

**KAIKOURA ZONE WATER COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 12.30PM
ON WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2016 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER
ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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	Karakia	
OPENING KARAKIA (one)	<p>E Te Atua Tiakina teora Manaakitia mai te oranui Homai he kakano kiatipu ake ai Tiakina teora E Te Atua Amene</p>	<p>O Lord Guard our wellbeing Bless us Give us a seed so that it may grow Guide and protect us O Lord Amen</p>
OPENING KARAKIA (two)	<p>E Te Atua Manaakitia mai mātou E kimi nei i tenei taonga mo te hapori o Kaikōura Amene</p>	<p>O Lord Bless us Seeking this treasure For the community of Kaikōura Amen</p>
CLOSING KARAKIA	<p>Kia a tau kia tatou katoa, te atawhai o to tatou Ariki a Ihu Karaiti Me te aroha o te Atua Me te whiwhinga tahitanga ki te wairua tapu Ake Amene</p>	<p>Let it be with us all The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ The love of God The fellowship Of the Holy Spirit Forever more Amen</p>

AGENDA ITEM NO: 6	SUBJECT: Committee Updates & Actions
REPORT TO: Kaikōura Water Zone Committee	DATE OF MEETING: 30 March 2016
REPORT BY: Murray Griffin, Zone Facilitator	

PURPOSE

The purpose of the agenda item is to provide the Committee with an overview of updates to be tabled.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

The following updates will be addressed with the committee:

- **Action Points from previous meetings** – an updated list of action points is provide as agenda item 6-1.
- **Working Group Updates**
 - **Nutrient Management & Water Efficiency** – A verbal update will be made at the meeting by those Working Group members present.
 - **Love the Lyell/Waikōau** – A verbal update will be made at the meeting by those Working Group members present.
 - **Regional Committee** – Matt Hoggard will confirm any issues or options to take to the next Regional Committee meeting scheduled for 12 April.
- **Kaikōura Water Zone Committee Annual Report 2015**
The final version of the inaugural Annual Report for the Water Zone Committee was presented to the ECan Council meeting on 17 March and will be presented to the Kaikōura District Council on 27 April. The final version of the annual report is provided in the committee papers as agenda item 6-2.
- **Compliance Monitoring Annual Reporting**
The ECan Compliance and Monitoring annual report and plan is provided in the committee papers as agenda items 6-3 and 6-4.
- **Freshwater Management Reform 2016**
The following link is to the Ministry for the Environment page with information on the Government’s proposed next steps to improve the management of fresh water in New Zealand. It includes how to have your say on the proposals.

Link: <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/fresh-water/reform-programme/freshwater-reforms-2016>

An ECan report on this reform process, provided to all CWMS committees for consideration, is also provided as agenda item 6-5.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Zone Committee are asked to receive these updates for their information, and with reference to the Committee’s 5 Year Outcomes and 2016 work programme priorities.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 6-1	SUBJECT: Committee's Actions List	
REPORT TO: Kaikōura Water Zone Committee	DATE OF MEETING: 30 March 2016	
REPORT BY: Murray Griffin, Zone Facilitator		

PURPOSE

The purpose of the agenda item is to provide the Committee with an overview of actions tabled at previous meeting for follow up.

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Action List from the previous meeting(s)		By Who	By When	Status	Progress / Outcome
1	Roof and onsite water storage options for local property owners	J Harnett	24 Feb	Done/Ongoing	The Waterwise brochure is ready for distribution in April 2016
2	An infographic of the Clarence/Waiiau-toa to profile the achievements of the weed control programme	M Griffin	24 Feb	Done/Ongoing	An infographic is ready for distribution in April 2016
3	A3 graphics prepared of the LWRP, the Zone Committees Priority Outcomes, and the sub regional planning process	M Griffin	30 Sep	Done/Ongoing	The first of these A3 graphics was presented at the September meeting, on the Kaikōura sub regional planning scope of work.
4	Follow up with the Marlborough District Council to affirm the shared interest and values associated with the Clarence/Waiiau-toa catchment	M Griffin	30 Nov	Ongoing	ECan Commissioners and Executive have met with MDC representatives in early March 2016. Follow up actions to be confirmed with the committee.
5	Farm Environment Plan workshops hosted	C Armour	30 Mar	Done	Workshops have been held for local farmers to assist with the preparation of Farm Environment Plans (FEPs)
6	NZTA follow up on the transport corridor	M Griffin	25 May	Ongoing	KDC are meeting with NZTA. At the Feb meeting the KWZC agreed it could advance the development of a vision and priorities for the corridor network for further dialogue with NZTA
7	An Immediate Steps poster at the A&P Show	Zone Team	27 Feb	Not done	No IMS poster available in time, but ECan attending briefed on funding availability.
8	Water Quality Monitoring Briefing – follow up actions	M Griffin	25 May	Ongoing	A summary of actions following the 24 February briefing to the Committee to be tabled for further follow up on

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					priorities issues, and as a template for future briefings to the committee.
9	Domestic septic options	J Harnett	25 May	Ongoing	J Harnett to provide information on current septic systems for the committee to review.
10	A report on the current state of the septic systems in the Kaikōura Red Zone	M Griffin	29 June	Ongoing	A request by the Committee to get an assessment of current state and probable impact of septic systems on water quality within the Red Zone.
11	Prepare a story on the FEP workshops held to encourage all local farmers to complete a FEP for their farm.	M Griffin	30 March	Done/Ongoing	Story written and will be included in the Autumn newsletter. Other media options to be confirmed at the 30 May meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM NO: 6.5	SUBJECT: Overview of Next Steps for Freshwater Management
REPORT TO: Kaikōura Water Zone Committee	DATE OF MEETING: 30 March 2016
REPORT BY: Ellie McNae	

BACKGROUND

The Next Steps for Freshwater consultation document was released by the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for Primary Industries on 20 February 2016. It contains 23 initiatives which, if adopted, would result in amendments to the Resource Management Act and the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, as well as new national regulations.

The 23 proposals listed in the document build on previous reforms and incorporate some of the recommendations from the Land and Water Forum's reports. There is only limited detail provided around the particulars of each proposal and when many might be implemented.

The consultation document (available at <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/fresh-water/next-steps-fresh-water-consultation-document>) groups the individual proposals into four broad sections, which we have used below. The discussion below is not intended to function as an analysis of the merit or potential impact of each proposal. Rather, it is intended to act as a short, high-level summary of those proposals that may be of most interest to the CWMS Committees.

KEY POINTS

1. Key proposals include:
 - a. amending the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) to include;
 - i. applying the requirement to "maintain or improve water quality" to every freshwater management unit rather than to a region as a whole.
 - ii. regulations around the exclusion of stock from waterbodies
 - iii. extending the application of national bottom lines and thresholds for lakes to intermittently closing and opening lakes and lagoons.
 - b. introducing national technical efficiency standards¹ and good management practice standards
 - c. increasing the ability of councils to recover costs from water users
 - d. requiring councils to reflect Te mana o te Wai in their implementation of all relevant policies in the NPS-FM, and to engage with iwi and hapū at the outset of freshwater planning processes
 - e. establishing a \$100 million Freshwater Improvement Fund
2. Submissions are due by 22 April 2016. Environment Canterbury will be making a joint regional submission through the Canterbury Regional Policy Forum, as well as an independent submission.
3. The Ministry for the Environment is holding public consultation meetings around the country, including in Timaru on 16 March and Christchurch 17 March².

¹ Will define the amount of water used by an efficient user in different climates, soils and end uses.

² Further details at: <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/fresh-water/reform-programme/consultation-public-meetings-and-hui>

4. If you have any comments or issues that you would like Environment Canterbury to consider in their submission, please provide them to Ellie McNae (ellie.mcnae@ecan.govt.nz) by 25 March 2016.

THE PROPOSALS

Freshwater and the environment

The consultation document proposes to amend the objective A2 'improving or maintaining the overall quality of freshwater' of the NPS-FM so that it applies to every freshwater management unit, rather than across a region. This approach reflects the approach we have taken in the community limit setting processes.

The use of a Macroinvertebrate Community Index (presence of aquatic insects) as a mandatory method of monitoring ecosystem health is also proposed. This is a more holistic measure of river health than the existing indicators set out in the National Objectives Framework.

Government has indicated it wants to give further direction on how existing significant infrastructure can result in exemptions³ from requirements in the NPS-FM and is seeking ideas on what could be included in considerations.

The document proposes clarifying that intermittently closing and opening lakes and lagoons (i.e. Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere, Waiwera/Lake Forsyth and Wainono Lagoon) must meet the same band thresholds and national bottom lines as lakes. Amendments also provide further detail for councils on how to request the inclusion of a water body in Appendix 4 of the NPS-FM. Inclusion in this appendix enables a council to *temporarily* set water quality objectives below national bottom lines for that water body. This is seen as a transitional arrangement, whereby the water body's inclusion would need to be reconsidered at a specified date. This requirement would extend even to those water bodies that are unlikely to ever meet national bottom lines, meaning that Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere's inclusion would need to be periodically re-assessed.

Finally, the creation of a national regulation on stock exclusion is proposed. This will apply only to water bodies (defined as permanently flowing waterways, some drains and natural wetlands) on flat land, lowlands and rolling hills. Under the proposal, dairy cattle on milking platforms and pigs must be excluded from 1 July 2017 with other restrictions coming into place for dairy support, beef and deer from 2020 onwards. Exclusion is defined as permanent fencing, but there is no proposal to require the creation of a riparian buffer between a fence and a water body.

Economic use of freshwater

The document proposes the development of national technical efficiency standards which councils will be required to apply to consents in catchments that are at, or approaching, full allocation or are over-allocated. These standards will define the optimum amount of water to be used for different climates, soil types and end uses. There is also the proposal to require councils to apply good management practice standards in catchments at, or approaching, full allocation of contaminants. This mirrors the current approach being taken by industry groups and Environment Canterbury through the Good Management Practice booklet.

More abstractly, the government has indicated their intention to investigate a package of measures that will better enable transfer of consents between users so allocated water and discharge allowances can move to higher valued uses. Higher value is determined on the basis of economic return per unit of water.

³ Existing infrastructure that results in freshwater quality in a management unit being below national bottom lines must be listed in Appendix 3 of the NPS-FM

An additional key proposal is to increase the ability of councils to recover costs *from water users* for monitoring, enforcement, research and management.

Iwi rights and interests in freshwater

The discussion document notes that proposals have been developed through engagement between Ministers and the Freshwater Iwi Leaders Group, though acknowledges that these don't address all aspirations of iwi/hapū, nor does the engagement represent all iwi/hapū/whanau perspectives.

Two of the proposals put forward aim to raise the profile of Te Mana o Te Wai in freshwater management⁴ – including it in the NPS-FM as the foundation platform for community discussions, and requiring regional councils to reflect it in the implementation of the NPS-FM. A third proposal details requirements for council engagement with iwi and hapū in the planning process, as well as when identifying and setting objectives for freshwater management.

In regards to iwi and hapū participation in freshwater decision making, the consultation document outlines the government's proposal to establish provisions for new 'mana whakahono a rohe' agreements between iwi and councils. This could be used to establish how iwi and councils work together on natural resource management. The consultation document also proposes amendments to the Resource Management Act that will adjust the processes for creating Water Conservation Orders (WCOs) with the aim of increasing tangata whenua involvement and increasing the integration of WCOs into regional planning. The document proposes that the Ministry for the Environment will facilitate and resource programmes which support Iwi and Councils to effectively engage in the proposed processes to provide support in this area.

Finally, in recognition of the additional work required to ensure access to clean, safe drinking water, the government proposes to explore whether additional funding is required to develop or improve water infrastructure at marae and papakāinga.

Freshwater funding

In 2014, the Government announced its intention to allocate \$100 million over 10 years for the purchase and retirement of areas of farmland adjoining important waterways. The consultation document proposes broadening the remit of this fund by providing support to projects that will help water users manage within environmental limits.

A range of proposed criteria are included in the report, with key considerations being the need for projects to demonstrate the production of environmental benefits that are greater than the public and private costs. Funding will not be available for the economic benefits of any private projects. This proposal mirrors recent discussions of the Regional Water Management Committee, with the proposed criteria echoing those suggested by the Regional Committee.

NEXT STEPS

Submissions are due by 22 April 2016. Environment Canterbury is planning to make both an independent submission, and a joint submission on the discussion document in conjunction with other local authorities through the Canterbury Regional Policy Forum.

If you have comments that you would like to be considered in either of these submissions, please send them through to Ellie McNae (ellie.mcnae@ecan.govt.nz) by 25 March. Once the Environment Canterbury submission has been finalised, Committee Facilitators will circulate copies as requested.

⁴ The document defines Te Mana o Te Wai as '*encompassing the integrated holistic health and well-being of a water body. Giving effect to [this concept] will sustain the full range of values held by the iwi and community*'.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7	SUBJECT: Communications – Update and Action Plan
REPORT TO: Kaikōura Water Zone Committee	DATE OF MEETING: 30 March 2016
REPORT BY: Murray Griffin, Zone Facilitator	

PROPOSAL

This agenda item provides the Committee with an update on communications supporting the Zone Committee’s work programme.

This update will cover the following items:

- Communications Action Plan – March to November 2016, provided as agenda item 7–1
- Zone Committee Autumn Newsletter
- What Next? – other opportunities, good news stories, and issues to be addressed

WHO

This briefing will be provided by Gerald Raymond, ECan Lead Communications Advisor CWMS

BACKGROUND

This update aligns with the following Zone Committee 5 Year Outcome and Milestones.

8) OUTCOME: To continue to broaden the Kaikōura community’s awareness and involvement in water management issues and initiatives.

Milestones:

- i. Developed, maintained and implement a Communications Action Plan with a regular media profile for the committee – Kaikōura Star, KZC Newsletter, Chairs Column, etc)
- ii. Developing linkages within the community, via groups such as the NM&WE Working Group, the Love the Lyell Working Group and around priorities such as the LWRP
- iii. Youth Engagement plan developed and implemented in support of the KZC
- iv. Strengthen relationships around joint initiatives for water management with industry and community partners

RECOMMENDATION

- That the Committee review the communications action plan and confirm its priorities for the remainder of 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7-1	SUBJECT: Communications – Update and Action Plan
REPORT TO: Kaikōura Water Zone Committee	DATE OF MEETING: 30 March 2016
REPORT BY: Murray Griffin, Zone Facilitator	

Communications Action Plan – 2016

Five Year Outcome & Milestones:

OUTCOME:

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Tactics:

WHEN	WHAT	WHO
February 2016 April June August October November	Ted talks – zone committee full page in the Kaikoura Star every two months or so. This should include an opinion piece from the chair or other committee member as agreed, and an action-based story.	Ted with support from Murray/Gerald
Newsletter	CWMS Kaikōura Newsletter & Infographic Quarterly Newsletter A3 folded to A4 Distributed to all Kaikōura postal addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn edition (April distribution) • Winter edition – content TBC • Spring edition – content TBC 	KZC, M Griffin, C Armour, G Raymond
Waterwise brochure	Final review – March 2016 Distributed to all Kaikōura postal addresses Additional material – based on brochure – for use this year to reinforce the messages:	KZC, M Griffin, C Armour, G Raymond

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posters (shops, halls and schools) • Fridge magnets/stickers (for households) • Adverts (one topic every month) • Radio advertising 	
Stormwater awareness	<p>How to look after your backyard and local stream (to run along-side waterwise) – or an integrated approach?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini-video (local cinema) with local school • Posters (shops, halls and schools) • Fridge magnets/stickers (for households) • Adverts (one topic every month) 	KZC, M Griffin, C Armour, G Raymond
Clarence Waiau-Toa infographic	<p>Review final version – March 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing and distribution 	KZC, M Griffin, C Armour, G Raymond
Community action	<p>Community Planting Day – April 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posters (done) • Newspaper adverts • Email updates 	<p>ECan Zone Team</p> <p>ECan Comms</p>
Wai-Water	<p>Final version:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing and distribution (April) • Story map and online resource 	G Raymond and M Griffin