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**Notice is given of a Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting
to be held on:**

Date: Friday, 16 April 2021

Time: 9.30am

**Location: Mackenzie Country Inn
Twizel**

AGENDA

Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting

16 April 2021

Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Membership:

Simon Cameron (Chair)
Lisa Anderson
Matthew Bayliss
Richard Subtil
John Sunckell
Joy Paterson
Kieran Whyte
Ross McRobie
Stuart Barwood
Michael McMillan

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- (a) efficient; and
- (b) effective; and
- (c) appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances.

(Local Government Act 2002)

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Upper Waitaki Zone Committee Meeting Friday 16 April 2021 9.30am Mackenzie Country Inn meeting room		
Time	Item	Lead
9.00am	Arrivals	
9.30am	Opening Karakia	
	Standing Items Apologies, Minutes, Correspondence, Conflicts of Interest, Matters arising, Chair's Report	
9.40am	Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) activity report	Shaun Thomason, LINZ
10.00am	Report on permitted activities and good management practice monitoring in the Ahuriri Catchment	Ian Lyttle, Environment Canterbury
10.20am	Zone Facilitator's Report	Janine Roux
10.30am	General Business	All
10.45am- 11.00am	Morning tea	
11.00am	Workshop – Zone Committee Action Plan	Janine Roux
12.00pm	Closing Karakia	

1 REPORTS**1.1 MINUTES OF UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 19 MARCH 2021**

Author: Arlene Goss, Governance Advisor

Authoriser:

Attachments: 1. Minutes of the meeting on March 19, 2021 [↓](#) 

RECOMMENDATION

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.



Unconfirmed MINUTES

Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting

19 March 2021

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MACKENZIE COUNTRY INN, TWIZEL
ON FRIDAY, 19 MARCH 2021 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Chairperson Simon Cameron, Matthew Bayliss, Richard Subtil, Cr John Sunckell, Cr Ross McRobie, Joy Paterson, Michael Mcmillan

IN ATTENDANCE: Janine Roux (Facilitator), Chris Eccleston (Ecan), Kate Doran (Ecan), Shirley Hayward (Science Team Leader Ecan), Sam Kidner (River Engineer Ecan), Hamish Barrell (Waitaki District Council – from about 12pm), Arlene Goss (Committee secretary), John Benn (Department of Conservation), Tim Harty (Mackenzie District Council), Rick Ramsay (aquaculture group), Kirsty Simmonds (Fonterra)

1 OPENING

Member Michael Mcmillan opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2021/81

Moved: Mr Richard Subtil

Seconded: Cr Ross McRobie

That the apologies received from Lisa Anderson and Cr Stuart Barwood be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 VISITORS

Hamish Barrell from Waitaki District Council visited to update the committee on the District Plan Review.

5 REPORTS

5.1 MINUTES OF UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 16 OCTOBER 2020

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2021/82

Moved: Ms Joy Paterson

Seconded: Cr John Sunckell

That the Minutes of the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held on Friday 16 October 2020 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

5.1.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

The chairman stood down and facilitator Janine Roux conducted the election. The committee chose system B to conduct the process.

Joy Paterson nominated Simon Cameron for the chair and this was seconded by Cr McRobie. There were no further nominations and therefore Simon Cameron was elected chairperson.

Cr Sunckell nominated Mat Bayliss for the deputy chair and this was seconded by Simon Cameron. There were no further nominations and therefore Mat Bayliss was elected deputy chairperson.

It was noted that the committee refresh process would take place in June. The only member due for refresh was Lisa Anderson.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2021/83

Moved: Ms Joy Paterson

Seconded: Cr Ross McRobie

1. That Simon Cameron be re-elected chairperson of the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2021/84

Moved: Cr John Sunckell

Seconded: Chairperson Simon Cameron

That Mat Bayliss be re-elected deputy chairperson of the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee.

CARRIED

5.2 INTERESTS REGISTER

The Interests Register was noted.

5.3 TAKAMANA (LAKE ALEXANDRINA)

The chairman updated the committee on the recent field trip to Lake Alexandrina. Discussion took place on the good health of the lake and the work being done under the Immediate Steps funding programme.

5.4 LAKE RUATANIWHA CONTACT RECREATIONAL WATER QUALITY RESULTS

This report was from Shirley Hayward, Science Team Leader - Water Quality and Ecology, Environment Canterbury. It informed the Zone Committee of the contact recreational water quality results received over the December/January period.

Shirley Hayward provided background information on lake monitoring over Christmas and New Year.

Weekly monitoring showed good results. Bacteria levels remained below alert levels for the period. There was nothing to cause concern.

Additional samples were taken for faecal source monitoring, but because there were no high levels there was no analysis completed.

The area was busy and full of people but not as intense as it has felt at times in the past. The weather during that period was not good so people didn't stay as long. Mat Bayliss asked Environment Canterbury staff to get the occupancy numbers from the motor camp to help assess numbers.

Shirley Hayward said Environment Canterbury staff planned to repeat the water sampling next summer.

Loch Laird is on the same sampling run and is sampled weekly from November to March. Loch Cameron is not monitored. Joy Patterson asked if Loch Cameron could be added to the water sampling run. Shirley Hayward offered to look into this and come back to the committee. This area is on Meridian Energy land.

A resolution was passed to this effect.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2021/85

Moved: Ms Joy Paterson

Seconded: Chairperson Simon Cameron

That Environment Canterbury staff investigate whether Loch Cameron can be added to the schedule of contact recreational water quality testing.

CARRIED

5.5 "ONE POO CAN CLOSE THE LAKE" PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN SUMMER 2020/21

This report was from Kate Doran, Senior Communications & Engagement Advisor, Environment Canterbury. It informed the Zone Committee of the highlights and opportunities of the 'One Poo Can Close the Lake' Public Awareness Campaign.

Kate Doran described visitor numbers as steady over the summer period and anecdotal evidence was that there were more dogs in the area. Dog poo bags were handed out as part of the campaign. The campaign got a lot of media coverage. The committee asked to keep this going. It

cost about \$3,500 which was modest. There was enough collateral material to last the next season.

It would be good to acknowledge the work done by those people who worked hard on this and Kate Doran was asked to do a press release outlining the water testing results and thanking the people who made a difference. It was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Tony Ritchie from the committee.

The committee agreed to do this again next year. Waitangi weekend was recognised as equally important as the Christmas period.

The committee agreed to reconvene the Lake Ruataniwha working group to further discuss the issues.

Cr McRobie said funding has been received to build a permanent toilet on the Alps2Ocean trail between Sailor's Cutting and Benmore Dam.

A question was asked about communicating current water quality information and how to do this. The official LAWA website says the water quality in Lake Ruataniwha is "fair" due to last summer's high E. Coli test results. This fair grading would remain on the website for some time as it is based on 5-years of data. The meaning of fair was that the water was usually safe for swimming, but people should look at the most recent results.

Kate Doran said a campaign called "Can I swim here" directed people to the most up to date results and maybe this needed to be promoted locally.

Communication on aquatic weeds was also requested.

The camp toilet at Haldon Arm was discussed. This toilet is a soak pit and Mr Harty said it is the responsibility of LINZ. The committee would like to see the soak pit replaced with a different system. The Waitaki Lakes committee is discussing this.

Mat Bayliss asked if there was evidence the toilets were creating a water quality problem. He said the trust was doing a good job and the committee should approach this with an open mind.

Michael Mcmillan said even if the toilet was not an issue now it would eventually become an issue, so why not do something about it now.

Mr Harty said it was a consented activity so could be addressed in this way.

Mr Subtil suggested inviting LINZ to the next meeting to talk about this, and the Lagarosiphon survey outcomes and control plan. Janine Roux offered to arrange this.

5.6 ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY TWIZEL RIVER WORKS

The purpose of this report was to inform the Upper Waitaki Zone Committee of proposed works in the Twizel River by Environment Canterbury. This report was from Sam Kidner, River Engineering Officer, Environment Canterbury.

Sam Kidner spoke to this report. Unfortunately now they were past the time to do work on the river because it was salmon spawning and this would go until November, then people would be

using the river after that. Dry work would be carried out in the meantime. The committee suggested the work be done in October to prevent a longer delay.

There was a potential for the swimming hole to dry up. Some willows would be taken out at the same time. If there was a need, a new swimming hole could be dug to provide a swimming space for the community.

Mat Bayliss was disappointed at the response from the alignment committee (attached to the agenda) and said there was a need for a plan for the area so everyone worked together with the same aims.

Tim Harty alerted the committee to current work on a trails and parks strategy that would include the Alps2Ocean trail. The committee would be approached for input. Mat Bayliss and Joy Paterson offered to represent the committee in regards to this.

Rick Ramsay said the work done to date in the area had made a big difference and thanked Joy Paterson for her work.

5.7 MACKENZIE BASIN AGENCY ALIGNMENT COMMITTEE RESPONSE TO TWIZEL RIVER RESTORATION

The purpose of this report was to inform the Upper Waitaki Zone Committee of the Mackenzie Basin Agency Alignment Committee response to the Twizel River restoration concept.

5.8 ZONE FACILITATOR'S REPORT

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

Janine Roux spoke regarding the committee review. This had been signed off by the Ecan Council and would go to the district councils next. The main difference was the letter of shared expectations from the councils, and the members' code of conduct. There would also be a change to the member refresh process. This had been moved to the middle of the year with advertising in April and confirmation by the end of June.

The committee discussed a request from Lisa Anderson to consider other days of the week for meetings. The members noted their commitments on other days and discovered that Friday was the only day that suited everyone.

It was suggested that zoom meetings be held in the winter months, and the possibility of evening meetings. Zoom meetings eliminated the opportunity for public contribution so were not preferred.

Mat Bayliss raised the question of the purpose of the CWMS Regional Committee if it did not include zone committee and territorial authority representatives.

The governance advisor asked if member's still required printed agendas to be posted to them. It was agreed this would stop and printed agendas would instead be made available at the meeting.

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The timing of meetings in winter was discussed and the committee agreed to move the meeting time later in winter to avoid travel on icy roads.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.10am and reconvened at 11.27am. The formal meeting closed at this point and the committee conducted a workshop on its action plan for the next three years.

Hamish Barrell from the Waitaki District Council then gave a presentation on the Waitaki District Plan Review and answered questions from members.

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

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CHAIRPERSON

1.2 INTERESTS REGISTER

File Reference:

Author: Arlene Goss, Governance Advisor

Authoriser:

Attachments: Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the information be noted and updated when required.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS REGISTER – AS AT 24 MARCH 2021

Keeping a Zone Committee Members' declarations of interest register allows Zone Committees to identify and manage a conflict of interest when it arises.

The Office of the Auditor General notes a conflict of interest can arise when: "A member's or official's duties or responsibilities to a public entity could be affected by some other interest or duty that the member or official may have."¹

If a member is in any doubt as to whether or not they have a conflict of interest, then the Member should seek guidance from Catherine Schache (General Counsel, Environment Canterbury), the Zone Facilitator and/or refer to the following guidance: <https://www.oag.govt.nz/2010/lamia>

Types of Interest to be documented in the register:

- Employment, trade or profession carried on by the Member or the Member's spouse for profit or gain

- Company, trust, partnership etc for which the Member or their spouse is a director, partner or trustee, or a shareholder of more than 10% shares

- Address of any land in which the Member has a beneficial interest and which is in the area of the Zone Committee

- The address of any land where the landlord is Environment Canterbury, Mackenzie District Council or Waitaki District Council and:

 - The Member or their spouse is a tenant;

 - Or

 - the land is tenanted by a firm in which the Member or spouse is a partner, a company of which the Member or spouse is a director, or a Trust of which the Member or spouse is a Trustee.

- Any other matters which the public might reasonably regard as likely to influence the Member's actions during the course of their duties as a Member.

- Any contracts held between the Member or the Member's spouse and Environment Canterbury or [name of TLA/s]. Including contracts in which the Member or their spouse is a partner, a company of which the spouse is a director and/or holds more than 10% in

¹ Office of the Auditor General Good Practice Guide – Managing Conflicts of Interest: Guidance for public entities

shares, or a Trust of which the Member or their spouse is a trustee (noting that no committee member should be a party to a contract with Environment Canterbury or the relevant TLA if that value is more than \$25,000 per annum)

Zone Committee members are to ensure that the information contained in this register is accurate and complete.

Name	Committee Member Interests
Lisa Anderson	Farmer and irrigator in Lake Benmore Ahuriri Arm catchment. Resource consents CRC201984, CRC136698, CRC156110, CRC012017.
Stuart Barwood	Mackenzie District Council Councillor, Chairman Assets and Services committee MDC, trustee of Helwood Trust.
Mat Bayliss	Chairs the Meridian Energy Waitaki Community Fund. Asset Maintenance Manager for Meridian Energy in Twizel. Shareholder of Meridian Energy. Consents held CRC142283
Simon Cameron	Local Merino sheep farmer. Trustee of Ben Ohau Farming Trust. Trustee Cameron Investment Trust. Trustee of Mackenzie Wilding Trees Trust. Trustee Aoraki Mount Cook Museum Trust. Resource consents CRC952244, CRC952245, CRC952267, CRC952268, CRC952269, CRC100234,
Ross McRobie	Shareholding Director of RPM Management Limited, Trustee Bayliss Family Trust. Councillor Ahuriri Ward for Waitaki District Council.
Joy Paterson	Member of Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board, Trustee of LineTrust South Canterbury. Husband is a Mackenzie District Councillor.
Richard Subtil	Farmer and irrigator in Omarama catchment. Member of Omarama Stream Water Users Group. Committee member of Omarama Airfield. Resource consents CRC010693.1, CRC010694, CRC010727.2, CRC110202, CRC122382, CRC174573, CRC194088, CRC194520, CRC203348.
John Sunckell	Environment Canterbury Councillor, Register of interest held by Environment Canterbury
Keiran Whyte	Te Rūnanga o Moeraki, Employee of Tuna Trap and Transfer Team.
Michael McMillan	Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua.

1.3 LINZ REPORT

Author: Arlene Goss, Governance Advisor

Authoriser:

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is from Shaun Thomason, Land Information New Zealand.

This report provides information on the activities Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) are currently undertaking in the Upper Waitaki.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.

BACKGROUND

In October 2020, initial discussions were held by the zone committee regarding the growing incursion of Lagarosiphon in the Waitaki Lakes. Following this, Environment Canterbury and Land Information New Zealand worked together to include educational information on the weed in the Zone Committee's 'Love Our Lakes' campaign during the 2020/2021 summer (see image included below). In addition, further information was requested from Land Information New Zealand by the zone committee on their activities and the results of the Lagarosiphon survey.



In addition to the biosecurity work that is conducted by Land Information New Zealand, the committee discussed the camp toilets at Haldon Arm during a meeting in March 2021. Further information on these facilities was requested from Land Information New Zealand.

This report provides information on both the Lagarosiphon surveys conducted and the Haldon Arm toilets.

1.4 PERMITTED ACTIVITY MONITORING

Author: Arlene Goss, Governance Advisor

Authoriser:

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is from Ian Lyttle, Environment Canterbury.

This report provides information on permitted activities and good management practices being monitored in the Ahuriri Catchment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.

BACKGROUND

The zone committee recommend to Environment Canterbury in October 2020 that permitted activities are monitored, that Management Plans are in place and that Good Management Practices (GMPs) are being implemented in the Ahuriri Catchment.

Work is underway in the catchment with Environment Canterbury's Land Management Advisors working alongside farmers regarding permitted activities and good management practice. This report is an update on overall progress.

1.5 ZONE FACILITATOR'S REPORT

Author: Arlene Goss, Governance Advisor

Authoriser:

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is from Janine Roux, 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.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.

1. Zone Committee Community members refresh

Applications have opened for community member refresh on 12 April 2021. The refresh campaign will run Canterbury-wide for a month and include digital, print, and radio advertising. Applications close on 10 May 2021. Members are encouraged to talk to people in their communities about applying for a seat.

Annual dates for future refreshes will now be mid-year. This will mean any member set to refresh in December 2021 are asked to continue their term until June 2022. The aim is to better align the refresh process with Councillor elections, Long Term Plan communications, and the financial year.

2. Supporting sustainable freedom camping in Aotearoa New Zealand - consultation

The Government is consulting on how to make freedom camping in New Zealand more sustainable. A discussion document has been published which outlines the current issues with freedom camping in New Zealand and why the Government wants change. Feedback is currently being sought on the four proposals outlined in the discussion document. Submissions are due on Sunday 16 May 2021. <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/supporting-sustainable-freedom-camping-in-aotearoa-new-zealand/>

3. Community events

- Ahuriri Catchment Community Group hosted a forum on the Essential Freshwater Policies on 31 March.
- NZ Farm Forestry Association Field Day is being hosted at Balmoral Station on 20 April 2021 - <https://beeflambnz.com/events/nz-farm-forestry-association-field-day-balmoral-station?msdyntrid=MLWIXAReGntg2A5MSOMztxETNoRTV7iSWuAOMO7WGuw>

4. Updated Action List

The Action List below updates the committee on progress on items identified at previous zone committee meetings in 2020 and 2021. Items that have now been completed are not included in this list.

Upper Waitaki Zone Committee – March 2021 Action list (updated from March 2021)

Date of meeting	Action	Who	Status
19 March 2021	Request occupancy numbers from Lake Ruataniwha Camping Ground for November to January 2020/2021 to compare with previous year's numbers.	Janine Roux	Work in progress
19 March 2021	Environment Canterbury staff to investigate whether Loch Cameron can be added to the schedule of contact recreational water quality testing.	Shirley Hayward, Environment Canterbury	Not progressed
19 March 2021	Send letter of thanks to Tony Ritchie of Lake Ruataniwha Camping Ground for his efforts managing the portable toilets.	Simon Cameron	Work in progress
16 October 2020	Continue conversation with LINZ on the control of Oxygen Weed in the Waitaki Lakes. Approach LINZ to present drive results to the Zone Committee	Janine Roux	Completed – report in April agenda
16 October 2020	Initiate conversation with Benmore Irrigation Company and encourage them to show leadership in the Ahuriri catchment by going beyond Good Management Practice for nutrient losses.	Janine Roux and John Sunckell	Not progressed
16 October 2020	Recommend to Environment Canterbury that Permitted Activities are monitored and that Management Plans are in place in the Ahuriri Catchment. Also, that there is an increased	Janine Roux	Ongoing - report in April agenda

	focus on compliance monitoring in the Ahuriri catchment		
16 October 2020	Report back to Zone Committee on whether there is an increased risk of TLI limits for the Ahuriri Arm of Lake Benmore being exceeded after exploring any differences between the modelled assumption.	Graeme Clarke	Work in progress
18 September 2020	Provide an update to committee in early 2021 on Lake Ruataniwha <i>E. coli</i> and related actions including progressing long-term solution for public toilets	Zone Facilitator, Zone Manager	Completed – Ruataniwha working group to be reconvened
19 June 2020	Investigate issues within Twizel Riverbed and responsibilities	Zone Facilitator	Completed
19 June 2020	Environment Canterbury works with farmers in Ahuriri and Omarama catchment to understand and make better use of the local data, with the results shared with farmers and the zone committee	Environment Canterbury (Graeme Clarke)	Not yet progressed
19 June 2020	Update on the Lake Alexandrina Management Plan to be included in Facilitators report	Tami Woods	Completed
21 February 2020	Concern was expressed about a lack of representation on the committee from the north of the basin. To follow-up with the community board and other contacts to see if there were people that could help bring issues from the north to the committee table.	Tami Woods	Tekapo Community Board representative attending field trip in Feb. Intent is to continue building this relationship.
20 September 2019	Committee recommends that DOC commission a survey report around lake Middleton and then	Jeremy Severinsen	Jeremy Severinsen had advised that he

	return to the Committee for a discussion around next steps		would pay for a survey and had been in touch with Alastair Ensor who represents the landowner. He recommended that the zone committee contact Alastair to follow-up.
20 September 2019	The Committee recommends that Jeremy Severinsen draft a formal report on DOC timing and plans around the Drylands Heritage Area with how it aligns with the Mackenzie Trust and the MDC District Plan for November.	Jeremy Severinsen	Request passed onto Dave Wilkins (DOC) at the June 2020 meeting
17 May 2019	Changes to Ahuriri delta – find out whether there is new LIDAR or other data that provides new information on build-up of the delta and sedimentation of the lake. If new data available, then advise committee and indicate whether this can be analysed and brought to the committee.	Graeme Clarke	Work in progress