

**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 29 August
2017 at 10.30 am.**



Members	Councillors	N W Walker	(Committee Chairperson)
		M P Joyce C L Littlewood D H McIntyre B K Raine C S Williamson	
		D L Lean	(ex officio)
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)
Representative Members	Ms	E Bailey	(Iwi Representative)
	Councillor	G Boyde	(Stratford District Council)
	Mr	J Hooker	(Iwi Representative)
	Councillor	R Jordan	(New Plymouth District Council) <i>from 10.50am</i>
	Councillor	P Nixon	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Mr	M Ritai	(Iwi Representative)
Attending	Councillor	M J McDonald	
	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)
		M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		S R Hall	(Director-Operations)
		R Ritchie	(Communications Officer)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Mrs	N West	(Policy Analyst)
	Mrs	H Gerrard	(Science Manager)
	Mr	R Phipps	(Science Manager)
	Mr	H Eriwata	(Iwi Representative)
Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)	
		Four Members of the public.	
		One Member of the media.	
Apologies		The apology from Mrs B Muir (Taranaki Federated Farmers) was received and sustained.	
Notification of Late Items		There were no late items of business.	

Opening Karakia Mr M Ritai (Iwi Representative) gave the opening Karakia to the Policy and Planning Committee.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 25 July 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 25 July 2017 at 10.30am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 15 August 2017.

Littlewood/Raine

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Recent changes to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management

- 2.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum (and presentation) on the recent changes made to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM).

Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Recent changes to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management*
2. notes the ongoing uncertainty around a number of the provisions of the NPS-FM
3. notes the significant social and economic impacts the new requirements will have for Taranaki and other regions and the lack of awareness of this in central government.

McIntyre/Raine

3. National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management Implementation Review

- 3.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memoarndum introducing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management Implementation Review report and a report on progress in Taranaki in implementing the National Policy Statement.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management Implementation Review*.

Williamson/Raine

4. Addressing New Zealand's Biodiversity Challenge – a regional council thinkpiece

- 4.1 Mr S R Hall, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum presenting for information a regional council thinkpiece on the future of biodiversity management in New Zealand entitled *Addressing New Zealand's Biodiversity Challenge*.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum and the report *Addressing New Zealand's Biodiversity Challenge*
2. notes that the Report highlights five required shifts in biodiversity management to support regional council efforts in maintaining biodiversity – stronger leadership and clearer lines of accountability, building on existing programmes, better information, better collaboration, and a coherent legislative framework
3. notes that the Council is already giving effect to many of the actions identified in the Report through its recently reviewed and adopted *Biodiversity Strategy for the Taranaki Regional Council*.

Lean/Joyce

5. Environmental Protection Authority grants marine consent for sand mining in part of South Taranaki Bight

- 5.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum informing the Committee that the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has granted consents to Trans-Tasman Resources Limited (TTR) to extract iron sand within the South Taranaki Bight and to outline the Council's ongoing role in relation to this project.
- 5.2 The Council noted within its submission that, if approval was given, a collaborative approach between the EPA and Council should be undertaken for monitoring and enforcement of activities to address the environmental effects felt within the coastal marine area where Council has jurisdiction. Condition 61 provides for the establishment of a Technical Review Group, which will provide technical advice to TTR. The Council is invited to provide a representative on this group. The costs for members of the Group will be met by TTR. It is also noted that the Council is likely to have to respond to public complaints within the project area not knowing whether the complaints are related to TTR and that this will impose unnecessary costs on

ratepayers. There has been no response from the EPA to this concern. The EPA, as consent authority, will be responsible for responding to any public complaints.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Environmental Protection Authority grants consents to Trans-Tasman Resources Ltd to extract iron sand within the South Taranaki Bight*
2. notes the Environmental Protection Authority's decision to grant consent to Trans-Tasman Resources Ltd to extract iron sand within the South Taranaki Bight
3. notes Council's ongoing role in relation to this project.

Joyce/Raine

6. National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry

- 6.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing the final gazetted *National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry* (NES-PF) and to outline the Council's requirements relating to its implementation.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum on the *National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry*
2. notes the promulgation of the NES-PF occurred on 3 August 2017 and commences on 1 May 2018
3. notes that the Council will be reviewing its plans and advisory, monitoring, and compliance programmes relating to forestry activities in the region.

Littlewood/Williamson

7. Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry

- 7.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum outlining the main findings from Stage 1 of the Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry, particularly from the point of view of regional council responsibilities, and to advise the Committee of the joint work underway between the Council, water supply authorities and drinking water assessors in Taranaki to review systems and processes in regard to the findings of the Inquiry.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum on the Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry

