



HURUNUI
District Council



Hurunui-Waiau Zone Committee

Agenda

Public Meeting

4.00pm, Monday, 10 April 2017

Committee Members:

Tuahiwi Marae Welcome/Mihi Whakatau Commencing at 1.00pm

Tuahiwi Marae, 219 Tuahiwi Road, Tuahiwi

Committee Membership:

John Faulkner (Chairperson)
Ben Ensor (Deputy Chairperson)
James McCone
Cr Cynthia Roberts (Canterbury Regional Council)
Mayor Winton Dalley (Hurunui District Council)
Cr Vince Daly (Hurunui District Council)
James Costello
Michele Hawke
Ken Hughey
Dan Shand
Makarini Rupene (Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga)
Representative to be advised (Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura)

Quorum:

The quorum of the meeting consists of:

- half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even; or
- a majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.

The purpose of local government:

- (1) The purpose of local government is—
 - (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and
 - (b) to meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.
- (2) In this Act, **good-quality**, in relation to local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions, means infrastructure, services, and performance that are —
 - (a) efficient; and
 - (b) effective; and
 - (c) appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances.

(Local Government Act 2002 – Amendment Act 2012)

HURUNUI – WAI AU ZONE COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP & MEETING

Monday, 10 April 2017

Tuahiwi Marae, 219 Tuahiwi Road, Tuahiwi

Assemble with members of Waimakariri Zone Committee for 1.00pm start

- 1.00pm** Welcome/Mihi Whakatau
- 1.15pm Ngai Tūāhuriri and freshwater
- 2.30pm Afternoon tea
- 2.50pm **Joint workshop** of Waimakariri and Hurunui Waiau zone committees
Opening comments from chairs then discussion on issues of interest
- 3.50pm Break (then zone committees hold separate meetings)

	4.00pm	Zone Committee Meeting commences formal order of business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apologies• Announced urgent business• Interests register (changes or updates)• Confirmation of minutes – 20 March 2017• Matters arising.	4 5 - 11
1	4.15pm	Update on Regional Committee <i>Michele Hawke and Winton Dalley</i>	
2	4.25pm	Update from Zone Committee members on activities and meetings attended that relate to the Committee's outcomes for the zone	
3	4.35pm	Public Contribution	
4	4.40pm	Update from Hurunui District Landcare Group and any other organisations wishing to speak	
5	4.50pm	Proposed targeted plan approach – some further information <i>Andrew Parrish and Lisa Jenkins, Environment Canterbury</i>	12-16
6	5.50pm	Progress report on 5-year Delivery Outcome and Milestones <i>Leanne Lye, Environment Canterbury</i>	17-20
7	6.20pm	Zone Facilitator's report <i>Ian Whitehouse, Environment Canterbury</i>	21-22
	6.30pm	Meeting concludes	

Register of Interests for the Hurunui-Waiau Zone Committee

Committee Member	Interests
James Costello	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm owner – sheep in the Hurunui Catchment • Water Resource Consent to take water from the Waitohi River • Shareholder in Hurunui Water Project • Possibly an affected landowner by infrastructure of Hurunui Water Project • Dryland Farmers Committee member
Ben Ensor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land owner in the coastal hills, Jed and lower Waiau catchments. • Managing director of Seaward Stock Company Ltd, comprising sheep, beef and cropping enterprises. • Consent holder to take water for irrigation from a stream hydraulically connected to the Waiau River. • Member of the Hurunui Waiau Landcare Group (Dryland Farmers Group).
John Faulkner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dairy farm owner in the Amuri Basin. • Irrigation water supplied by Amuri Irrigation Company Ltd (Shareholder). • Dairy Support block owner, consent to take water from a gallery. • Member of the independent irrigators Group.
Michele Hawke	Nil
Dan Shand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land owner Hurunui and Waiau catchments • Dry land farmer • Member of the Hurunui/Waiau Landcare Group
Mayor Winton Dalley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register of Interests lies with the CEO of the Hurunui District Council.
Ken Hughey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor of Environmental Management, Lincoln University (2 days per week) • Chief Science Advisor, Department of Conservation, Wellington (3 days per week) • Board member Waihora Ellesmere Trust • Board member Hanmer Springs Conservation Trust • Member Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society. • Member Royal Society of NZ • Member NZ Geographical Society. • Occasional contract water-related research work including for Environment Canterbury.
Makarini Rupene	TBC
James McCone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dairy Farming businesses- Director and Shareholder • Dry Creek Dairy Ltd- AIC Balmoral scheme • Kinloch Dairy Ltd- AIC Waiau Scheme • Dairy Farm Director • LH Dairy Ltd- Independent irrigation consent, lease of dryland hill country • Water management • Amuri Irrigation Company Director • Committee Member Upper Waiau Independent Irrigators • Informal interest in potential emu plains irrigation
Councillor Vince Daly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm owner - mixed cropping and livestock farm • Water resource consent to take water from unnamed lake in Jed catchment
Cynthia Roberts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register of Interests is held by Environment Canterbury.

HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES



Meeting	Hurunui-Waiau Zone Committee
Date and Time	20 March 2017, 12.30pm
Venue	Waiau Hall, Waiau.
Members Present	John Faulkner (Chair), Mayor Winton Dalley, Cr Cynthia Roberts, Michele Hawke, Ken Hughey, James McCone, Ben Ensor, Makarini Rupene, James Costello and Dan Shand.
In Attendance for all or part of the meeting	<p>Environment Canterbury (ECan) – Ian Whitehouse (Zone Facilitator), Andrew Parrish, Leanne Lye, Ian Brown, Stephen Bragg, Chris Keeling, Peter Taylor, Ned Norton, Don Rule and Lisa Jenkins.</p> <p>Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) – Julia Porter, Sarah Carson, Murray Mackenzie, Megan Holmes and David Rhodes.</p> <p>Synlait – Emma Brand.</p> <p>Hurunui Water Project – Christina Robb.</p> <p>Department of Conservation (DOC) – John Benn.</p> <p>Federated Farmers – Lionel Hume.</p> <p>Rural Advocacy Network– Jamie McFadden.</p> <p>Amuri Irrigation Company (AIC) – David Croft.</p> <p>Hurunui District Council – Cr Nicky Anderson.</p> <p>Committee Secretary – Michelle Stanley.</p>
Recording Device	A recording device was in use for the accuracy of the minutes.
Karakia	No one was available to complete the Karakia.
Apologies	<p>Apologies received from Makarini Rupene for lateness (1.00pm arrived).</p> <p>THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED.</p> <p>Faulkner/Shand CARRIED</p>
Conflict of Interest Declarations	Nil.
Urgent Business	Nil.
Minutes	<p>THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2017 ARE CONFIRMED, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Page 6, item 3, paragraph 2, change "...the requirements needed by dairy farms to be compliant." To "the requirements needed by shareholders to be compliant." Page 9, bullet point 6, typo – ecologically to ecological.

- Page 10, item 9, paragraph 2, change “A proposition has been put to the ECan Council around the more cost effective...” **to** “A proposition has been put to the ECan Council about a potentially more cost effective...”
- Page 10, item 9, paragraph 3, change “to do this would be very effective.” **to** “to do this could be very effective.”
- Page 11, paragraph 2, bullet point 3, typo – underling **to** underlying.
- Page 13, item 11, bullet point 2, add words to read “only a small area, maybe 20% to 30% **of each shareholders farm**, within the Waipara catchment are looking to irrigate.”

Faulkner/McCone

CARRIED

Matters Arising:

Page 10 – 12 Planning Approach for the Zone

Mayor Winton Dalley expressed concern that it was not emphasised in the minutes that the Zone Committee is only considering the options on the proposed targeted approach and that it is key that in order to consider this option the results must reflect the seriousness of the issues facing the community.

Page 11 - Planning Approach for the Zone

Discussion on Andrew Parrish’s comment “... question if the review process was worth \$2 million to the local community” was held. The following was noted:

- The \$2 million amount was an approximate amount that was spent in the past on sub-regional planning for each of the zones. So the comment in the minutes was referring to whether it was better to spend approximately \$2 million on planning or actions on the ground.
- Andrew Parrish to find out if any leftover funds from the proposed target approach could be used for actions on the ground.
- The Zone Committee wanted to be clear that this proposed targeted approach is not being considered due to saving money for ECan but that they are looking into the pros and cons of this approach. They want to know if this approach could achieve the best outcome for the community in the quickest time.
- All options need to be thoroughly looked at as getting the approach wrong could have a multi-million dollar effect on the local economy.

1. Correspondence The correspondence was taken as read.

Letter from Cheviot Reserves Advisory Group regarding St Annes Lagoon

- A letter to the Cheviot Reserves Advisory Group has been drafted by Leanne Lye outlining ECan’s proposed solutions. Leanne has emailed this to John Faulkner for editing who will forward to the Committee for comment before sending.
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- ECan is looking at the pros and cons of either excavating the lagoon or filling with extra water from an external source over the winter months.
 - Soil testing is being done to test for suitability for excavation. They want to ensure that the impervious layer keeping the water in is not punctured. If it was punctured there is the concern it could not be fixed.
 - There was concern that if the hole is not dug as soon as possible then the opportunity to deepen the pond will pass with impending rain.
 - It was suggested that it might be faster to hire a local contractor to take one scoop out which could be put back in after samples are taken to minimise the risk of the impervious layer being compromised.
 - The Zone Committee asked that this testing be done as soon as possible
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REPORTS, SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS

2. Land Information New Zealand and Braided River Management Julia Porter and David Rhodes (LINZ)

John Faulkner talked to the report and outlined the history of the Zones relationship with LINZ and the issues that have arisen. Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) representatives, Julia Porter and David Rhodes, spoke to the Zone Committee and the following was noted:

- They thanked the Committee for the invitation and acknowledged that this was not the first invitation to Hurunui Waiau Zone Committee meetings.
 - They now have a collaborative relationship process with ECan, DoC and LINZ.
 - They are aware that braided river management has been an issue for some time and they appreciate the work that the Hurunui-Waiau Zone Committee have already done on the issues around braided rivers. This is a priority for LINZ.
 - The organisation is undergoing a major structural overhaul and it is a learning curve for all.
 - The new CEO is implementing three main objectives for LINZ: working on issues that matter to New Zealand; working collaboratively; and stewardship. The challenge for LINZ staff is to work out what they mean.
 - There is a change in the organisational structure including three new managers in the areas of Crown Property, Policy and Stewardship.
 - They are compiling a map showing the ownership of the various pieces of land along the braided rivers.
 - The next step for LINZ is to look at all the internal and external policies and strategies in place and assess them for suitability, validity and possible improvement.
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- There is a lot of public and organisational interest in braided river management now and the Zone Committees work will help LINZ find a direction to head in.
- LINZ do not have a lot of field staff so are relying on the collaborative process with ECan and DoC to give them up to date information on the land and rivers.
- Meetings will be held throughout the process . These meetings are just big picture and land marking currently. Once a system is figured out then scientists from ECan and DoC will be involved. LINZ does not have scientists and so will rely on ECan and DoC for this resource.
- It was noted that Commissioner David Bedford has recorded a YouTube clip on Braided River Encroachment: past, present and future. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3oShou27ic8>

The following contribution from the Zone Committee and public attendees were noted:

- Collaboration with landowners needs to improve. Currently the process is disjointed.
- There was concern that while ECan and LINZ are looking at the management strategy, decisions on the disposal of land on braided rivers would continue to happen based on the old system. There has been a huge net loss of braided river margin and the worry is that further land disposal decisions would create incremental losses in approximately 2 years time.

There is currently no talk of work being put on hold but LINZ and ECan will look into this.

- Encroachment of margins was discussed and the following views were expressed:
 - It was felt that the issue was more about the loss of ownership of the margins rather than what vegetation was on the margins.
 - An opposing view was that it was important who had ownership as some of the vegetation on the margins are of ecological importance to the river. The worry is that protected land could be lost/disposed of before this strategy has become effective.
 - There are landowners that have been fighting for a long time and not getting a resolution over encroachment issues. It was advised that they need to continue the fight.
 - There was a concern that the link between strategy and fit for purpose was missing. There is an upper level process but no contact with the landowners. The Hurunui-Waiau Zone Committee will be and is the conduit for the community and nothing will be decided until consultation with the community has taken place.
 - The mapping exercise is of great interest to a number of people and the sooner that this can be made available the better. This will take
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some time as it is a labour intensive project and there is a lot of missing information. They will piece together the information that is known and from there figure out what is missing. The first draft map will have areas which do not have any information and some that might not be 100% accurate. It will be filled in and corrected over time as the data becomes available.

- Collaboration with iwi is still a work in progress. There is an existing joint work program with Te Rūnanga Ngāi Tahu which still needs to be defined. This is a gap in the process which needs to be fixed. LINZ and ECan in conjunction with Te Rūnanga Ngāi Tahu will work collaboratively to fix this.

The Zone Committee thanked LINZ staff for coming on board to better achieve a collaborative outcome. The Committee is very aware of how important the control of pests and weeds in the braided rivers is and this is a vital stewardship role that LINZ brings.

Regular updates from LINZ to the Zone Committee would be appreciated.

3. Proposed Targeted Approach to Land and Water Management Issues (including Plan Changes)
Andrew Parrish,
Lisa Jenkins and
Ian Whitehouse
(ECan)

John Faulkner introduced the report to the Zone Committee. He asked the Zone Committee to keep an open mind about the planning approach and to talk about what needs to be looked at. He noted that the Committee needs to have confidence that any unintended consequences (should they arise) could be fixed at a later date, perhaps in some sort of regular “omnibus” plan change.

Lisa Jenkins spoke to the presentation provided in the agenda. She reiterated that this is completely up for discussion. The following was noted:

- Costings are hard to put on paper until the parameters are defined but this targeted approach is not about saving money for the sake of saving money. It is, however, ECan’s goal to get the best outcome in the quickest time. The targeted approach seems to fit this goal the best.
- There are a number of issues that were outlined in the presentation that will need to be tested with the Zone Committee and community. They are by no means the complete list of issues and welcome feedback from the Zone Committee on what issues need to be included.

Discussion was held and the following was noted:

- It was felt that there is not the level of information in this presentation that was needed to fully make the decision of adopting the targeted approach over the full review of the Plan and its incorporation into the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan.
- Discussion was held on the pros and cons of meeting and not meeting the deadline of September 2019 for the notification of a plan change. As it was a complex topic the Zone Committee requested that the Zone Team present a report outlining the dates and results of meeting or not meeting the deadlines. The Committee also asked for more information on how a targeted approach would meet, or not, the requirements of the National

Policy Statement for Fresh Water Management (NPS) and the implications of this.

- Andrew Parrish said that with the proposed targeted approach the requirements of the NPS (2014) would not be met by the HWRRP but that ECan is only required to meet these requirements by 2023. He noted that by that time there would have been further changes and additions to the NPS.
- As was mentioned at the last meeting ECan would, if the targeted approach was adopted, appoint an independent hearing panel as part of the RMA process to hear submissions and make recommendations on any notified plan changes.

It was queried if this could also be used to deal with any unintended consequences of the Plan Changes. It was thought that governance within ECan would need to make that decision but that there could be further discussion with ECan on this. Andrew Parrish to keep the Zone Committee updated on this.

- The Zone Committee want reassurance that any unintended implications from Plan Change 5 would be able to be fixed. ECan staff reassured that they will be able to look at Plan Change 5 later on and that there are some meetings coming up late April on the process of the said Plan Change. Invitations to this meeting will be sent out to the Committee members.
- The Zone Committee would like ECan to find out if there is funding set aside for the full review of the Plan process and if the targeted approach is adopted that these savings can be available on-the-ground.
- It was noted that the proposal for a targeted approach should be put to mana whenua and hapū first before the Zone Committee make a decision.

THAT THE HURUNUI-WAIAU ZONE COMMITTEE DEFER TO ADOPT ANY TARGETED APPROACH UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING, AFTER MANA WHENUA AND ECAN HAVE HAD A MEETING, AND JOINTLY WORK WITH ECAN ON THE PROS AND CONS.

Rupene/Ensor

CARRIED

Discussion was held on the possible priority issues in the Hurunui Waiau Zone on page 22 of the agenda. The following additions to the table were requested:

- Property-scale nutrient management issue needs more information.
 - Areas affected by additional sediment into the waterways after the earthquakes such as Waiau, Conway and Leader Road. The expected result would be to not penalize those farmers for large amounts of sediment coming off their properties.
 - The Jed catchment is currently in the same zone as the Hurunui catchment. As the Jed and some other catchments are often dry it is not practical that these two waterways be under the same rules.
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The Jed catchment and some of the others need to be under its own zone.

4. Zone Facilitator's report Ian Whitehouse (ECan)	The report was taken as read. Committee Members noted the timetable for the meeting to be held at Tuahiwi marae and the other material and updates included for information.
Urgent Business	Nil.
Meeting concluded	The meeting concluded at 2.11pm.
Next meeting	10 April 2017 at Tuahiwi marae.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 5	SUBJECT MATTER: Targeted Planning approach – some further information
AUTHOR: Lisa Jenkins, Andrew Parrish	DATE OF MEETING: 10 April 2017

Background

At the 20 February 2017 Zone Committee meeting David Bedford, Chair Environment Canterbury, put the proposition to the committee that they take a targeted approach to plan changes rather than looking at a full review of the Hurunui Waiau Rivers Regional Plan (HWRRP). He said a targeted planning approach was appropriate following the Kaikōura earthquake and would allow more focus to be put on actions on-the-ground. The committee asked for more information before recommending an approach.

Targeted planning approach

The proposed targeted planning approach would restrict changes to the HWRRP to those that are essential to fix substantive issues and unintended consequences with the plan. This would limit the scope of submissions to only those relating to the targeted plan changes. It would also limit the scope to the part of the zone covered by the HWRRP. The Waipara catchment would continue to be covered by the provisions of the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan (LWRP) and the Waipara River Flow and Allocation Plan and the Conway and Motunau catchments by the LWRP.

Full plan review

This approach would involve a full review of all of the provisions of the HWRRP. It is likely this would include bringing the HWRRP into the LWRP as a sub-regional section. It is likely this sub-regional section would also include the Waipara catchment, that is, all of the zone. Therefore the scope of submissions would be very wide covering all of the zone and all aspects including river flows, water allocation, water storage, and water quality, including any provision that is proposed to be deleted from the framework.

Introduction

At the March 20 meeting of the Zone Committee, the Committee asked Environment Canterbury staff to provide assurance around some aspects of the proposed targeted approach to reviewing the Plan framework, in particular:

- That the targeted approach has not been proposed in order to save Regional Council money, but it is intended to achieve outcomes in the quickest time possible; and
- Budget allocated to the planning process can be transferred to actions on the ground.

Included in this was also a question about how the targeted approach will provide for Ngāi Tahu to express, exercise or achieve kaitiakitanga and Rangitiratanga. The Committee deferred making any decision to adopt a targeted approach until Ngāi Tahu and Environment Canterbury have met and discussed the issues.

The committee also sought advice on the critical dates and risks for the planning process; and the process for having funding allocated to on the ground actions in the Hurunui Waiau Zone.

What is driving the proposal for targeted planning?

The targeted approach had been proposed as an option for ensuring outcomes can be achieved in the Hurunui Waiau Zone in the most efficient and effective manner.

The Hurunui Zone has an existing plan framework in place. This framework has only been in place for five years and has not yet been fully implemented. It is accepted that parts of the planning framework do not work as the community intended, and it may also be the case that some plan provisions are not enabling the achievement of outcomes.

The planning framework is often referred to as “one of the tools in the toolbox”, with the other tools being on-the-ground actions. Plan rules can help to make sure the on ground work happens, but if that is all we focus on when we are building the toolbox, we can be lead to think that rules are the only way of making things happen.

Are there cost savings in a targeted approach?

Up to the point of landing the ZIP Addendum, any cost savings will come from targeting technical work and engagement. So far the focus of technical work and engagement has been on establishing current state and there is more work (social, economic and cultural assessments) to be completed to get a full picture of the current state. Using a targeted approach, issues can be identified and technical work and engagement can focus on understanding those issues more completely and assessing options for fixing them. On the other hand, if a full review is undertaken technical work and engagement would need to be broadened to cover all aspects of water quality and quantity across all catchments.

Following the Zip Addendum, plan changes will need to go through the RMA process (s32 justification, notification, submissions and hearings). The more complex the plan changes and the greater the scale of change, the longer and more involved the hearings become, and the less certain the outcome. Savings at this stage of the process will be entirely dependent on the scale and complexity of any proposed plan changes. Targeted changes to the Hurunui Waiau Rivers Regional Plan will be less complex than a wholesale shift to the LWRP framework.

It is not likely that a targeted approach will result in significant cost savings to the Regional Council. It will result in more emphasis being placed on identifying work programs and establishing funding streams for those work streams that are more likely to achieve the Zone Outcomes or address unintended consequences of the existing regulatory framework.

What are the opportunities for Ngāi Tahu to express, exercise or achieve Rangitiratanga and kaitiakitanga?

Environment Canterbury staff have discussed the targeted planning approach with staff from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. Ngāi Tahu have been through multiple sub region planning processes where the focus has been on building the rule book, there is a sense that certainty of outcomes can best be achieved through rules. Ngāi Tahu have been successful in ensuring that the rule frameworks provide opportunities for mana whenua to steward resources and ensure the mauri and values inherent in those resources are maintained.

Ngāi Tahu have expressed concern that a targeted approach to plan changes could result in reduced opportunity for achieving these outcomes through the certainty that a rule framework can provide.

Discussions have been had between Environment Canterbury and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu staff, and these discussions are to progress through to our organisation's leadership and governance.

Critical dates and risks for the planning process

The critical dates for the planning process are:

Effective and efficiency review of the HWRRP	Due December 2017
Opportunity to feed into Long Term Plan	April – June 2018
Revised National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management	Likely will be late 2017
Plan Review	Due 2023
National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management compliance	Due 2025
Notification	Prior to Regional Council elections in 2019

These dates are explained below.

What does the normal RMA planning cycle look like?



When is a Plan required to be reviewed?

The RMA requires local authorities to monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of policies, rules and other methods identified in Plans and report on the outcome of that monitoring at five year intervals. As the Hurunui Waiau Rivers Regional Plan was made operative in December 2013, we are required to report on its effectiveness and efficiency in December 2017.

The RMA requires that plan provisions (the objectives, policies and rules) are reviewed after they have been operative for 10 years. Once provisions have been reviewed we have to notify them as new provisions, regardless of if we decide they need to be changed. The current provisions HWRRP are not due for a full review until 2023.

If we update any of the current HWRRP provisions, they will have a 10 year “life” from the time they become operative – so, will not necessarily be subject to the full review that must occur in 2023.

Effective and efficiency review of the HWRRP

Due December 2017

Plan Review

Due 2023

When do we have to have a Plan that is compliant with the NPSFM 2014?

The HWRRP is compliant with the NPSFM that it was promulgated under (2011). The RMA requires that Plans are updated to give effect to NPS’s “as soon as reasonably practical” and this usually means, when the Plan is reviewed or changed. There is no expectation that the HWRRP would be updated to give effect to the NPSFM 2014 until it is reviewed in 2023. The Canterbury Regional Council have committed to a work program that would have all regional Plans compliant with the NPSFM 2014 by 2025.

Any changes we make to the HWRRP prior to a full review will need to give effect to the NPSFM 2014 (or 2017/18 if we see a revised version soon). This will not likely require significant additional effort because the Plan is already set up to “maintain or improve” water quality. It is likely that there would be a need to go through process of developing new freshwater objectives, values and attribute states for the Zone if the changes made to the Plan do not alter the freshwater objectives.

National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management compliance

Due 2025

When do we have to notify?

The Environment Canterbury (Transitional Governance Arrangements) Act 2016 provides that Regional Plans notified prior to the 2019 local government elections (usually in October) are not subject to merit based appeals in the Environment Court, but appeals can be made on points of law to the High Court.

Notifying before the 2019 elections will result in the Plan or Plan Change becoming operative sooner and at less cost. Notifying after the 2019 elections would add an additional step to the formal planning process.

Notification

Prior to Regional Council elections in 2019

Funding allocation process

Local government works around two main funding cycles: annual plans and long term (10 year) plans.

Long term plans set out anticipated funding or budgets for various work streams for the next ten years, but the next three years are budgeted at a greater level of detail. They are reviewed every three years so the detailed budgeting can occur. The current Long Term Plan covers the period of 2015 – 2025. It is due for review in 2018 where the budgets to 2028 will be determined.

Annual Plans take the information from the relevant year of the Long Term Plan and turn it into the operational plan for the Regional Council. The financial year runs from July 1 to June 30 and the Annual Plan is made available to the community from March.

Local Government Act Plans, such as the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan go through a similar, but simpler, process to Regional Plans. The Long Term or Annual Plan is notified, people submit, a hearing is held (usually with Councilor's rather than an independent hearing panel) and recommendations are made to the Council who can then adopt or decline the plan.

The Canterbury Regional Council is reviewing the Long Term Plan in 2018, and this is the opportunity to ensure funding is in place to implement a work program in the Zone. If the Zone Committee want to influence this process, you should aim to have a work program developed by April 2018 so that it can inform the development of the Long Term Plan.

Opportunity to feed into Long Term Plan

April – June 2018

AGENDA ITEM NO: 6	SUBJECT MATTER: Hurunui Waiau Zone Team Quarterly Report
REPORT BY: Leanne Lye, Environment Canterbury	DATE OF MEETING: 10 April 2017

It has been a trying time for the district in recent months following the earthquake and such a prolonged drought in the district.

Environment Canterbury staff have been working within the district to offer advice and support where necessary. Sensitivity has been shown around hard hit areas and has had an impact on the ability to undertake some work in the area.

There has also been the internal staffing changes with Kevin Heays focussing on the Kaikoura district (post earthquake) due to the difficulties of getting in and out of Kaikoura and myself picking up the reins in his absence.

I would like to acknowledge the support of both the committee and staff during this period of transition. A huge thanks to those who have given me technical advice over the previous months.

St Annes Lagoon

This is a Hurunui District Council reserve that with the prolonged drought in the Cheviot area has dried up and caused an impact to the habitat of the eels living there. It would appear that the last time the lagoon dried up was approximately 50 years ago.

The Zone team were asked to look at some long term solutions to protecting the eel habitat. This project would be a collaborative effort between Hurunui District Council, Environment Canterbury led by the zone committee and the local Cheviot community.

One option was to look at removing some of the sediment and clay from the lagoon around the island. Core sampling has been undertaken recently to a depth of 4 metres. No shingle was hit and it would appear that beneath the sediment layer the soil is a deep heavy clay base.

The second option was to investigate adding water to the lagoon during the winter months of a drought. Modelling would need to occur to work out the minimum levels that would need to be added to hold over the summer months.

This investigation is ongoing and the committee will be kept up to date as information comes to light.

Consents Planning

Virginia Loughnan

The Waipara Hapua opening consent was granted to Hurunui District Council.

Compliance Monitoring

Richard Purdon

No issues to report at this time.

Biodiversity

Jess Hill

The Yarrabee Bush - Motunau River application was developed and approved for Immediate Steps funding (\$35,036), the grant agreement now in progress

Hurunui and Waiau Rivers are a priority for the biodiversity subgroup going forward.

A Meeting with key biodiversity experts has been organised for May 8th to discuss the key biodiversity values and threats for the Hurunui River

Eel rescue had been undertaken on St Anne Lagoon in early February. This has had support from local Cheviot residents as they have held other eel rescue operations since this.

Freshwater investigation on a tributary of the Waiau near Spotswood with Michael to help inform the landowners (electrofishing, water samples, invertebrate samples).

Land Management

Michael Bennett

Over the past quarter I have been active in both earthquake recovery and Zone Delivery.

Secondment to HDC.

Following my work during the earthquake response through November 2016 I took a three month secondment to the Hurunui District Recovery Team as the Rural Lead for Earthquake Recovery. This was a part time (20 hrs per week role) and lasted for three months, commencing on the 10th December 2016.

My role at HDC has involved coordination, support, and advice to the various primary sector parties involved in earthquake recovery.

While the secondment took away from Zone Team work, it was a privilege to be able to assist the rural community in a time of need, and made sense given community needs in the weeks after the event. In the longer term I hope that the relationships I and others have built during this time result in better collaboration and trust in the immediate term, and ultimately better environmental outcomes.

Zone Delivery Work

Despite my activities in the recovery space, zone delivery work has continued, albeit at a reduced capacity.

My priority work areas have been:

- The Cheviot Irrigators Group (CIG) and Hurunui District Landcare Group.
- Supporting engagement leading up to plan review.
- Plan Implementation (Land use consents for irrigated properties)

CIG/HDLG have appointed Josh Brown as the coordinator. These two groups now cover a significant area of farmland not contained within AIC and associated sub-groups. Over coming months I intend to work with Josh to support better progress towards outcomes. An audit training day was held on the 22nd of March and this was very successful, with several positive comments made after the day. I am currently working through the list of confirmed and prospective members – making contact, responding to queries, and undertaking a farm advisory visit if desired.

As part of engagement leading up to plan review I have contacted farmers on the Hurunui between SH7 and Mandamus to discuss the recreational monitoring which took place over the past summer. Where it is wanted I have undertaken an advisory visit including a discussion of possible E.Coli sources on farm and how to manage these. Questions which have come up have been primarily around implementation of the HWRRP (Collectives and what they mean, what might happen when I get audited?) and the recent science session which took place in Waikari.

Some matters have not progressed due to other work commitments as planned – notably our intended programme of engagement for the Waipara Catchment, further round of rural professionals extension, and braided rivers work. These activities will continue from May 2016.

Progress of Hurunui Waiau Zone Monitoring and Compliance Strategy April 2017

In October 2016 the zone committee approved this strategy and was endorsed by Environment Canterbury in November.

Key points

- Some of this work is already being undertaken by the zone team the strategy allows it to be reported on.
- Some actions eg the one-stop-shop visits are being considered for other zones so are part of a regional programme.
- Ecan developing a compliance dashboard that will allow for more detailed reporting.

Finalising Strategy			
Ecan Endorsement of the strategy	Completed November 2016	Completed	
Inform wider ECan	Zone Team, executive leadership, regional implementation.	Completed	
Irrigation Efficiency			
Liaise with AIC and CIG picking up additional members	AIC sent a letter inviting farmers to join. CIG have increased their membership from 21 to 30	Completed	
Contact farmers >50 ha irrigation and not in scheme or collective.	10 at the most, will be contacted by Land Management Advisor. Before regional campaign commences in May	On track	Mike Bennett
Identify all farms that irrigate and are not in a scheme or collective		Start June	Jason Eden
Communications with stakeholders			
3 monthly meeting with rural industry and sectors	Commenced with a number of bankers looking to extend.	on track	Mike Bennett
3 monthly meetings with environmental organisations including DoC and LINZ	LINZ meeting with the Zone Committee. Zone Team meeting with DoC regularly	on track	Ian Whitehouse Michael Bennett
Compliance Focus			
Assess risk by consent and monitoring	Developing a compliance dashboard for every zone to effectively monitor high risk and targeted consents. eg effluent and water abstraction.	On track	Leanne Lye

Link FEP audit results Process for A and B grade farmers to contact zone team to update their risk rating. Make farmers aware of this.	As part of dashboard. contact zone team in interim.	Not started	Leanne Lye
One-stop shop programme			
Staff training on strategy approaches eg one-stop-shop visits.	Selwyn piloted this approach.	On hold	Jennifer Rochford
Advertising one shop visits		On hold awaiting above	Leanne Lye
Rūnanga			
Liaison with rūnanga and their role in the strategy	Awaiting direction	On hold	Stephen Bragg
Zone Actions			
Managing winter grazing	Local guidelines prepared with HDLG, Sectors and AIC and CIG	Not started	Michael Bennett
Priority properties for Zone Teams	Properties have been identified that have features eg. inanga spawning habitat, properties 1 km up from bathing site. Some of these features need validating eg inanga spawning habitat	On track	Jason Eden
Data collection for 2018	Data collection programme agreed	On track	Science Stakeholder Group (Ian Whitehouse)
Reporting and Community Awareness			
Promote Good Management Practice in Media. Celebrate the success and highlight areas that need improvement	AIC, HDLG, CIG and sectors – information from auditing and extension work in the zone.	Not started	Mike Bennett
Report on compliance and monitoring strategy quarterly to zone committee	First report April.	On track	Leanne Lye

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7	SUBJECT MATTER: Zone Facilitator's Report
REPORT BY: Ian Whitehouse, Environment Canterbury	DATE OF MEETING: 10 April 2017

Action required

1. Endorse the recommendations of the Science Stakeholders Group on membership of the Peer Review Group (to assist the technical work for the plan change process) as follows:
 - Greg Burrell (Ecosystem health, periphyton, human health and toxins)
 - Melissa Robson (Relationships between land use farm practice and nutrient loss)
 - John Bright (Interaction of groundwater and surface water system – transport pathways for nutrients).
2. Note the schedule for workshops of the Hurunui Science Stakeholders Group:
 - Wednesday 19 April, Wednesday 31 May and Wednesday 21 June (3.00 – 7.00pm).
3. Note that invitations have been sent to a wide range of organisations and interests to comment on and add to the Committee's initial list of key land and water management issues for the zone.

1 Science Stakeholders Group and recommendations for Peer Review Group

The Hurunui Science Stakeholders Group met on 29 March. The Group confirmed its recommendation on the membership of the Peer Review Group as:

- Greg Burrell (Ecosystem health, periphyton, human health and toxins)
- Melissa Robson (Relationships between land use farm practice and nutrient loss)
- John Bright (Interaction of groundwater and surface water system – transport pathways for nutrients).

The Peer Review Group will support the technical work being carried out over the next 15 or so months by providing:

- a) Independent review of conceptual models, assumptions and methodological approach;
- b) Independent review of technical reports prepared by Environment Canterbury and their contractors;
- c) External expert advice to Environment Canterbury's technical team.

As per its Terms of Reference, the Science Stakeholder Group recommends the membership of the Peer Review Group. The Science Director, Environment Canterbury, will appoint the Peer Review Group following the Zone Committee endorsing the Science Stakeholder Group's recommendation.

At the 29 March workshop the Science Stakeholder Group also identified some critical information gaps including:

- Groundwater – surface water lag time(s) in the Amuri Basin;
- Property-scale information including in relation to N losses and good management practices;
- Evaluation of water storage options (*note this is scheduled to be presented to the 15 May zone committee meeting*);
- More understanding of the phosphorus-rich fine sediment trapped in *Phormidium* mats in the Hurunui River and particularly information that may help to understand where the source of this material;
- Recreation values in the zone (beyond fishing, kayaking, jet boating and swimming);
- The attenuation of nitrogen/nitrate between when it is lost below the soil to when it gets to the Hurunui River.

The schedule for Hurunui Science Stakeholder workshops over the next few months is:

Date	Venue	Focus of workshop
Wednesday 19 April, 3-6pm	Council Chambers, Hurunui District Council, Amberley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify additional critical information gaps; • Identify the property-scale information needed to evaluate solutions to 10% rule issue
Wednesday 31 May, 3-6pm	St Johns Hall, Amberley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing on current social and economic situation
Wednesday 21 June, 3-6pm	St Johns Hall, Amberley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the critical information needed to develop solutions for the priority land and water management issues.

3 Priority land and water management issues for the zone

At the March meeting the committee identified an initial list of critical land and water management issues in the zone. Invitations were sent to over 80 organisations and individuals asking them to comment on or add to this list. The invitation was sent to all the people who are involved with the Science Stakeholder Group and to everyone who was involved with the Nutrient Working Group. People were asked to forward the invitation to others who might be interested in responding.

To date four organisations have replied indicating they wish to take up the committee's invitation to comment or add to the list of issues. These organisations are Beef and Lamb (Matt Harcombe), Fonterra (Mat Cullen), DairyNZ (Justin Kitto) and Whitewater NZ (Doug Rankin).

It is expected that other organisations and individuals also will want to comment and workshops for this (with the zone committee) will be scheduled for 3rd and 4th May with the zone committee deciding the final list of critical issues at the 15 May zone meeting.

Hurunui Waiau Zone Water Management Committee

Terms of Reference

The area of the Hurunui Waiau Water Management Zone is shown on the attached map.

Establishment

The Committee is established under the auspices of the Local Government Act 2002 in accordance with the Canterbury Water Management Strategy 2009.

The Committee is a joint Committee of Environment Canterbury (the Regional Council) and Hurunui District Council (the Territorial Authority).

Purpose and Functions

The purpose and function of the Committee is to:

- Facilitate community involvement in the development, implementation, review and updating of a Zone Implementation Programme that gives effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy in the Hurunui Waiau area; and
- Monitor progress of the implementation of the Zone Implementation Programme.

Objectives

- 1) Develop a Zone Implementation Programme that seeks to advance the CWMS vision, principles, and targets in the Hurunui Waiau Zone.
- 2) Oversee the delivery of the Zone Implementation Programme.
- 3) Support other Zone Implementation Programmes and the Regional Implementation Programme to the extent they have common areas of interest or interface.
- 4) Ensure that the community of the Zone are informed, have opportunity for input, and are involved in the development and delivery of the Hurunui Waiau Implementation Programme.
- 5) Consult with other Zone Water Management Committees throughout the development and implementation of the Hurunui Waiau Implementation Programme on matters impacting on other zone areas.
- 6) Engage with relevant stakeholders throughout the development of the Hurunui Waiau Implementation Programme.
- 7) Recommend the Hurunui Waiau Implementation Programme to their respective Councils.
- 8) Review the Implementation Programme on a three yearly cycle and recommend any changes to the respective Councils.
- 9) Monitor the performance of Environment Canterbury, Hurunui District Council, and other agencies in relation to the implementation of the Hurunui Waiau Implementation Programme.
- 10) Provide Environment Canterbury and Hurunui District Council with updates on progress against the Zone Implementation Programme.

Limitation of Powers

The Committee does not have the authority to commit any Council to any path or expenditure and its recommendations do not compromise the Councils' freedom to deliberate and make decisions.

The Committee does not have the authority to submit on proposed Resource Management or Local Government Plans.

The Committee does not have the authority to submit on resource consent matters.

Committee Membership

The Zone Committee will comprise:

- 1) One elected member or Commissioner appointed by Environment Canterbury;
- 2) One elected member appointed by each Territorial Authority operating within the Zone Boundary;
- 3) One member from each of Tūāhuriri and Kaikōura Rūnanga;
- 4) Between 4-7 members appointed from the community and who come from a range of backgrounds and interests within the community;
- 5) Environment Canterbury and Hurunui District Council will appoint their own representatives on the Committee. Tūāhuriri and Kaikōura Rūnanga will nominate their representatives and the appointments will be confirmed by Environment Canterbury and Hurunui District Council.

Selection of Community Members

To be eligible for appointment to a Zone Committee the candidate must either live in or have a significant relationship with the zone. Recommendations on Community Members for the Hurunui Waiau Zone Committee will be made to Environment Canterbury and Hurunui District Council by a working group of representatives from Environment Canterbury, Hurunui District Council, Tūāhuriri and Kaikōura Rūnanga. The recommendations will take into account the balance of interests required for Hurunui Waiau, geographic spread of members and the ability of the applicants to work in a collaborative, consensus-seeking manner. Environment Canterbury and Hurunui District Council will receive the recommendations and make the appointments.

Quorum

The quorum at a meeting consists of:

- (i) Half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even; or
- (ii) A majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.

Chair and Deputy Chair

Each year, the Committee shall appoint the Chair and Deputy Chair from the membership by simple majority. There is no limit on how long a person can be in either of these positions.

Term of Appointment

Members of Committees are appointed for a term of three years. To coincide with Local Government Election processes terms shall commence from January each year, with each Committee requiring confirmation of membership by the incoming Council. The term for community members will be staggered so that one third of the community members is appointed (or reappointed) each year. There is no limit on the number of consecutive terms.

Financial Delegations

None

Operating Philosophy

The Committees will at all times operate in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and will observe the following principles:

- 1) Give effect to the Fundamental Principles, Targets and goals of the CWMS;
- 2) Be culturally sensitive observing tikanga Maori;
- 3) Apply a Ki uta ki tai (from the mountains to the sea) approach;
- 4) Work with the CWMS Regional Committee to support the implementation of the CWMS across the region as a whole;
- 5) Give consideration to and balance the interests of all water interests in the region in debate and decision-making;
- 6) Work in a collaborative and co-operative manner using best endeavours to reach solutions that take account of the interests of all sectors of the community;
- 7) Contribute their knowledge and perspective but not promote the views or positions of any particular interest or stakeholder group;
- 8) Promote a philosophy of integrated water management to achieve the multiple objectives of the range of interests in water;
- 9) Seek consensus in decision-making where at all possible. In the event that neither unanimous agreement is able to be reached nor a significant majority view formed, in the first instance seek assistance from an external facilitator to further Committee discussions and deliberations. Where the Committee encounters fundamental disagreements, despite having sought assistance and exhausted all avenues to resolve matters, recommend that the respective Councils disband them and appoint a new Committee.

Meeting and Remuneration Guidelines

- 1) The Committee will meet at least eight times per annum and with workshops and additional meetings as required. At times, the workload will be substantially higher. Proxies or alternates are not permitted.
- 2) Any Committee may co-opt such other expert or advisory members as it deems necessary to ensure it is able to achieve its purpose. Any such co-option will be on a non-voting basis.
- 3) Remuneration for members will be paid in the form of an honorarium currently set at the following levels:
 - a. Appointed members - \$4,000 pa
 - b. Deputy Chair - \$5,000 pa
 - c. Chair - \$6,000 pa.

Staff or elected members of Territorial Authorities or the Environment Canterbury shall not be eligible for remuneration.

Mileage will be reimbursed.

Committee Support

The Committee shall be supported staff from the Territorial Councils and Environment Canterbury, primarily through the Committee Secretary and the Zone Facilitator.

Map showing Hurunui Waiau Water Management

