



**HURUNUI**  
*District Council*



# Hurunui-Waiau Zone Committee

## Agenda

4.00pm, Monday, 16 September 2019

Rotherham Hall, 19 Heaton Street, Rotherham

*Community Partnership in Growth and Wellbeing*

### **Committee Membership:**

John Faulkner (Chairperson)  
Ken Hughey (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mayor Winton Dalley (Hurunui District Council)  
Cr Vince Daly (Hurunui District Council)  
Cr Cynthia Roberts (Canterbury Regional Council)  
Josh Dondertman  
Michele Hawke  
Julia McLean  
John Preece  
Makarini Rupene (Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga)  
Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash (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.

**Committee Secretary** – Michelle Stanley

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### **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 promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

*(Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Act 2019 – Section 10)*

HURUNUI WAI AU ZONE COMMITTEE  
WORKSHOP & MEETING  
Monday, 16 September 2019  
Rotherham Hall, 19 Heaton Street, Rotherham.

**AGENDA**

	4.00pm	<b>Zone Committee Meeting commences</b> with karakia and formal order of business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Te Reo Maori: places in the zone</li> <li>• Apologies</li> <li>• Announced urgent business</li> <li>• Interests register (updates)</li> <li>• Confirmation of minutes – 19 August 2019</li> <li>• Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ See Action List for updates</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Inwards Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ re: conflicts of interest on the Zone Committees – Forest and Bird New Zealand.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	4 5-12  13  14-15
1	4.15pm	Public contribution	
2	4.20pm	LINZ Annual Control Works Programme 2019-2020 Kevin Gallagher, LINZ	16
3	4.50pm	Update on Environment Canterbury Biosecurity work programme Leanne Lye, Environment Canterbury	
4	5.10pm	Braided Rivers and the Impact of Climate Change Sonny Whitelaw, BRaid	17
5	5.40pm	Update from HWZC Wetlands Working Group and review of Draft TOR Josh Dondertman, Michele Hawke, John Preece and Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash	18-20
6	6.00pm	Confirmation of membership HWZC Biodiversity Working Group Lyn Carmichael, Environment Canterbury	
7	6.10pm	Report from Regional Committee John Preece and Winton Dalley	
8	6.15pm	Update from Zone Committee members on activities and meetings attended that relate to the Committee's outcomes for the zone	
9	6.20pm	Update from organisations wishing to speak	
10	6.25pm	Zone Facilitator's Report Lyn Carmichael, Environment Canterbury	21-22
	6.30pm	Meeting concludes	

## Register of Interests for the Hurunui-Waiau Zone Committee

Committee Member	Interests
Mayor Winton Dalley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director; Dalley Farms Ltd. Director;</li> <li>• Parkvale Family Trust. Director;</li> <li>• Waikari Health Ltd. Shareholder;</li> <li>• Ravensdown Ltd. Shareholder;</li> <li>• Farmlands Ltd. Shareholder;</li> <li>• PGG Wrightson Ltd. Shareholder;</li> <li>• Hurunui Water Project Ltd. Shareholder;</li> <li>• Silverfern Farms Ltd.</li> <li>• Chair; Hurunui Adverse Events Committee</li> </ul>
Cr Vince Daly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farm owner - mixed cropping and livestock farm</li> <li>• Water resource consent to take water from unnamed lake in Jed catchment</li> </ul>
Josh Dondertman	Nil
John Faulkner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dairy farm owner in the Amuri Basin.</li> <li>• Irrigation water supplied by Amuri Irrigation Company Ltd (Shareholder).</li> <li>• Dairy Support block owner, consent to take water from a gallery.</li> <li>• Member of the independent irrigators Group.</li> <li>• Member of Federated Farmers.</li> </ul>
Michele Hawke	Nil
Ken Hughey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor of Environmental Management, Lincoln University (2 days per week)</li> <li>• Chief Science Advisor, Department of Conservation, Wellington (3 days per week)</li> <li>• Board member Waihora Ellesmere Trust</li> <li>• Board member Hanmer Springs Conservation Trust</li> <li>• Member Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society.</li> <li>• Member NZ Geographical Society.</li> <li>• Occasional contract water-related research work including for Environment Canterbury.</li> </ul>
Julia McLean	Nil
John Preece	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultant wetland ecologist – including occasional contracts for Environment Canterbury</li> <li>• Part owner of commercial flower garden at Conway Flat</li> <li>• Coordinator Hutton's Shearwater Charitable Trust</li> </ul>
Cr Cynthia Roberts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Councillor</li> <li>• Trustee, Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust</li> <li>• Trustee, Avon Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust</li> <li>• Shareholder, Windflow Technologies</li> <li>• Spouse employed by the Parliamentary Service</li> </ul>
Makarini Rupene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural Land Management Advisor, Environment Canterbury</li> <li>• Tangata Kaitiaki</li> <li>• Ngāi Tūāhuriri Representative, Motanau Coastal Guardians</li> <li>• Member, Executive, Ngāi Tūāhuriri Runānga</li> </ul>
Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tangata Kaitiaki</li> <li>• Trustee, Te Kōhaka ō Tūhaitara Trust</li> <li>• Member, Ngāi Tahu Farms Mana Whenua Working Party</li> <li>• President, Gore Bay Board Riders</li> <li>• Iwi/environmental management consultant</li> <li>• Director, Hui Ngaru ō te Wai Pounamu</li> </ul>

# HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES



<b>Meeting</b>	Hurunui-Waiau Zone Committee
<b>Date and Time</b>	19 August 2019, 3.00pm
<b>Venue</b>	Amberley Council Chambers
<b>Agenda</b>	<a href="https://www.hurunui.govt.nz/find/how-the-council-works/meetings">https://www.hurunui.govt.nz/find/how-the-council-works/meetings</a>
<b>Members Present</b>	John Faulkner (Chair), Mayor Winton Dalley, Cr Vince Daly, Michele Hawke, Ken Hughey, Julia McLean, John Preece, Cr Cynthia Roberts, Makarini Rupene and Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash.
<b>In Attendance</b>	<p><b>Environment Canterbury (ECan)</b> – Lyn Carmichael (Zone Facilitator), Ian Whitehouse, Marco Cataloni, Andrew Parrish, Angus McLeod, Cr Clair McKay, Michael Bennett, Andrew Arps, Nadine Dommissie.</p> <p><b>Hurunui District Council</b> – Cr Nicky Anderson, Hamish Dobbie, Judith Batchelor, Holly Fitzgerald.</p> <p><b>Department of Conservation</b> – John Benn</p> <p><b>Hurunui District Landcare Group</b> – Josh Brown</p> <p><b>Amuri Irrigation Company</b> – David Croft, Andrew Barton, Alastair Rutherford,</p> <p><b>Plain Irrigators Ltd</b> – Neville Brightwell</p> <p><b>Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT)</b> – Lisa Mackenzie</p> <p><b>Member of Public</b> – Shaun Lissington, Gray Jackson, Dr Adam Forbes,</p> <p><b>Committee Secretary</b> – Michelle Stanley</p>
<b>Recording Device</b>	A recording device was in use for the accuracy of the minutes.
<b>Karakia</b>	John Faulkner opened the meeting with a karakia.
<b>Te Reo Māori – Place names in the zone</b>	Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash invited each Zone Committee member to speak their mihi if they chose. He outlined the importance of a mihi and why standing while speaking gives the speakers words more weight and gravity.
<b>Apologies</b>	<p>James McCone, and Josh Dondertman.</p> <p>THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED.</p> <p>Faulkner/McLean <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span></p>
<b>Conflict of Interest Declarations</b>	John Faulkner declared his conflict of interest to being on the mitigation package working party with AIC and therefore has stepped down from that group. John noted that there are now only two members of that group and suggested that the Zone Committee considers adding more members when needed.
<b>Urgent Business</b>	Nil.

## Minutes

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE HURUNUI-WAIAU ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 JULY 2019 ARE CONFIRMED, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

- Page 6, Matters Arising, second paragraph, add Kaikōura to read “Andrew has been liaising with **Kaikōura** Rūnanga whose ...”
- Page 6, Matters Arising, last paragraph, change word from **peruse** to **pursue**.
- Page 8, Item 3, first bullet point add to sentence “It was discussed that **the Marlborough** approach encourages...” and second bullet point add to sentence “It was queried as to how the **Hurunui District** Council measures success...”
- Page 10, Item 5, first bullet point, change sentence to read “The backflow prevention policy is being consulted on at the moment which will deal with any potential **water quality issues**.” and the second bullet point remove the end of the sentence to read “Water restrictions on the Ashley River are an ongoing issue.”
- Page 11, Item 9, first bullet point, second paragraph, change to read “Cr Roberts noted that there **were** presentations on braided river...”

McLean/Tirikatene-Nash

CARRIED

### Matters Arising/Action List:

#### *Conflict of Interests*

It was agreed that the committee secretary updates the interest register with the HDC Mayor’s and both HDC and ECan councillors interests.

#### *Item 9, Braided river presentations invite (Page 11)*

Discussion was held around the presentations from the Braided River Seminar and it was noted that links to a number of the presentations are available on line and can be emailed to the committee.

#### *Item 9, New ECan Biodiversity Groups (Page 11)*

Cr Roberts updated the Zone Committee on the status of the Biodiversity advisory groups. ECan have deliberated on the candidates and will notify the successful candidates shortly.

Ecan have decided to have a preliminary first meeting before the elections and without the Council delegates to let the new members settle in. There are to be positions on each group for Territorial Authorities and Rūnanga Representatives.

#### *Item 7, Chatterton River (Page 10)*

It was asked if HDC Staff would be able to pass on the template for the Chatterton River project.

## 1. Public Contribution

Shaun Lissington, member of the public, queried the provisions for committee membership. He noted that he spoke to Josh Dondertman about the fact that he no longer lives in the District. It was noted that a member does not have to live in the district but must have a significant relationship with the zone.

Josh Dondertman was an apology from the meeting due to a work emergency. He had previously discussed his move and noted his enthusiasm to stay a member of the Zone Committee.

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Whilst it was noted that there might be others interested in being on the committee, there will be a number of vacancies in the near future that will need filling.

The Zone Committee noted the concern.

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**2. Update from AIC on activities relating to implementing HWRRP minimum flows.**

Ken Hughey and Andrew Barton

*Declared conflict of interest due to his shareholding with AIC – John Faulkner handed over proceedings to the deputy chair and removed himself from the table.*

Ken Hughey, Deputy Chair, introduced Andrew Barton who spoke to the report updating the Zone Committee on the progress of the enhancement package projects. A meeting with AIC and the mitigation working party has been undertaken. The result of the meeting was a request to AIC for an update.

Of note is the part of the report “Delays in the Zone Committee’s decision mean that the project timelines previously indicated will need to be revisited. Meanwhile, AIC are investing in securing the necessary resource consents for key projects, as indicated above, to be ready to progress these if the Zone Committee decide to support the enhancement package approach. Other components of the package cannot, or will not, be progressed until the Zone Committee makes a decision and a governance structure is established with mana whenua and key stakeholders.”

Andrew noted that their consents have been granted to enable poor quality water to be pumped from St Leonards and Lowry Drains and re-used for irrigation on neighbouring farms and /or via the main AIC pipelines.

Discussion was held and the following was noted:

It was queried if AIC have looked further into ESR studies of using woodchips as a filtration system for removing nitrate from water. Andrew noted Lee Burberry from ESR is the lead in this study. Lee has been overseas for an extended period and has just returned so AIC are actively trying to get him to meet with AIC. Lee has previously looked at trialling this idea on the Pahau Pastures site, which is on the corner of St Leonards and the Pahau River.

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**3. Update from Wetlands Working Group.**

Michele Hawke, and John Preece

*John Faulkner resumed as chair.*

The Wetlands Working Group members Michele Hawke and John Preece updated the Zone Committee on its first meeting today. It was noted that not every member was able to attend.

The following was established:

- Clarified the terms of reference,
- Organised a series of field trip opportunities,
- The first order of work for the group is identifying and addressing the barriers to wetland conservation and restoration and how to remove them. They are also to look into how incentives could be provided.

Discussion was held and the following was noted:

- It was noted that the National Policy Statement on Freshwater is to be released soon and the ministers are open to suggestions on incentives towards wetland protection. They wish to write policy to support these ideas.
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**4. Hurunui-Waiiau  
Zone Committee's  
2019  
Communication  
and Engagement  
Plan**

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- It was queried if a timeline for the National Policy Statement Consultation has been published yet. A report on the timeline to come to the next Zone Committee meeting.
  - The group has brainstormed a couple of possibilities for a flagship project but have not settled on one yet. Cr Cynthia Roberts offered the help of the newly appointed wetlands expert with ECan. Mayor Winton Dalley suggested that the working group look into the project that is about to get underway on St Annes Lagoon/Matakopae. This project is 'spade ready' and fits into the immediate steps criteria.
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John Faulkner spoke to the report on the proposed Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee's 2019 Communication and Engagement Plan.

Part of the communication plan is that following every Zone Committee meeting a 'topic' be identified for the months communication like the Chairs column.

Discussion was held and the following was noted:

- It was noted that it is a massive bit of work and congratulations on the team that put it together. Cr Cynthia Roberts.
- It was noted that there is still a lot of the community who feel that community engagement from ECan was lacking which has resulted in a number of frustrated people. Fixing this relationship will take some time.
- It was noted that the intention of this plan is to flag what information the Zone Committee wishes to send out to the community. In order for this plan to be successful there will be more input and communication on the formation of agendas for Zone Committee meetings and an increase in information sharing between the two Councils.
- The Zone Committee discussed the messages to put out for this month and it was agreed that the AIC update, with AICs blessing, be used including a promotion of the collaborative model of the Zone Committee.
- It was noted for the Zone Committee information that if the newspapers decided that the media release from the Zone Committee is not news worthy that they may need to buy space.
- It was noted that the engagement aspect of the plan was lacking and needed further work. Engagement is the field trips, field days etc.

**The Zone Committee approved the amendments made to the communication plan following the discussion at the Zone Committee workshop on 15 July.**

**It was agreed that further work is undertaken to formulate an engagement plan to accompany the communication plan.**

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**Break**

*The meeting adjourned for a break 4.17pm and reconvened at 4.48pm. Zone Committee members spoke their farewells to Ian Whitehouse wishing him well for his future endeavours and thanking him for all of his advice and guidance over the years.*

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**5. Amuri Irrigation – Farming at good management: audited farm environment plan results.**

Alistair Rutherford

Alistair Rutherford spoke to a presentation on the Farm Environment Plan (FEP) Auditing Results for 2018/19.

AIC is now planning for the 2019/20 auditing round, which will include 85 audits. This means that all farms will have been audited at least once and the majority of farms will have had at least two FEP audits.

Effectively the Collective has met its objective of getting all farms to Good Management Practice (GMP) or on track to GMP.

Discussion was held and the following was noted:

- The mental health of landowners in the D or C Audit grade was discussed. AIC have acknowledged this very real issue and have a funded program available to help those farmers if needed. They know that every landowners situation is different and handle it accordingly.
- AIC are looking to move away from the auditing model and into a Nutrient Management Plan. This would encourage a drive towards efficiency and, if improvements are made, the nutrients are either included in the Collectives total load or gifted back to the river. AIC would be happy to explain this further if the Committee wished. It was requested that a future report be presented to the Zone Committee on this process.
- It was noted that they do not audit on mahinga kai as they meet schedule two of the FEP audit but they are aware this will be changing. They are open to discussion about it.

The Zone Committee thanked Allister for the report, noting that the AIC gains over the past five years is commendable.

**6. Hurunui District Landcare Group and Cheviot Irrigators**

Josh Brown,  
Hurunui District  
Landcare Group

Josh Brown, the coordinator for both the Hurunui District Landcare Group and the Cheviot Irrigators group spoke to his reports.

*Cheviot Irrigators Group*

- The Cheviot Irrigators Group is run very light. They only report when they need to and is currently scheduled for December.
- It is now an approved collective with 36 members.
- All farms within the collective are expected to be audited by October 2019.
- Two landowners who received a C grade in the first audit, have subsequently moved to a B grade in the second round of auditing.
- The Spotswood Enhancement Project is being driven by the local landowners. It is an ambitious project but they are all keen to improve the biodiversity on their land. The Zone Committee expressed interest in this project.
- They are currently undertaking a review of their Environment Management Strategy, as it was originally developed in 2016. This review will look to make it easier for small, low emitting farms. They are currently in discussions with ECan but hope to have it in place before November 2020. They are looking to include that farmers only need to update their nutrient budget when changes to the farm have been made. A yearly nutrient budget is an expensive exercise. The Zone Committee offered its assistance for supporting the new Environment Management Strategy.

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### *Hurunui District Landcare Group (HDLG)*

Josh Brown spoke to the update from the HDLG on the status of the FEP audits and outlined their new purpose that resulted from a series of woolshed meetings with their members. The new purpose is to *“Empower our farmers, and wider community to address the change they are confronted with in order to build a resilient rural community.”*

As a result of this new purpose, a project proposal “Resilient Rural Communities” has been developed by HDLG. HDLG invited the Zone Committee to provide feedback and consider providing a letter of support for the proposed project, which would be used to support a funding application.

The following discussion was noted:

- The Zone Committee agreed that this was a great initiative and a good step to ensuring wellbeing for the community. It will provide a letter of support to the group. The Zone Committee also wishes to be more engaged in the project.
  - It was noted that at one of the woolshed meetings, it was concerning the lack of knowledge from the people present of what is coming from Central Government. It is good to have groups like this who are prepared to help.
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## **7. Update on Post-earthquake project**

Mike Bennett, Post Quake-Farming Project

### *Update on Post-earthquake project*

Michael Bennett spoke to a presentation updating the Zone Committee on the Post-earthquake project.

The project spans over Marlborough, Kaikōura and Hurunui and looks to *“help hill and high country farmers and their families look to the future of their land-based resource and how it can continue to sustain their livelihoods; through earthquake and beyond”*.

Michael asked the Zone Committee to note the upcoming events and welcomed the Committee to attend.

### *Update on the Indigenous Forestry Module*

Dr Adam Forbes, Independent Forest Ecologist, presented to the committee on the update to the Indigenous Forestry Module. The module joined the Post-Quake Framing project in January 2019 and helps to advise landowners on the following:

- “This work will explore potential biodiversity and carbon sequestration gains if resources were available to support active management of native forest.
  - Regenerating native forest, native scrublands, and marginal land with ‘native’ values a significant portion of most farms, but presence of herbivores and local extinction of climax species severely hinders forest regeneration.
  - Strong community desire to work with native forest (as opposed to plantation pine forest) in ETS/1BT or other funding structures.
  - Opportunities are huge but transaction costs and regulatory structures remain a barrier to progress at scale.”
  - Dr Forbes visits each interested landowner and helps them to establish what areas they wish to reforest and the best way to do this.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a risk to native forestry from domestic and feral herbivores/pests that would be greatly solved with a 'neighbourhood pest control' program.</li> <li>• This service is free and available to any landowner who asks for it.</li> </ul> <p>The Zone Committee thanked Michael and Adam for their presentations.</p>
<b>8. Update on Regional Committee</b> Mayor Winton Dalley and John Preece	<p>Mayor Winton Dalley and John Preece attended the latest Regional Committee meeting and the following update was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The major focus was on assessing progress against the targets of the CWMS.</li> <li>• A discussion was held on the climate change emergency declared by ECan and the climate change and ecological emergency declared by Christchurch City Council.</li> <li>• A theme from various Zone Committees was how to encourage the inclusion of youth as this would be a positive influence.</li> </ul> <p>The agenda can be found at: <a href="https://www.ecan.govt.nz/data/document-library/?Search=Regional%20Committee%20Agenda">https://www.ecan.govt.nz/data/document-library/?Search=Regional%20Committee%20Agenda</a></p>
<b>9. Update from Zone Committee members on other activities and meetings attended that relate to the Committee's outcomes for the Zone.</b>	<p>Zone Committee members provided the following updates on activities and meetings attended since the July Hurunui-Waiau Zone Committee meeting. The following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cr Cynthia Roberts noted that the Biodiversity Strategy has been released. ECan are hosting a workshop on the 29 August to discuss it. This is to be a non-statutory guiding document to be used by a governance group.</li> <li>• John Preece attended a presentation by Dr Mike Joy on 'How we fail to protect freshwater in NZ'. He noted that it was a well attended talk. It was discussed if there was benefit to inviting him to present to the committee. It was noted that he has presented to the Committee in the past and it might be easier to forward the recording to the talk on. John Preece to forward on the link once available.</li> </ul>
<b>10. Update from organisations wishing to speak</b>	<p>Nil.</p>
<b>11. Zone Facilitators Report</b> Lyn Carmichael, ECan	<p>Discussion was held on the Zone Facilitators report and the following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The review of the Zone Committee is to be commenced in the coming weeks and the draft report will be available for the Zone Committee once completed.</li> <li>• Discussion was held around LINZ Annual Control works programme for 2019/2020. LINZ presented to a Hurunui District Council meeting and the Council recommended that it consult with the Zone Committee as well.</li> </ul> <p>The Zone Committee agreed that it would be beneficial to encourage LINZ to work with the local groups, DoC, ECan, Rūnanga and Landowners to ensure a best value for money outcome.</p>
<b>Urgent Business</b>	<p>Nil</p>

**Meeting concluded**

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The meeting concluded at 6.39pm with a whakamoemiti from Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash.

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**Next meeting**

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Monday, 16 September 2019.

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### Hurunui-Waiau Zone Committee Action Sheet *(updated for 16 September zone committee meeting)*

Item	Meeting Date	Name of Item	Action Required	Actioned By/Manager	Status of Action
	19 August	Letter in Support for	Letter in Support of Hurunui District Landcare Trust project "Resilient Rural Communities" from HWZC	Lyn/John	<b>Work in progress.</b> Letter drafted for review by ZC
	15 July 2019	Wetland field trip	Hurunui Biodiversity Group will host a field trip to a wetland near Culverden in October. Inform committee of details once available	Lyn/Zip	<b>Work in progress.</b> Waiting for more information
	17 June 2019	CWMS 2025 & 2030 targets	Provide committee with final 2025 & 2030 CWMS targets when these are available	Lyn	<b>Work in progress.</b> Waiting for copy of final targets
	17 June 2019	Non-partisan Biodiversity Group	Investigate establishing a non-partisan Biodiversity Advisory Group	officers	<b>Work in progress</b> Wetland Working Group will look to add to its membership
	20 May 2019	New ECan monitoring & investigations	ECan provide HWZC with information on new or planned work in zone relating to collecting water- or land related information	Lyn/Nadeine	<b>Work in progress.</b> Nadeine to progress for all ten zone committees
	18 March 2019	Monitoring Data on LAWA	Check to see if the information on the Hurunui and Waiau hapua is up on the LAWA Website	Andrew Arps	<b>Work in progress.</b> It is not up on the website due to technical difficulties with the data translation. ECan has taken over the monitoring site at Hurunui hapua.
	18 March 2019	Monitoring of the Hurunui hapua	Requested that monitoring of the Hurunui hapua is undertaken.	Lyn	<b>Work in progress.</b> Some monitoring is done at hapua – see above. Results of monitoring will be presented at a future meeting
	18 March 2019	Cultural Discussion of identifying grades of the Rivers	That a cultural discussion of the rivers be undertaken to identify and recognise Māori values versus A and B grades used by ECan.	Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash/Lyn	<b>Work in progress.</b> Māori look at the river in terms of reliability of the water and grade via state of the river: Drinking water, baptism, wai tapu. Further discussion to be held – to be scheduled in Work Programme.



**Forest & Bird**  
GIVING NATURE A VOICE

19 August 2019

Canterbury Regional Council  
PO Box 345  
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Attention: Zone and Regional Committee Chairs

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Dear Committee Chair,

**RE: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ON THE ZONE COMMITTEES**

1. As you will no doubt be aware the Auditor General has revoked the declaration made in 2018 (the 2018 declaration) relating to section 6(1) of the Local authorities (Members Interests) Act 1968. This was done as a result of legal proceedings lodged by Forest & Bird in the High Court.
2. I thought I would take this opportunity to advise you of Forest & Bird's views of this issue. Please can you ensure that this letter is circulated to members of the committee that you chair?
3. Section 6(1) gives effect to the principle that those who take a public position should not use that position to advance their own pecuniary interests. It does this by prohibiting those with a pecuniary interest from participating in discussions or voting on matters where they have a pecuniary interest.

**6 Member of local authority or committee not to discuss or vote on question in which he has pecuniary interest**

(1) A member of a local authority or of a committee thereof shall not vote on or take part in the discussion of any matter before the governing body of that local authority or before that committee in which he has, directly or indirectly, any pecuniary interest, other than an interest in common with the public.

4. A failure to comply with s 6(1) is an offence.
5. The 2018 declaration provided an exemption from s 6(1) to those on the zone committees and the regional committee (the committees). The effect was that members of the committees were able to discuss and vote on matters where they had a pecuniary interest. It allowed shareholders in companies to discuss and vote on matters that directly touched their financial interests, such as the review of consent conditions. Directors and Chief Executives were able to participate in discussions and vote on matters critical to the companies they directed or managed.

6. Forest & Bird considered allowing such blatant conflicts of interest were not appropriate. This concern was exacerbated by the makeup of many of the zone committees, which did not reflect the community but instead were dominated by farming and irrigation interests. We considered this was a significant contributor, along with the loss of elected representatives and appeals to the Environment Court, to the recent drastic decline in water quality and quantity in Canterbury.
7. The revocation of the 2018 declaration means that s 6(1) applies in full. Committee members must not participate in discussions or vote on matters where they have a pecuniary and they can be prosecuted if they do.
8. Forest & Bird will remain vigilant. We will be reviewing committee agendas and minutes to determine if there have been any breaches. If we come across any breaches, we will refer these to the Auditor General with a request that they be investigated and, if proved, prosecuted.

Yours sincerely,



Nicky Snoyink  
Forest & Bird Regional Manager  
Canterbury/West Coast

<b>HURUNUI WAI AU ZONE COMMITTEE</b>  AGENDA ITEM NO: 3	SUBJECT MATTER:  <b>LINZ Annual Control Works Programme 2019-2020</b>
Kevin Gallagher, Land Information New Zealand	DATE OF MEETING: 16 September 2019

### **Action required:**

The Zone Committee notes the presentation on the LINZ Control Works Programme provided by Kevin Gallagher, Advisor Biosecurity and Biodiversity, Land Information New Zealand

### **Background**

Boffa Miskell Ltd works in partnership with LINZ and is responsible for all biosecurity operational management activities on Crown land administered by LINZ. Boffa Miskell and LINZ have consulted with both Hurunui District Council and Environment Canterbury in developing the 2019/20 LINZ Biosecurity Annual Control Works Programme.

A number of private properties may be affected by the proposed works, however it is anticipated that the work will have a positive effect. The works will target problematic exotic species that can spread to and be a nuisance on those neighbouring properties.

List of rivers and species to be targeted by the biosecurity control work in the Hurunui District:

#### **Old Mans Beard/ Nassella Tussock**

- Clarence River (near boarder with Marlborough District Council)

#### **Nassella Tussock**

- Conway River
- Hurunui River
- Kowai River
- Mason River
- Waiau River
- Waipara River

#### **Broom/Gorse**

- Boyle and Hope Rivers
- Clarence River (near boarder with Marlborough District Council)
- Hurunui South Branch River
- Hurunui North Branch River
- Lottery River
- Mason River

#### **Broom**

- Seaward River



<b>HURUNUI WAIU ZONE COMMITTEE</b>  AGENDA ITEM NO: 4	SUBJECT MATTER:  <b>Braided Rivers and the Impact of Climate Change</b>
Sonny Whitelaw, BRaid	DATE OF MEETING: 16 September 2019

**Action required:**

The Zone Committee notes the presentation provided by Sonny Whitelaw, Manager of BRaid

## **What does climate change mean for braided rivers? Bad and good news.**

There are plenty of problems to overcome when it comes to protecting braided river ecosystems, so climate change is generally regarded as a separate and/or distant problem, one so large and complex that it can only be addressed by governments. However, climate change is a 'super wicked problem': a risk multiplier that's here, now, exacerbating existing problems and creating new and often unexpected ones. The good news is that, compared to other ecosystems, braided rivers are inherently more resilient to the impacts of climate change. Identifying 'climate change' problems and incorporating them into management strategies for braided rivers—right now, not in a few years—is simply smart business in conservation terms.

## **About the speaker**

With a background in coastal geomorphology and climate change, **Sonny Whitelaw** has worked on wide a range of environmental management projects in Vanuatu, Australia, and New Zealand. She is the joint winner (with Lincoln University, DOC, and Hurunui College) of the 2014 Supreme Green-Ribbon Award for the Nina Valley Ecoblitz. The author of several novels, Sonny collaborated with over 100 children to produce the book *Celebrating Biodiversity in the Hurunui District*. She has managed BRaid since 2015 while developing project plans for other organisations including the 'Predator-Free Hanmer Springs' project for Te Tihi o Rauheia Conservation Trust. **Email:** [manager@braid.org.nz](mailto:manager@braid.org.nz)

<b>HURUNUI WAI AU ZONE COMMITTEE</b>  AGENDA ITEM NO: 5	SUBJECT MATTER:  <b>Update from HWZC Wetlands Working Group and review of Draft TOR</b>
Lyn Carmichael, Environment Canterbury	DATE OF MEETING: 16 September 2019

**Purpose:**

To note the update from the Wetlands Working Group and to review and approve the proposed terms of reference for this group.

**Recommendation:**

- That the committee notes the updates on progress from the Wetlands Working Group members
- The committee approves the proposed terms of reference for the working group

**Background:**

On 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 the HWZC formed a working group to develop recommendations for the Zone Committee in relation to barriers and incentives to wetland enhancement and protection in the Hurunui Waiau zone. It is intended that the working group will engage with landowners, community groups and other affected stakeholders in developing these recommendations.

# Hurunui Waiau Zone Committee Wetlands Working Group

## Terms of Reference (for 16 September 2019 discussion)

### Purpose

The Working Group will develop recommendations for the Zone Committee in relation to barriers and incentives to wetland enhancement and protection in the Hurunui Waiau zone.

### Membership

The Working Group will be:

- four zone committee members – Josh Dondertman, Michele Hawke, John Preece and Nukuroa Tirikatane-Nash
- other invited members who have an interest in wetlands in the zone and who are “apolitical” –

### Background

The Zone committee has identified the wetland topics it wishes to focus on as a work programme for wetlands in the Hurunui Waiau Zone:

- Working with the willing
- Removing barriers and providing incentives for landowners to protect and improve wetlands
- Creating or enhancing wetlands to help with nutrient management
- Education and communication to help farmers value and manage wetlands
- Developing a “flagship” wetland project.

### Scope

As a first stage to the wetlands work programme outlined above the Working Group will develop and bring to the Zone Committee recommendations for removing barriers and providing incentives for landowners to undertake on-the-ground activities to maintain, enhance, create and protect wetlands in the Hurunui Waiau zone.

The Working Group’s recommendations will be consistent with the role and purpose of the Zone Committee.

### Working Group activities

It is expected the Wetlands Working Group will:

- Listen to a selection of land owners who have or would like to protect or enhance wetlands on their property;
- Listen to people from organisations who have assisted land owners with protecting or enhancing wetlands. This should include talking with QEII Trust.
- Review any literature that has identified the barriers to landowners who wish to protect or enhance wetlands;

- Review any literature that has identified incentives to wetland protection.
- Visit wetland protection/enhancement projects

**Timetable**

The Working Group will bring recommendations to the 9 December Zone Committee meeting.

**Reporting to and involvement of the zone committee**

The Working Group will keep the zone committee well informed of its activities and discussions. This will include a written and verbal report to the committee at its monthly meeting. All material prepared for or presented to the Working Group will be provided to the zone committee.

The Working Group will inform the zone committee of meetings, workshops or field trips prior to these happening and zone committee members can attend these as an interested party.

**Support for the Working Group**

The zone facilitator will help the Working Group with workshops/meetings and take notes. The Working Group will be able to request information or other help from Environment Canterbury and this will be provided if the information and resources are available.

<b>HURUNUI WAI AU ZONE COMMITTEE</b>  AGENDA ITEM NO: 10	SUBJECT MATTER:  <b>Zone Facilitators Report</b>
Report by: Lyn Carmichael Environment Canterbury	DATE OF MEETING: 16 September 2019

**Action required:**

Note the updates on:

- The independent review of the zone committee
- The CWMS Targets Progress Report
- Consultation for Proposed National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land
- Consultation for Action for healthy waterways: A discussion document on national direction for our essential freshwater

**Review of Hurunui Waiau Zone Committee**

The independent review of the Zone Committee, by John Hutchings, has begun and John has scheduled one-on-one interviews with zone committee members

The timeline for the review indicates that John will discuss his draft report with the zone committee at an 18 November workshop before the fieldtrip.

**CWMS Targets Progress Report 2019**

The latest progress report in relation to the CWMS Targets has been completed. All CWMS committee members should have received email notice of the CWMS Targets Report 2019

**Consultation for Proposed National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land**

The Ministry for Primary Industries and the Ministry for the Environment are now seeking submissions on a proposed National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL), developed on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister for the Environment.

A discussion document on the proposed NPS-HPL 'Valuing Highly Productive Land' and information about how to make a submission is available at [www.mpi.govt.nz/HighlyProductiveLand](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/HighlyProductiveLand)

**The closing date for submissions is 5pm Thursday 10 October 2019.**

If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please contact the Ministry for Primary Industries on this email: [soils@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:soils@mpi.govt.nz)

**Consultation for Action for healthy waterways: A discussion document on national direction for our essential freshwater**

The MfE proposals for freshwater are now open for submissions until 5pm 17<sup>th</sup> October.

The key proposals are:

- Draft National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management
- Proposed National Environmental Standards for Freshwater
- Draft Stock Exclusion Section 360 Regulations

Further information and discussion documents can be found on the MfE website here

<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/consultation/action-for-healthy-waterways>

# 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

