



# **MINUTES**

## **Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting**

**16 April 2021**

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MACKENZIE COUNTRY INN, TWIZEL  
ON FRIDAY, 16 APRIL 2021 AT 9.30AM**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Simon Cameron, Cr John Sunckell, Ms Joy Paterson, Cr Ross McRobie, Cr Stuart Barwood,

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Janine Roux (Committee Facilitator, Ecan), Chris Eccleston (Ecan), John Benn (DOC), Graeme Clark (Ecan), Sriyan Jayasuriya (Ecan), Ian Lyttle (Ecan), Mikaela Wells (Aquaculture Group), Shaun Thomason (LINZ), Arlene Goss (Governance Advisor).

Before the meeting it was noted that there were only five members present and this did not constitute a quorum, which was six members. It was agreed to go ahead with the meeting without a quorum, but not make any formal decisions.

### **1 OPENING**

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

### **2 APOLOGIES**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2021/86**

Moved: Ms Joy Paterson

Seconded: Cr Ross McRobie

That apologies be received from members Lisa Anderson, Richard Subtil, Keiran Whyte, Michael Mcmillan and Matthew Bayliss.

**CARRIED**

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following amendments to the interests register were requested:

- Joy Paterson is no longer a member of the conservation board.
- Cr Ross McRobie is no longer a member of the community trust.

### **4 VISITORS**

Shaun Thomason from Land Information New Zealand was at the meeting.

### **5 REPORTS**

#### **5.1 MINUTES OF UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 19 MARCH 2021**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2021/87**

Moved: Ms Joy Paterson

Seconded: Cr John Sunckell

That the Minutes of the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held on Friday 19 March 2021 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

## **5.2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Joy Paterson said she has been invited to the Mackenzie District Council trails and parks strategy workshop with Becca.

The chairman has recently attended a meeting with the Lower Waitaki and Opihi Temuka Orari Pareora zone committees to discuss matters of mutual interest. Of concern was the news that Immediate Steps biodiversity funding may be halved following Environment Canterbury's confirmation of their LTP.

Cr Sunckell explained that although this amount could be halved, it may not be restricted to biodiversity projects but could be used for any matters the zone committees wanted to fund, such as setting up catchment groups, or communication with the community. The other half of the money would go into a regional pot for biodiversity funding. This will be an effort to get bigger biodiversity projects fully funded, instead of partly funding a lot of small projects.

Following this discussion, the chairman asked those present to introduce themselves.

## **5.3 LINZ REPORT**

Shaun Thomason from Land Information New Zealand updated the committee on activities Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) were currently undertaking in the Upper Waitaki.

Mr Thomason presented on lake weed control, then on LINZ camping sites including Haldon Arm. His power point presentation is available as an attachment to these minutes.

Discussion took place on the septic tanks at the Haldon camp site. The chairman said there was a question mark around the drain pipes on the septic tanks, which he believed were at lake level. He was concerned that at times of high use the tanks would overflow.

Mr Thomason said this matter was discussed at the Waitaki Lakes Shoreline Committee meeting yesterday and would be followed up. The committee agreed that if the tanks were fully self-contained they would be satisfied there was no danger to the lake, but the state of the tanks needed to be assessed by an expert. This was noted by Mr Thomason.

Cr Sunckell thanked Mr Thomason for attending the meeting and updating the committee on LINZ activities.

#### **5.4 PERMITTED ACTIVITY MONITORING**

Land Management Advisor Ian Lyttle, from Environment Canterbury, spoke about permitted activity rules in the upper Waitaki area. His presentation is available as an attachment to these minutes.

Discussion included the new rules related to excluding stock from waterways and natural wetlands. The impact of these rules was discussed by the committee, in particular how they would be applied to land that flooded regularly.

#### **5.5 ZONE FACILITATOR'S REPORT**

This report was from Janine Roux, Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury. It provided information that may be of interest to the committee that was not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

Discussion of the report included the following matters:

Applications are now open for new zone committee members. The Twizel Update has done some publicity to encourage people to put their names forward for the committee. It was agreed that someone from the Tekapo area, and/or someone from the Ahuriri area would be good.

Janine Roux said members Lisa Anderson, Richard Subtil and herself attended the Ahuriri Community Catchment Group Forum. She reported from this event.

Balmoral Station is running a field day next week.

Cr Barwood asked if the committee would like to contribute to MDC's submission on sustainable freedom camping. It was agreed this would be a good idea.

**The Meeting closed at 10.45am and was followed by an informal workshop to discuss the priorities for the coming year.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held on 21 May, 2021.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**