

Minutes of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee held in the Council Chamber, Canterbury Regional Council, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Tuesday 12 February 2019 at 1.06 pm

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Present

Chair	Hugh Logan
Community Representatives:	
Jane Demeter	Ross Millichamp
Vicky Southworth	Hugh Canard
Zone Representatives:	
Michele Hawke	Hurunui-Waiiau
Carolyne Latham	Waimakariri
Les Wanhalla	Christchurch West-Melton
Sandra Hampstead-Tipene	Upper/Lower Waitaki
District Council Representatives:	
Peter McIlraith	South Canterbury
Mayor Winton Dalley	North Canterbury
Cr Nicole Reid	Mid Canterbury
Te Rūnanga o Ngai Tahu	Rebecca Clements
Ngā Rūnanga:	Riki Lewis
	David Higgins
Environment Canterbury:	Cr Claire McKay Cr Peter Scott
Canterbury District Health Board Observer	Dr Alistair Humphrey

In attendance

Cr Peter Skelton (Environment Canterbury)
John Benn (Department of Conservation)
Mayor Sam Broughton (Selwyn District Council)
Matt Ross (Te Rūnanga o Ngai Tahu)
Alistair Patrick (Fit for Future Consultant)

Environment Canterbury: Lesley Woudberg (Team Leader Zone Facilitator), Stefanie Rixecker (Director of Science), Dann Olykan (Team Leader CWMS), Dennis Jamieson (Project Leader – Water Infrastructure), Mel Renganathan (Principal Strategy Advisor – Land), Anita Fulton (Senior Strategy Advisor), Barbara Nicholas (Contractor); and Elaine Greaves (Committee Advisor).

Welcome

Chair, Hugh Logan, welcomed everyone to the meeting, advising the focus would be mainly discussion around Fit for the Future programme goals.

David Higgins then opened the meeting with a karakia.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cr Sara Templeton, Cole Groves, Nicky Hyslop, Ben Curry, Fiona Nicol, Karaitiana Taiuru and Murray Doak.

2. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting 11 December 2018

Refer pages 7 to 13 of the agenda

The Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

Confirmed the minutes of the Regional Water Management Committee meeting held on 11 December 2018, as a true and correct record, subject to the addition of an apology from Ben Curry being noted.

***Hugh Logan/Michele Hawke
CARRIED***

4. Matters arising

It was noted item 5 of the agenda (Water Usage Compliance Monitoring) did not differentiate between large water usage compared to smaller water takes. It was agreed a follow-up presentation would be provided at a future meeting. There were no further matters arising from the minutes.

The Committee went into recess for a brief lunch break at 1.06pm and resumed at 1.15pm.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5. **Canterbury Regional Planning Story May 2010-December 2018 and Beyond**

Refer pages 15 to 19 of the agenda

Councillor Skelton referred to his paper 'The Canterbury Regional Planning Story from May 2010 to December 2018 and Beyond'. Discussion took place around lessons learned to date, what still needed to be fixed; and what it meant for the future.

Cr Skelton ended his presentation by paying tribute to his colleagues who had been on the journey with him and achieved a significant amount of work along the way.

Chair Logan acknowledged that Councillor Skelton's experience as a retired Environment Court Judge and appointment as a Commissioner, had provided the very best level of guidance required for clear statutory documents to be put in place for future water and land use in Canterbury. Councillor Skelton was happy to now pass on the baton, acknowledging there were still many steps to be taken into the future.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked Councillor Skelton for the presentation and having written a helpful and useful document which would stand the test of time for the Canterbury region.

Resolved:

That the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

- 1. Receive the paper by Councillor Skelton on Canterbury's Planning Story from May 2010 to December 2018 and Beyond.**
- 2. Acknowledge and thank Councillor Skelton for his contributions over the last ten years to the regional planning framework now in place in Canterbury.**

Hugh Logan/Hugh Canard
CARRIED

6. **Canterbury Water Management Strategy Fit for Future Project**

Refer pages 21 to 46 of the agenda

Mayor Sam Broughton joined the table to update the Committee on progress on the Fit for the Future project. Agreement to the draft CWMS 2025 and 2030 goals was sought, together with feedback on the draft work programme to support delivery of those goals; and feedback on the structure of the final advice to be provided to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum in May 2019 (including how concerns around some of the 2040 goals may be addressed). Mayor Broughton acknowledged Mayor Winton Dalley and thanked staff who had taken feedback on board and contributed to the Strategy to date.

The Chair acknowledged the significant body of work undertaken, aimed at updating the Strategy by putting clear, intermediate targets in place.

The Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee received the Fit for the Future progress report and, by general consensus, provided feedback for staff to take to the Goals Working Group for final drafting.

7. **Regional Committee 2018 Annual Report**

Refer pages 47 to 52 of the agenda

Lesley Woudberg provided an opportunity for feedback on the draft Regional Committee 2018 Annual Report.

Feedback was given around the cost associated with producing a glossy publication, and staff advised it was generally distributed in that format electronically. Staff were asked to also consider producing the Report as a Word document. It was suggested some financial information at the back of the document would be useful in terms of how much funding had been provided by Environment Canterbury and other councils, together with a balance statement.

The Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee adopted, by general consensus, the draft Regional Committee 2018 Annual Report, subject to agreed changes being made.

8. **Facilitator's Report**

Refer pages 53 to 61 of the agenda

An update was provided on event dates for 2019, together with issues raised at previous meetings and media coverage from across the region.

The Canterbury Waste Management Strategy Regional Committee noted the Facilitator's report.

9. **General Business**

Jane Demeter – suggested the CWMS take an opportunity to reflect on where it was at, where it was going and whether it was contributing enough and adding value. As the Fit for Future Project should be completed by June 2019, more consideration should be given to the future work programme of the Committee.

Carolyn Latham – would like to see the Committee become involved in ways of reducing the impact of freedom camping on waterways. Cr Nicole Reid advised a lot of work had been done on freedom camping with TLAs and Government-initiated projects. Although regional councils were not involved, there was some involvement by a working group comprised of five councils.

Les Wanhalla discussed monitoring of waterways and wanted more robust targeting of pollutants in the water. Needed to make those polluting the water more accountable for their actions. More education and penalties needed to be put in place.

John Benn referred to page 51, paragraph 2 of the draft Regional Committee 2018 Annual Report, noting DOC had never had an observatory role on the Committee. His role was only to report back to the Christchurch office. A paper on key messages from the National Wilding Conifer Control Programme was tabled, noting the considerable cost attached to the Programme; and also the effects on water resources estimated to be in the millions of litres.

In summary, Chair Hugh Logan noted that Councillor Skelton had provided a paper that was illuminating. He was able to draw out further points and processes that, in the future, would be important; such as how to make good use of planning processes, including Council processes and consents, noting there would always be more planning to come. Climate change would also be a significant issue, and the need for planning processes to be more anticipatory rather than reactionary in their outlook was noted. Close attention needed to be paid to good management practises, including retention of biodiversity.

The Chair thanked everyone for their work on the Fit for the Future project goals and work programme for 2025 and 2030; and was confident the Goals Working Group would provide an updated version that captured everyone's input. The Committee would have a final opportunity to review and sign off their advice to the Mayoral Forum at the next meeting.

10. **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 9 April 2019.

The meeting closed at 4.59 pm with a karakia by David Higgins.

Confirmed

Date

9/4/2019.

Chairperson

