

# TAIRĀWHITI

## WAIPAOA CATCHMENT PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP

### Hui agenda, minutes, and actions

#### Hui #6

Held at Rose Room, Lawson Field Theatre on 13 March 2024 at 12:30pm

<b>Advisory Group facilitator</b>	Dr Jill Chrisp
<b>Advisory Group members present</b>	Stan Pardoe, Grant Vincent, Nick Briant, Tim Tietjen, Dave Hawea, Stuart Davis, Tim Rhodes, Alan Haronga, Phil Gaukrodger, Janine du Plessis ( <i>temporary replacement for Joss Ruifrok</i> ), Dianne Irwin, Hannah Kohn, Shanna Cairns, Murray Palmer, Samuel Lewis
<b>Council</b>	Janic Slupski, Ariel Yann le Chew, Paul Murphy, Sarah Thompson, Desiré du Plooy, Katrina Ungco, Abi Wiseman Lois Easton, Wolfgang Kanz
<b>Apologies</b>	Matawhero Lloyd, Jacob Harrison, Bella Hawkins, Bronwyn Wilson-Hokianga, Joss Ruifrok, Oliver Vetter, Owen Lloyd, Leo Kelso

### Agenda

<b>Session 1 – General overview</b>	
<b>1. Karakia and whakawhanaungatanga</b>	<b>12:30</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome</li> <li>Housekeeping</li> <li>Minutes and actions from hui #5</li> </ul>	
<b>Session 2 - Overview of Coalition Government's announcements</b>	
<b>2. Overview</b>	<b>12:45</b>
<b>Session 3 – Waipaoa Catchment Plan</b>	
<b>3. Draft target attribute states and interim targets – refer to Report 1</b>	<b>13:00</b>
<b>4. Group exercise #1</b>	<b>13:30</b>
<b>Cuppa and leg stretch</b>	<b>14:00</b>
<b>Session 4 – Overview of sub-projects</b>	
<b>5. Catchment-specific sub-projects - Presentation</b>	<b>14:15</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Te Maungarongo o te Kooti Wetland</li> <li>Te Arai River</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Summarising</b>	<b>14:45</b>
<b>7. Closing karakia</b>	<b>14:55</b>

## Summary of actions



Future action  
\* Refer to Parked List for summary



Current task

**Notes:**

- Each task is allocated a unique identifier e.g. T2 for ease of reference
- The numbering continues from previous meeting minutes

Task ID	Actions	Resp	Due
T16	Check on the mapping of the Turanganui awa and where it belongs	Freshwater team	asap
T17	A copy of the State and Trend Report / Water Quality Report to be circulated with the Group	Freshwater team	24 March

# Minutes

## Session 1 – General overview

### 1. Karakia and whakawhanaungatanga - welcome & housekeeping

- 1.1. Minutes and actions from the hui held on 13 December 2023 were taken as read.
- 1.2. Staff recapped the previous hui topics and outlined the two stages of catchment planning, highlighting that this Group is now at the part of setting of targets and timeframes.

## Session 2 – Coalition Government's announcements

### 2. Overview

- 2.1. Staff presented, as a previous action item, the key points in the Coalition Government's 100-day plan, discussing its implications for both Council, as well as the Advisory Group.
- 2.2. The Government has passed legislation to repeal the Natural and Built Environment Act and the Spatial Planning Act. This includes provisions granting all councils an extra three years until 31 December 2027 to notify freshwater plans. The Government has also indicated its intention to replace the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) 2020. As an interim measure, amendments to the Resource Management Act are planned to change how consenting authorities apply Te Mana o te Wai hierarchy of obligations to individual consent applications and consenting decision-making processes. The process is expected to take 18–24 months and will involve consultation.
- 2.3. Staff gave the assurance that Council remains committed to publicly notify all freshwater plans under the current NPS-FM 2020 by mid-2026.

## Session 3 – Waipaoa Catchment Plan

### 3. Draft target attribute states and interim targets

- 3.1. The Group revisited key terms associated with target attribute states and interim targets and what these mean in a water quality context.
- 3.2. Discussions held during the previous hui have been pulled together to develop draft target attribute states, interim targets and timeframes to improve the quality of water in the Waipaoa Catchment.
- 3.3. The Group's questions were mainly focused on water monitoring of sites. It was noted that while Council's monitoring efforts focused on larger rivers, there are gaps in coverage for smaller streams. It was suggested that eDNA findings help us understand the river and stream health across the region.

### 4. Group exercise #1 – Draft target attribute states

- 4.1. The Group's input was sought regarding the realism, ambition, and prioritisation of the draft targets to ensure the environmental outcomes will be reached.

- 4.2. The Group split into four smaller groups to review the draft target attribute states for each of the following FMUs:
  - 4.2.1. Waipaoa Hill Country
  - 4.2.2. Te Arai Te Uru
  - 4.2.3. Turanga Flats
  - 4.2.4. Gisborne Urban.
- 4.3. All feedback was captured on flipcharts and is attached as **Appendix 1**.

#### **Session 4 - Overview of sub-projects**

##### **5. Catchment-specific sub-projects**

- 5.1. A presentation followed on two sub-projects within this catchment, namely Te Maungārongo o Te Kooti Rikirangi wetland as well as Te Arai.

##### **6. Wrap-up, closing karakia**

- 6.1. Staff thanked the Group members for their contribution in shaping the Waipaoa Catchment Plan.
  - 6.2. Following the establishment of target attribute states, the Group will discuss the necessary actions to achieve these states through an Action Plan.
  - 6.3. Plant and Food Research is currently conducting modelling work to address nutrient issues on the Turanga Flats. Additionally, a faecal source tracking is also being conducted in the Taruheru River to assist in identifying priorities. The findings will be shared with the Group.
  - 6.4. The next hui is scheduled for 24 April 2024, where the focus will shift to water quantity for the next three hui.
  - 6.5. The hui closed at 15:00 with a karakia.
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## PARKING LIST

The following matters have been captured from discussions during the **WAIPA OA CATCHMENT PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP** hui. They are captured here to be incorporated as supplementary recommendations in the Group's final report and/or responded to directly.

Parking List			
Reference	Item/Action	Date raised	Status
T5	Organise site visits to discuss topic-specific catchment issues	12/7/23	tbc
T6	Sub-projects Te Arai and Maungarongo wetlands to be covered at a future meeting	12/7/23	13/03/24 – completed
T8	A wānanga is planned to further workshop Waipaoa catchment-specific cultural values at Ohako Marae	16/8/23	tbc
T12	Provide opportunity for members to actively participate in the information analysis processes as we progress through plan development, for example establish specialised focus groups	11/10/23	Ongoing
T14	Provide an update to Group an analysis of/reflection on government changes (legislation and policy) as soon as information is released	13/12/23	13/03/24 - completed
T15	Provide higher resolution map that identifies streams	13/12/23	13/03/24 - completed

# Appendix 1 – Written feedback

## SESSION 1 – Reviewing the draft target attribute states

### Questions from facilitator handout:

1. Do you agree with the approach taken to setting targets? What (if anything) should be different?
  - a. Maintain current state where an attribute is in the A or B band
  - b. Halt degradation and reverse the trend over 10 years where an attribute is degrading
  - c. Improvement over 15-30 years to reach national bottom line (except for major gully erosion areas)
2. For the FMU your group is focussed on do you agree with the draft Targets? (Refer Relevant Page Over for Summary)
3. Are the targets both realistic and ambitious? Is anything either too hard, or not ambitious enough?
4. Are we correctly prioritising the things to be done in the first 10 years?
5. Are the interim targets bold yet showing a feasible rate of progress?

### Tūranga Flats FMU

- Hard to determine if state is appropriate until we know trend & possible mitigations
- Could turn into a Tarndale Slip situation where 'nothing' can be done
- Can't consider things in isolation
- Freshwater farm plans (FWFPs) so things can be tailored to each property
  - Saleyards?
- Regenerative farming
- Low hanging fruit – do this first
- Group to reconvene once information available

### Te Arai Te Uru FMU

- Below NBL -> E.Coli sources – stock access – some pest species input
- B Band -> Ammonia sources – stock
- Sediment
  - Geomorphology study to understand catchment characteristics and opportunities for actions for improvements
  - Expert panel sense check of model outputs
  - What are the recommended management approaches that will achieve the desired outcomes of an “improving trend” within 10 years
  - Arai Te Uru Management plan development & for actions for funding

### Gisborne Urban FMU

- Stormwater and wastewater discharges
  - Urban streams etc are national bottomline because 90% of the population benefits
  - Affected by agricultural lands also
- 10%
  - Risky

- What can we control
- 13 – 30 years
  - Plan improvements over that timeframe – affordable
  - Climate change
  - Seems ok
- Water quality
  - Difficult to improve fast (compliance is key)
- Other values?
  - Fish IBI
    - Temperature – 25 degrees Celsius
    - Habitat enhancement – fish pataka kai
    - Fish passage
    - Stormwater controls
      - Quantity (toolkit)
      - Quality
  - Cultural values
- If we have a plan & community buy in (incentives??) or participation or fall backs
- 30 years – water quality
- 10 – 15 years – other values
- Price it up – need to know what it costs

Notes that were scribbled onto facilitator handout instead of on flipchart:

- Price up the cost?
- Role of modelling
- Phosphorus (through groundwater?) (Tile drains)
  - Ordering of Tidbits – frame aspects
  - Quantifying rain event
  - eDNA – sediment too high
  - temperature – extra downloads, not representative
  - representative state – stormwater
  - Deliver to the coast contaminants
- Sediment & Tarndale/Mangatu slips
- GIS work to model natural form & character in streams

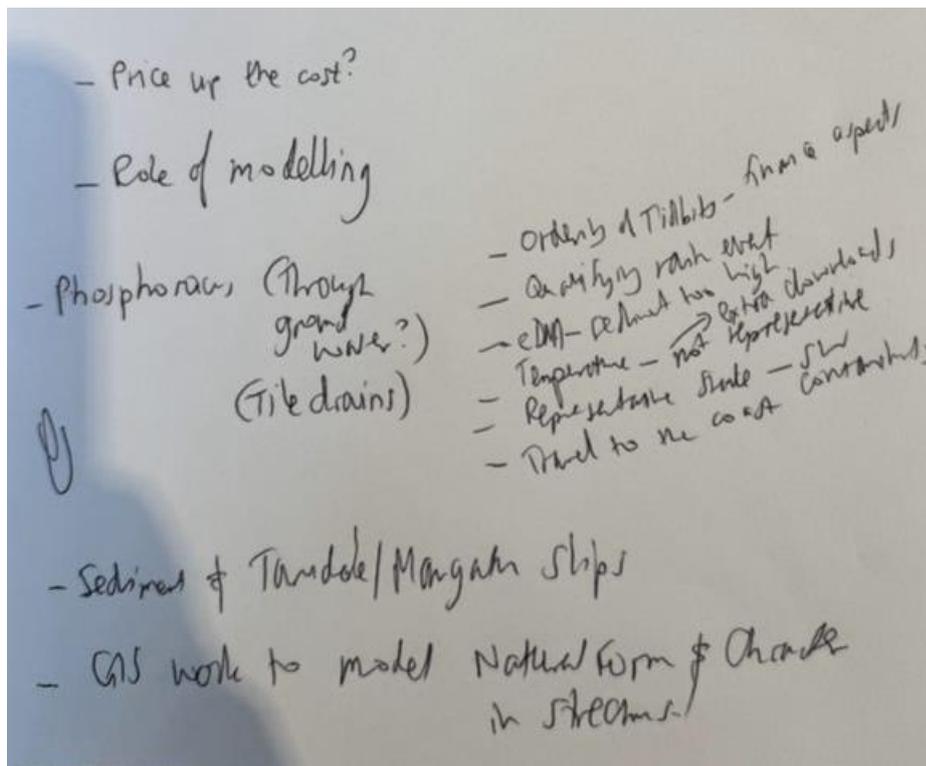


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## Waipaoa Hill Country FMU

1. Approach
  - a. Review needed (5 yearly for Action Plan)
  - b. Can we specify that it is not possible to meet the sediment National bottom line for Mangatu/Waingamoia due to natural processes?
  - c. Need for fish information to help understand if we have this right
2. Need to have more fine grained monitoring where targeting for improvement so better target hotspots & understand if on track
3. Agree – priority on Wharekopae/Waihuka/Waikohu for water quality