



## LOWER WAITAKI - SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE

**A MEETING of the LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL  
CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE will be held as follows:**

Date: Wednesday 18 April 2018  
Time: 1.00pm  
Venue: Waimate Event Centre

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Kate White (Chair)	Suzanne Eddington
Cr Jakki Guilford	Sandra Hampstead-Tipene
Andrew Hayes	Cr Jeremy Holding
Barney Hoskins	Daniel Isbister
Mark Kingsbury (Deputy Chair)	Bruce Murphy
Brent Packman	Ranui Ryan
Cr Peter Scott	

Lower Waitaki SCC Zone Committee Meeting				
18 April 2018, at 1:00pm				
Waimate Community Centre				
	12:15am	Zone Committee lunch (Committee Members only)		
	12:35am	Regional Roundup (Committee Members only)		
	Time	Agenda Item	Who	Paper/Verbal
1	1:00pm	Karakia  Standing items	All, led by Suzanne Eddington / Sandra Hampstead- Tipene Kate White	Verbal
2	1:15pm	Te Reo words for this month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rangatiranga / Rangatirataka</b> (sovereignty, chieftainship, right to exercise authority, chiefly autonomy)</li> <li>• <b>Kaitiakitanga / Kaitiakitaka</b> (guardianship, stewardship)</li> </ul>	Sandra Hampstead- Tipene/ Suzanne Eddington	Verbal
3	1:20pm	Facilitators Update - Omnibus Plan Change feedback on regionally significant topics	Dave Moore	Verbal Paper
4	1:25pm	Zone Team Update	Chris Eccleston	Paper (to be sent separately)
5	1:40pm	Drinking Water Update Waimate District Council	Paul Roberts (Water and Waste Manager, Waimate District Council)	Paper
6	2:00pm	Wainono Augmentation Overview	Colin Hurst	Verbal
7	2:40pm	Overview of Sustainable Hill Farming (SHiFT) project	Ian Lyttle (Senior Land Management Advisor, ECan)	Paper
	3:00pm	Meeting Close & Karakia (approximate)		All

**LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF A LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WAIMATE EVENT CENTRE, WAIMATE ON  
WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2018, BEGINNING AT 1.20PM**

- PRESENT** Chair Kate White (Community)  
Andrew Hayes (Community), Suzanne Eddington (Waihao Runanga), Cr Jakki Guilford (Waimate District Council), Sandra Hampstead-Tipene (Arowhenua Runanga), Jeremy Holding (Waitaki District Council), Barney Hoskins (Community), Daniel Isbister (Community), Mark Kingsbury (Community), Bruce Murphy (Community), Brent Packman (Community), Ranui Ryan (Moeraki Runanga) and Cr Peter Scott (Environment Canterbury)
- IN ATTENDANCE** David Moore, Zone Facilitator  
Karalyn Reid, Committee Secretary

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and invited Stephen Bragg to open the meeting with a Karakia.

**Apologies**

There were no apologies received.

**Declaration of Interests**

There were no interests registered. The facilitator handed out copies of the Declaration of Interests Form for members to complete.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

RESOLVED  
LWSC18/10 Moved Barney Hoskins  
Seconded Jakki Guilford  
"That the minutes of the Lower Waitaki Zone  
Committee meeting held on 14 February 2018 are  
adopted as a true and correct record."  
MOTION CARRIED

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

1. Waitaki river mouth slipway maintenance responsibility: This is ongoing. The Upper Waitaki Zone Committee are also having same issues. Conversations are underway with DoC/LINZ on responsibilities.
2. River Access is an ongoing problem. The Facilitator will approach Wainono/Waitaki Water Users Group for assistance.
3. The CWMS Water Shed meeting in Christchurch is coming up on 9 April 2018.
4. Mining Rights on the Waitaki: A useful meeting was held between ECan, Consultants and Landowners at the Waimate Event Centre on 19 February 2018.

**Correspondence**

- Inwards: Letter from Environment Canterbury Chief Executive Bill Bayfield regarding support of the Integrated Land Use Consent Project; the Grey Scrub Project dated 12 March 2018 (tabled)
- Outwards: Letter to Chrys Berryman from the Chair dated 19 February 2018

RESOLVED  
LWSC 18/11 Moved Andrew Hayes  
Seconded Sandra Hampstead-Tipene  
"That the correspondence be accepted."

## **Regional Committee Update**

There was no regional update.

## **Te Reo Words**

*Mauri (essential life force)*

*Hāpua (pool of water or river-mouth lagoon)*

## **Introduction of Stephen Bragg, Tangata Whenua Facilitator**

Stephen gave the Committee some background of his role with Environment Canterbury.

## **Update on Celebration of Waitaki Iwi Management Plan**

Stephen, Sandra and Suzanne spoke on the newly completed Iwi Management Plan. The document will be used as a reference document/resource. Links for an electronic copy will be forwarded to members.

## **Facilitator's Update**

- Science work for flow regimes in the Hakataramea and tributaries on the south bank of the Waitaki river. Meeting held with permit holders and consultants on 19 February on planning, consents and data collection.
- Long Term Plan consultation document now out with deadline for feedback being 26 March.
- Annual Report is presented in the agenda and will be presented to Councils.
- Conflict of Interest Forms required from members please
- Drinking Water MOH Standards and Rural Schemes presentation at the April Zone Committee meeting.

## **Zone Team Update**

- Black Hole sign is being printed and will be installed soon following permission granted from the farmer. Currently working on signs to link to Alps 2 Ocean bike trail in consultation with Tourism Waitaki.
- Watershed Meeting (9 April) Reminder
- Hakataramea Sustainability Field Day on 20 March at Waikora Station
- PC3 advertising on information sessions currently underway
- Submissions to the LTP supporting additional resources (land management officers) would be helpful
- Rabbit K5 virus will be going out soon
- Mark Kingsbury explained the Irrigation 'Bucket Test', with app available.
- 5 or 6 Government Ministers have visited ECan (Cr Peter Scott)
- ECan looking to provide mechanism for trees to come into SC/opportunity for Zones (Cr Peter Scott)

## **Clean Check Dry Report**

Gemma Livingstone presented the findings from the Clean, Check, Dry (CCD) Advocacy Programme held in the Waitaki Lakes District over the holiday period (from 20 December 2017 to 6 January 2018) and gave an overview of aquatic pest control, and sought feedback to guide development of future CCD programmes.

### **River and Reach Options for the Braided River Management (Bridge) Project**

Tania Harris updated the Committee on how ECan is working with four Zone Committees and their communities to identify the values of a reach (4-8km) of each river; how the river is managed for those values, and considering the extent of the riverbed. The four identified rivers are Waitaki (Kurow to Duntroon, Duntroon to Black Point), Hakataramea (McKays Road Gorge to Wrights Crossing), Waihao (upstream SH1).

The Committee preferred the study to include Waitaki - Kurow to Duntroon (incorporating Bird Island), Hakataramea (Wright's Crossing up), and the Waihao (upstream SH1).

### **General Business**

There was no general business.

Stephen Bragg closed the meeting with a Karakia at 3.40pm.

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Chair

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO</b>	3
<b>ZONE COMMITTEE</b>	Lower Waitaki South Coastal Zone Committee
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Omnibus Plan Change 2019
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	18 April 2018
<b>REPORT BY</b>	Andrea Richardson, Senior Planner – Environment Canterbury

### **Purpose**

1. To seek feedback from the Zone Committee on any new urgent regionally significant topics to be considered for inclusion in the Omnibus Plan Change to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan (*Omnibus Plan Change*), with a notification date of mid-2019.

### **Staff Recommendation**

2. That the Zone Committee:
  - a. Reviews the list of urgent regionally significant topics proposed for the Omnibus Plan Change (Attachment 1); and
  - b. Advises if there is any other urgent regionally significant topic that should be addressed in the Omnibus Plan Change, along with the following information:
    - i. Why is the issue significant for the Canterbury region;
    - ii. Who and/or what is affected because of the issue;
    - iii. What your Zone Committee considers should be done to address the issue; and
    - iv. How urgent is the issue (e.g. how would the effects of the issue change if it was addressed in 4-5 years' time rather than now)

### **Report**

3. The Omnibus Plan Change ensures the regional planning provisions in the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan (LWRP) are responsive to new directives from central government, emerging environmental issues, and changes in matters that are strategic priorities for Environment Canterbury. The Omnibus Plan Change will only make changes to the LWRP, and will not change any other Canterbury regional plan that control specific aspects of land and water separately. Key milestones for this project include engagement with Zone Committees on potential changes to the LWRP to address the regionally significant issues in the last quarter of 2018, public notification of the proposed plan change in mid-2019, a public hearing on submissions on the plan change in early 2020 and a decision to be notified by mid-2021.
4. We welcome your feedback as to whether there are any other regionally significant topics that your Zone Committee considers should be included in the Omnibus Plan Change. Please note that for each new topic added to the list, it is likely that a regionally significant topic listed in Attachment 1 would need to be removed in order to meet the mid-2019 notification timeframe.

5. Each new topic for Omnibus Plan Change needs to meet the following criteria:
  - a. It is an issue that is likely to apply to the whole Canterbury region (i.e. it is not only applicable to one sub-region); and
  - b. It is urgent and important for the sustainable management of natural and physical resources in Canterbury.
6. If your Zone Committee identifies a new topic that meets the above criteria, we would appreciate you providing the following information on the issue:
  - a. What is the issue and why is it significant for the Canterbury region;
  - b. Who and/or what is affected because of the issue;
  - c. What your Zone Committee considers should be done to address the issue; and
  - d. How urgent is the issue (e.g. how would the effects of the issue change if it was addressed in 4-5 years' time rather than now)
7. Once all Zone Committees have provided feedback, Environment Canterbury's Councillors will evaluate which regionally significant topics should be included in the Omnibus Plan Change 2019. One of the considerations that Councillors will take into account when evaluating which significant topics should be included is the technical analysis and reporting workload required to support the plan change. The workload and timeframes are such that for each new topic added to the list, it is likely that a regionally significant topic in Attachment 1 would need to be removed to meet the mid-2019 notification timeframe. A final decision on any changes to the regionally significant topics listed in Attachment 1 will be made by Councillors in the middle of this year after consideration of your feedback. We will advise of the outcome of that decision as soon as possible after this time.
8. Environment Canterbury staff would be happy to attend one of your Zone Committee meetings in the last quarter of 2018 to seek your feedback on potential plan change amendments to address the regionally significant Omnibus Plan Change topics.

**Attachment 1: Proposed Regionally Significant Topics for Omnibus Plan Change 2019**

Topics	Rationale and Implementation impacts
<p><b>Braided Rivers</b></p>	<p>There is an urgent need to define the edge of the ‘bed’ of Canterbury’s braided rivers to ensure riverbed values are appropriately protected. Braided rivers have beds that are dynamic, with multiple channels creating a time series of recent and very old current and former channels across a ‘braid plain’ that extends well beyond that area that might now be described as the ‘active bed’ or even ‘recently active bed’. Therefore, the features of braided rivers are not easily aligned with the definition of ‘bed’ in the LWRP.</p> <p>Priority for this amendment is high as there will be high implementation benefits.</p>
<p><b>Tangata Whenua values</b></p>	<p>There is an urgent need to amend provisions to ensure Tangata Whenua values are appropriately considered and provided for when making decisions on some controlled and restricted discretionary consent applications. For some activities (for example excavation of land) the ability of a decision maker to consider effects on tāngata whenua values is inappropriately constrained.</p> <p>Priority for this amendment is high as it will increase protection of Tangata Whenua values.</p>
<p><b>Increased protection of indigenous freshwater species and habitats, and habitats of other species with significant fishery values</b></p>	<p>There is an urgent need to increase protection of habitat of indigenous species and other species with significant fishery values. Increased protection is sought for Canterbury Mudfish habitat and other critically endangered species and/or valuable but declining mahinga kai. Amendments to provisions are required to address incremental loss of stream habitat occurs through diversion, re-alignment, piping and reclamation. The Salmon Spawning Sites listed in the LWRP may not cover all identified spawning sites.</p>
<p><b>Implementing requirements of National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management</b></p>	<p>Region-wide provisions need to give effect (as far as practicable) to the 2014 and 2017 amendments to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS FM), which requires Councils to establish freshwater management units and limits to achieve freshwater outcomes.</p> <p>Implementation impacts are moderate-high in terms of benefits to water quality and recreational outcomes.</p>



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<b>Horticultural operations</b>	<p>There is an urgent need to amend LWRP provisions to ensure the particular constraints that apply to horticultural operations are recognised and provided for. To avoid soil-borne diseases horticultural operations must rotate the land they lease and the type of crop grown on the land. Compliance with the LWRP farming rules is challenging for these operations as the nitrogen loss limit that applies to the farm is restricted by the crop type grown during the nitrogen baseline period.</p> <p>Priority for this amendment is high as it will have high implementation impacts. No successful LWRP implementation pathway has been found to address the issue.</p>
<b>Implementing requirements of National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry</b>	<p>Review and (if necessary) amend LWRP provisions to ensure they are consistent with the National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry (NES-PF). The NES-PF prevails over LWRP rules except where the NES-PF specifically allows more stringent regional plan rules.</p> <p>Priority for these amendments (if any provision changes are identified) is high given the NES-PF takes effect on 1 May 2018.</p>

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO</b>	5
<b>ZONE COMMITTEE</b>	Lower Waitaki South Coastal Zone Committee
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Drinking Water Update
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	18 April 2018
<b>REPORT BY</b>	Paul Roberts, Water and Waste Manager, Waimate District Council

### **Purpose**

1. To provide an overview to the Committee on the regulatory environment regarding drinking water and likely changes and issues following the Havelock North Inquiry.

### **Recommendations**

2. That the LWSCC Zone Committee receives the presentation

### **Background**

3. Following the widespread outbreak of gastroenteritis in Havelock North in August 2016, the report on the Havelock North drinking water inquiry, was released on 6 December 2017.
4. A copy of the report can be found at [https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/Report-Havelock-North-Water-Inquiry-Stage-2/\\$file/Report-Havelock-North-Water-Inquiry-Stage-2.pdf](https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/Report-Havelock-North-Water-Inquiry-Stage-2/$file/Report-Havelock-North-Water-Inquiry-Stage-2.pdf)
5. The report contains comprehensive recommendations for improvement to reticulated water supplies across New Zealand
6. Paul Roberts, from Waimate District Council, will update the committee on the likely national and local implications of this report including:
  - Increased monitoring requirements
  - Cleaning up surface water takes
  - Protection zone areas
  - Single regulatory authority
  - The Canterbury Drinking Water Reference Group

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO</b>	7
<b>ZONE COMMITTEE</b>	Lower Waitaki South Coastal Zone Committee
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Sustainable Hill Farming Tool (SHiFT)
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	18 April 2018
<b>REPORT BY</b>	Ian Lyttle, Senior Land Management Advisor (ECan)

### **Purpose**

1. To provide an overview to the Committee on the Sustainable Hill Farming (SHiFT) project.

### **Recommendations**

2. That the LWSCC Zone Committee receives the presentation and provides feedback.

### **Background**

3. Environment Canterbury is working with Federated Farmers and Beef & Lamb to help farmers through the process of managing risks of sediment loss on hill country land, and to mitigate the subsequent loss of sediment into waterways running through this land. This project has received endorsement and funding from the Ministry for the Environment. Some farmers will begin to hear about it from March 2018.
4. Called SHiFT (Sustainable Hill Farming Tool), it is expected that the project will culminate in the creation of a decision tool that will aid farmers as they consider development of their hill country development blocks.
5. Research company UMR will shortly begin a series of face-to-face interviews followed by telephone surveys, reaching a random sample of hill country farmers.
6. The 16 in-depth interviews will cover the decision-making process involved in the farmer's previous hill country developments, as well as the outcomes of recent developments. The objective is to ascertain what the main influences are in decision making, whether farmers have access to all the relevant information, and how the project can support that decision making through the development of an effective tool.
7. This qualitative survey will be followed by a telephone survey to around 150 farmers (across Canterbury and Horizons), chosen randomly from Agribase. This will occur in late March/early April.
8. The next stage of the project will be a Literature Search to identify:
  - a What factors affect soil loss from hills
  - b What the short term and longer-term impacts of sediment loss have on pasture production and persistence
  - c What the mitigations may be to prevent/significantly reduce that sediment loss
9. The project will use the information from the surveys and the literature search to develop the decision tool. It is expected that the tool will provide a much better idea of the benefits and costs associated with development that are not included in a farmer's usual financial evaluation.