



Southern Tairāwhiti Catchment Advisory Group

Hui #2 agenda, minutes, and actions

Held at Tiniroto Community Hall on Wednesday 18 June 2025 at 9:30am

Advisory Group members present	Marlene Skeet, Kerry Proctor, Jazmine Burgess, Topsy Steele, Soraya Pohatu-Stone, Bryan McCavana, Mayana Daniels (arrived 10:22AM), Wings Waihi, Jess Kawenga, Samuel Lewis
Council/Consultant	Sarah Thompson, Ariel Yann le Chew, Oliver Vetter Wolfgang Kanz
Apologies	Bella Hawkins, Tangiwai Wilson, Charlie Baty

Agenda

1. Karakia and Whakawhanaungatanga
2. Housekeeping
3. Draft Hui 1 minutes
4. Draft Terms of Reference
5. Updates on national direction
6. Recap: Vision and Values
7. Freshwater Management Areas discussion
8. Current State of the Environment
9. Wrap up, Close
10. Lunch and hīkoi (Lake Rotokaha, Hangaroa River along Tiniroto Bluffs)

Supporting documents

- Draft Hui 1 minutes
- Draft Terms of Reference – v2
- Report 1: Values, FMUs and Outcomes

Summary of actions

	Future Action *Refer to Parked List for summary		Current task
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Notes:

Each task is allocated a unique identifier e.g. T2 for ease of reference

The numbering continues from previous hui minutes

Task ID	Actions	Responsible	Due
ST-T01	Staff and Advisory Group to decide the meeting format for subsequent hui (e.g. in-person meetings at different venues, hybrid meetings etc)	GDC	Ongoing
ST-T03	Discuss how to connect interested Advisory Group members and their groups with Wairoa/Hawke's Bay counterpart (e.g. Tātau Tātau, taiao roopu) to ensure alignment in work programmes in the upper catchment with the lower catchment.	GDC	Ongoing
ST-T06	Staff to prepare options on Management Areas to be presented to this Advisory Group	GDC	To be actioned at Hui 3 18 July 2025
ST-T07	Staff to prepare map showing Protection Management Areas, QEII, DOC conservation layer	GDC	Actioned 23 June 2025
ST-T08	Staff to investigate how Council could redirect monitoring efforts to where there's need for data	GDC	Ongoing

Minutes

1. Karakia, Draft Hui 1 minutes, Terms of Reference, national direction update

- 1.1. The hui commenced at 9.37am with an opening karakia.
- 1.2. A quick roundtable introduction was done for members who weren't present at the last hui.
- 1.3. Staff set out housekeeping matters and outlined the agenda for the day.
- 1.4. Staff sought feedback on the draft Hui 1 minutes. Hui 1 minutes were finalised with no further amendments needed.
- 1.5. Staff sought feedback on the Terms of Reference, noting that the membership required an update following a member's resignation from the Group. The Group accepted this amendment to finalise the Terms of Reference.
- 1.6. Staff provided an update on the recent Resource Management Reforms, following the release of national direction packages for consultation. Staff reassured the Group that the Group's engagement will continue to ensure that the aspirations and values for the Southern Tairāwhiti Catchment Plan Area are heard and recorded. Staff will continue to monitor legislative changes and will inform the Group when more information is released.

2. Recap: Long Term Vision and Values

- 2.1. Staff sought feedback on the core themes of the proposed Long Term Vision, based on discussions held at Hui 1.

- 2.1.1. A member added that business resilience should be considered as part of improving resilience, explaining that there is cost associated in restoration/protection efforts – which is reasonable only when the business is viable enough to cover those costs.
- 2.1.2. Staff responded that the draft Long Term Vision can be revisited at a later stage in this process.
- 2.2. Staff sought feedback on freshwater values, in addition to Compulsory Values and Other Values that Must Be Considered under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) 2020, identified through discussions held at Hui 1.
 - 2.2.1. A member suggested having Te Tiriti as an overarching concept, elaborating that kaitiakitanga (which is noted as a freshwater value) is a principle of Te Tiriti. Staff noted this as an action for further discussion.
 - 2.2.2. Another member suggested that tourism should be separated from recreation. Either in separate bullet points or have a slash in between the two.
 - 2.2.3. The Group discussed how land management to achieve freshwater values differs according to different land use.
- 2.3. Members formed into two breakout groups to discuss and rank the importance of each previously identified value, the location where the values apply, and the current state of values in the specified location.
 - 2.3.1. Feedback from members have been summarized into ***the recap briefing report for the next hui.***

3. Session 1: Management Areas

- 3.1. Staff recapped the purpose of Management Areas (MAs). Staff also provided examples of MAs in other catchment plans (Mōtū, Ūawa, Waimatā-Pakarae).
- 3.2. Members shared their initial thoughts of what MAs would look like in the Southern Tairāwhiti Catchment Plan Area:
 - 3.2.1. **Option 1: Type of riverbeds** – Hard bottomed rivers vs Soft bottomed rivers (**2 MAs**)
 - 3.2.2. **Option 2: Receiving environments** – those flowing into Wairoa River, separate from those flowing into Mahia and from those flowing into Gisborne. (**3 MAs**)
 - 3.2.3. **Option 3: Land use type** – Urewera/Conservation vs Farming vs Forestry. (**3 MAs**)
- 3.3. Staff will present these options at the next hui for the members' consideration.

4. Session 2: Current State of the Environment

- 4.1. Staff went over the monitored data for the Southern Tairāwhiti Catchment Plan Area, in particular:
 - 4.1.1. **Rainfall** – difference in volume between sites monitored by Gisborne District Council and those monitored by Hawke's Bay Regional Council.
 - 4.1.2. **Flows** – information is used to set minimum flows and water allocation.
 - 4.1.3. **Water Quality** – Ammonia, Nitrate, Dissolved Oxygen, Suspended Fine Sediment, Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus.
 - 4.1.4. **Aquatic Ecosystem Health** – Periphyton, Macroinvertebrate, Deposited Fine Sediment.

- 4.1.5. **Lakes** – Findings from Lakes380 assessed the five lakes (Rotokaha, Karangata, Kaikiore, Kaikereru, Waihou) as supertrophic¹.
- 4.2. Staff noted that data shown includes both Gisborne District Council and Hawke's Bay Regional Council monitoring data. The monitored data can be found in the [Southern Tairāwhiti Catchment Background Document](#).

5. Session 3: Outstanding Waterbodies, Scheduled Waterbodies

- 5.1. Staff briefly introduced the list of scheduled waterbodies for this catchment plan area, including Outstanding Waterbodies and Regionally Significant Wetlands. Staff highlighted that there are criteria associated with each schedule. For waterbodies that don't meet the criteria, but the waterbodies have significance (e.g. cultural significance), action plans is another method that can be used to recognise the importance of these waterbodies.
- 5.2. Staff will revisit this topic at Hui 3 in more detail.

6. Session 4: Environmental Outcomes

- 6.1. Staff briefly introduced the concept of Environmental Outcomes, which sets the future state of values and are required for each MAs. The Environmental Outcomes must be measurable. Staff reiterated that Environmental Outcomes are meant to be aspirational and take time to achieve.
- 6.2. Staff will revisit this topic at Hui 3 for further discussion with members.

7. Wrap up and close

- 7.1. Staff thanked members for their contributions.
- 7.2. The Group discussed and agreed that the next hui will be on Monday 14 July, with Rangiwhao Marae as the proposed venue. Staff will liaise with members representing Rangiwhao Marae to confirm logistics.
- 7.3. The hui closed with a karakia at 12:36PM.

¹ Very poor water quality. The lake is fertile and saturated in phosphorus and nitrogen, often associated with poor water clarity. (Definition from LAWA website: [Land, Air, Water Aotearoa \(LAWA\)](#) -)