16 June 2017.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum Submission on charging to monitor permitted activities in the National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry
2. adopts the submission.

Boyde/Littlewood

## **5. Regional freshwater recreational bathing water quality report for 2016-2017**

- 5.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum updating the Committee on the results of the Council's 'state of the environment' programme that monitors freshwater contact recreational water quality, for the 2016-2017 bathing season (*Freshwater contact recreational water quality at selected Taranaki sites State of the Environment Monitoring Report 2016-2017, Technical Report 2017-01, July 2017*).
- 5.2 Mr Bedford provided the Committee with a presentation on freshwater and marine contact recreational water quality at Taranaki sites in 2016-2017.

## **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum noting the preparation of the report *Freshwater Contact Recreational Water Quality at selected Taranaki sites SEM Monitoring Report 2016-2017, Technical Report 2017-01*
2. adopts the specific recommendations presented in Technical Report 2017-01.

Raine/McIntyre

## **6. Bathing beach recreational water quality SEM report 2016-2017**

- 6.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum presenting to the Committee the report on the quality of coastal bathing waters in the Taranaki region during the 2016-2017 bathing season, as set out in the report *Bathing Beach Water Quality State of the Environment Monitoring Report Summer 2016-2017, Technical Report 2017-2*.

## **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum noting the preparation of the report *Bathing Beach Water Quality State of the Environment Monitoring Report Summer 2016-2017 Technical Report 2017-2*
2. adopts the specific recommendations, concerning sampling and reporting, in Technical Report 2017-2.

Boyde/Nixon

## **7. Review of the Biodiversity Strategy for the Taranaki Regional Council**

- 7.1 Mr S R Hall, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum presenting for consideration of the Committee, the draft *Biodiversity Strategy for the Taranaki Regional Council*.
- 7.2 Mr Q Amore, Environment Team Leader, and Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, provided a presentation to the Committee on the draft Strategy.

## **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Review of the Biodiversity Strategy for the Taranaki Regional Council*
2. notes that the Biodiversity Strategy reviews and updates Council biodiversity priorities, and work programmes remain to ensure they remain relevant, efficient and effective.

Raine/Littlewood

## 8. Key Native Ecosystems programme: Update Two 2017

- 8.1 Mr S R Hall, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum presenting the second 2017 update to the Committee on the identification of ten new Key Native Ecosystem sites.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum and the inventory sheets for Canaan Bush; Dobbs Family Trust; Upper Mangaotuku; Ian and Jean Kurth; Howell's Bush; Kaihuahua; Woodside; Pukemiro, Pukekura Park and Punarima Bush and Wetlands
2. notes that the aforementioned sites have indigenous biodiversity values of regional significance and should be identified as Key Native Ecosystems.

Raine/McIntyre

## 9. Notes on Land Use and Water Quality Conference 2017

- 9.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum outlining some significant themes that were presented at the international Land Use and Water Quality 2017 Conference held recently in the Hague. Mr Bedford attended the Conference and presented on the Council's riparian programme.
- 9.2 Members noted the information obtained at the Conference confirmed the resource management approaches adopted by the Council over the years.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Notes on Land Use and Water Quality Conference 2017*
2. notes the messages that emerged at the Conference.

Littlewood/Nixon

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson Councillor N W Walker, declared the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 12.20pm.

**Confirmed**

**Chairperson** \_\_\_\_\_  
N W Walker

**Date** 29 August 2017