



# **UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management  
Committee Meeting**

**16 August 2019**

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MACKENZIE COUNTRY INN, TWIZEL  
ON FRIDAY, 16 AUGUST 2019 AT 9.36AM**

**PRESENT:** Simon Cameron (Chair), Lisa Anderson, Matthew Bayliss, Sandra Hampstead-Tipene, Richard Subtil, Cr John Sunckell, John Wilkie, Cr Craig Dawson, Cr Stuart Barwood, Joy Paterson, Kieran Whyte

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Tami Woods (ECan), Jenna Hughes-Games (ECan), Graeme Clarke (ECan), Catherine Schache (ECan), Marty Mortiaux (ECan), Ian Whitehouse (ECan), Chris Eccleston (ECan), Panther-Storm Sullivan, Gisela Craig (acting Governance Advisor), one member of the media, eight members of the public.

**1 OPENING**

The Chair opened the meeting

**2 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from Rick Ramsey, Zella Smith (ECan) and Jeremy Severinsen (DOC)

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Lisa Anderson declared an interest in matters relating to Items 5.4 and 5.5 the agenda.

**4 VISITORS**

Karina Morrow (ECan), Bianca Sullivan (Enviser)

**5 REPORTS**

**5.2 MINUTES OF UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 19 JULY 2019**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/0001/34**

Moved: Craig Dawson

Seconded: Richard Subtil

The Minutes of the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held on Friday 19 July 2019 were received and the recommendations therein were adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 5.3 UPPER WAITAKI ZONE COMMITTEE - 2019 ACTION LIST

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is from Tami Woods, Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury.

The purpose of this report is to update the committee on progress on items identified at previous Zone Committee meetings in 2019.

Tami Woods referred to the action list, particularly the first three items, which are to be discussed in this meeting.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The report was received

### 5.4 AHURIRI ARM LAKE TROPHIC LIMITS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FARMING CONSENTS - UPDATE

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is from Marty Mortiaux, Environment Canterbury.

This report provides an update to the paper on lake trophic limits and implications on farming consents, as discussed at the last meeting.

Mr Mortiaux elaborated on the essence of the report and the wider issues of the varying trigger levels. ECan is to establish a new catchment group aiming to find solutions to the issue. He also mentioned that the consent holders were unlikely to take the 'two person panel' pathway and instead would make the reductions required by their consents, along with the need to prepare a report into the course of the Trophic Level Index exceedance. The possible cause of the varying trophic level readings was discussed. In addition to Mr Mortiaux's report, Graeme Clarke (ECan) presented a slide show on data relating to the Trophic Level Index, rainfall, ground water levels and invasive organisms that could have an effect on the lake's Trophic Level Index. A general discussion followed and questions were asked in regards to the figures presented. The memorandum from Graeme Clarke with tables and graphs was handed out to all attendees and will be attached to the Minutes, as well as his PowerPoint presentation.

Matthew Bayliss enquired about the \$100 fee in order to receive required information for water use consent applicants. Richard Subtil suggested distributing the costs by making the one report available to all applicants/current consent holders. Different types of reports and consent conditions apply for land use vs water use. It was clarified that a small charge was being sought towards the report as it was a required action under their consent.

#### Attachments

- 1 Tabled memorandum from Graeme Clarke
- 2 Ahuriri TLI Cause Report – Graeme Clarke PowerPoint Presentation

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/0001/35**

Moved: Joy Paterson

Seconded: Cr Stuart Barwood

1. The report was received.

**CARRIED**

2. The committee noted progress and provided feedback on proposed next steps.

**5.5 LAKE BENMORE AHURIRI ARM TROPHIC LEVEL INDEX CONSENT RESPONSE OPTIONS****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is from Bianca Sullivan, Enviser Limited, and Zella Smith, Environment Canterbury.

The purpose of the report is to outline how a consent review process may be undertaken to address the trophic level index exceedance in the Ahuriri Arm of Lake Benmore, and how this compares to other options.

Bianca Sullivan sent apologies for Zella Smith. A slide show was presented on 'Key features of post-2010 water permits and farming land use permits in the Ahuriri Arm of Lake Benmore'. An additional handout outlining the options was provided, which will be attached to the Minutes. Options were presented on how to address inequity in the consent reviews, along with suggestions on how to distribute the financial burdens. Currently there are 14 water permits and 7 farming use land consents. Five farming use land consents are still outstanding. A general discussion was held on how the changes can be implemented, if at all.

Joy Paterson would find it useful to receive a list of all consent holders, along with consent expiry dates, not just for the Ahuriri Arm area.

**Attachments**

- 1 Tabled document: Lake Benmore Ahuriri Arm Trophic Level Index Response Options

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/0001/36**

Moved: Craig Dawson

Seconded: Richard Subtil

1. The report was received.

**CARRIED****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/0001/37**

Moved: Richard Subtil

Seconded: John Wilkie

2. A technical group of Environment Canterbury staff and consultants to further discuss the options to address inequity between consent holders with TLI trigger levels of 2.75 and 2.9 and then further discuss options with consent holders.

3. A catchment group for Ahuriri Arm to be formed as soon as possible and determine what further science is needed to establish where the nutrients are coming from. Graeme Clarke's report to be discussed with the catchment group.
4. Environment Canterbury to then identify where nutrients are originating from within the catchment area and report back to the catchment group.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned from 11.20am – 11.38am for Morning Tea

## **5.6 MACKENZIE BASIN ALIGNMENT PROGRAMME**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is from Karina Morrow, Programme Manager – Mackenzie Basin Agency Alignment Programme.

The purpose of the Report is to provide information on the Mackenzie Basin Agency Alignment Programme (MBAAP) and to seek feedback on one of the Programme's specific projects: "Farmers as Partners".

Karina Morrow elaborated on her report. The five agencies work closely together to assist landholders. The aim is to achieve enhanced outcomes and efficiency in regards to joint consent processes, sharing resources, applications etc.

The Chair asked whether, in the future, NZTA could be added to the list of agencies.

The 2019 planned achievements were outlined, with an emphasis on engaging with landholders, and how the tourism sector can benefit from the programme.

Karina Morrow invited feedback from the Committee, which is to be included in the next Steering Committee meeting. The Committee responded that the Mackenzie Basin Agency Alignment Programme is only in its infancy and feedback on particular matters had been regarded as 'too soon'.

Mr Bayliss queried the delays in regards to the tourism management plan, to which Karina Morrow responded that the Tourism strategy has been delayed until June 2020.

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/0001/38**

Moved: Richard Subtil

Seconded: Joy Paterson

1. The report was received.
2. That the Committee noted:
  - (a) The context of the Mackenzie Basin Agency Alignment Programme;
  - (b) The progress made through the Mackenzie Basin Agency Alignment Programme to date;
  - (c) Suggestions for working with farmers and landholders.

**CARRIED**

**5.7 MACKENZIE DRYLAND PARK**

Jeremy Severinsen (DOC) sent his apologies. This item was not discussed.

**5.8 ZONE FACILITATOR'S REPORT****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is from Tami Woods, Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury.

This report provides information that may be of interest to the Zone Committee that is not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

Tami Woods drew attention to the list of consents received by ECan and asked whether the Committee would wish to receive the updated list on an ongoing basis, which has been welcomed by the Committee.

**Attachments**

- 1 Tabled document: Upper Waitaki Water Zone General Information

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

The report was received.

**General matters arising:**

- Richard Subtil attended the recent Environment Defence Society meeting in Auckland. Tami Woods will make the report on Mackenzie presented at that meeting available to the Committee.
- Tami Woods to explore options of replacement for Committee member Sandra Hampstead-Tipene, in regards to rūnanga. Would it be possible for Panther-Storm Sullivan to be seconded?
- The Chair thanked Sandra Hampstead-Tipene and Craig Dawson for their contribution and commitment to the Committee.
- Matthew Bayliss would welcome a list of attendees for future agendas, outlining their roles and work locations.
- Matthew Bayliss noted he would be able to attend the Regional Committee on 10 September 2019. The Committee requested that all Regional Committee dates be included in their calendars and that there be a standing item on the agenda confirming who could attend.

**The Meeting closed at 12.51pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held on 20 September 2019.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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