



**ADVISORY COMMITTEE
for the Waikato
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT**

Notice of a meeting of the
Advisory Committee for Regional Environment (ACRE) to be held at:

Waikato Regional Council Hamilton

On 26 September 2018, at 3.00pm

1	Apologies –
2.	Visitor - Blair Dickie, Principal Strategic Adviser Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate change and zero carbon – pines vs natives• What efforts are the regional council making and acknowledging possible scenarios for climate change (review LTP for current information)• What is the regional council doing to work towards zero carbon? Do they have electric cars?• Is the new building going to be a stage 7 green building; if not, why not• Emphasis on the practical terms of what the regional council will do/actual plans being done
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting – 22 August 2018
4	Matters Arising from Minutes– <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WRC Contact Person• Andrew – Forestry Day?• Sea Change Letters• LTP Letter
5	Other Business LTP Further Responses (Circulated) 1080 response
6	Written reports - To Louise Capes at Louise.Capes@waikatoregion.govt.nz prior to meeting please – members identify highlights for discussion Topics: Identify your topics of interest.
7	Next Meeting – October 24 2018.



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Minutes of a meeting of the
Advisory Committee for Regional Environment (ACRE) held at:
Waikato Regional Council Hamilton
On 26 September 2018, at 3.00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Present: Kemble Pudney, Brian Habberfield, Greg Hill, Dell Hood, Anna Casey-Cox, Martin Wallace, Kelvin Mourtison, Katherine Hay, Leo Koppens

In attendance: Louise Capes (minutes WRC)

1. **Apologies:** Andrew Sinclair, Gwyneth Verkerk

2. **Blair Dickie, Presentation on Climate Change**

Interesting information: NZ Climate Stripes 1909 –2017, Ed Hawkins

2015-16 Waikato Regional emissions:

75.5% - Agriculture

9.7% - Stationary energy

11.7% - Transportation

2.0% - Waste

1.0% - IPPU

2016-17 – WRC emissions:

Spike in usage in electricity March/April 2016 was due to cyclone Cook and Debbie.

New Building:

Some constraints with regards to the train running underneath the building. Can't really build something heavy as a 'green roof'.

Questions:

Is WRC getting buy in from District Councils? – Working on Climate response change roadmap which will be brought to Council and will recognise opportunities that has progressed from District Councils. Mayoral Forum recommendation will be a regionally led and scaled response to climate change adaptation. Put how own activities sit with changing climate and change our emissions and should move forward as a region, and recommended to invite TA's and other agencies that are important and interested ie NZTA, iwi, WREDA, etc, interest need to come on board as well. What is the cause of the spikes in electricity – the main cost was the use of the flood pumps due to cyclone Cook and Debbie. External climate influences on the land use had an effect also.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 22 August 2018

Moved by Martin Wallace seconded by Kelvin Mourtison

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

- WRC Contact Person – For discussion ELT on Monday 1 October.
- Andrew – Forestry Day. Proposal for More trees please project to run a forestry day at Whatawhata station. **Kemble to confirm with Andrew.**
- Sea Change Letters – letters sent and noted questions as follows:
 - *Who is taking charge of Sea Change*
 - *If there is a lead agency, how do they plan to facilitate and monitor implementation, and what is their approach to Sea Change*
 - *What is the precise statutory role of the Hauraki Gulf Forum, and how does that feed into regional plans and regional policies?*
 - *How will the impacts of climate change be taken into account in the implementation of the plan?*
 - *What is happening with the proposed aquaculture areas, proposed marine protected and restricted areas*
- LTP Letter- Thanked for their detailed response – letters sent and questions to Sarah Mckinley with respect to :
 - *Kauri Die Back management*
 - *Risk-based monitoring of regional plan rules and consent conditions, and resulting enforcement action*
 - *Management of the marine environment (see also our interest in Sea Change)*
 - *Managing for the impact of climate change*
 - *Hamilton-Auckland Rail link*
- Ecological restoration guidelines – require someone to put a proposal to University of Waikato and to get funded. **Kemble to talk to Bruce Clarkson?**

5. Other Business

- **LTP Further Responses** (Circulated)
Covered – keep track on highlighted topics
- **1080 response**
Huge amount publicity around 1080. ACRE to make sure WRC has correct information and to advise the public that ACRE is in support.
Ngahere Justice signed a statement which called for a national ban. Mana Whenua to be involved and will make their own decisions with regards to 1080. Maori Landcorp has restriction on private land. ACRE to acknowledge in support. **Brian** to provide the link to the website. Need to get something happening. Suggestion was made that those that the anti and pro to get together and get to a common ground. Review Ngahere statement and continue feedback on social media.
Information sheet around 1080 from Forest & Bird which can be ordered online. **Katherine to send to all.**

Action: a light review of ACRE statement depending on reference to the Kaitiaki group letter, including reference to Jan Wright's paper and other material.

- **Kauri dieback – research** has shown that there is a possibility that bee keepers could be spreading it. Make people aware and advise Bee Keepers Association. **Kemble to advise MPI** and to bring to their attention and to take precaution.
- **More trees program** - Andrew asked to consider a speaker from Tuuriraka. Suggestion Kathy Stevenson from the One billion trees program.
- Possibly to have a Carbon credit speaker to explain what is proposed and what to plant on private land. **Dell to follow up**
- **Written reports** - look at reports that are circulated and see what topics of interests are.
Anna – Carbon emission reduction workshop – held by getting individuals engaged. Provided a spreadsheet on how to figure out what their emissions are.
Katherine – Forest & Bird take on coastal issues – will be attending next meeting weekend 29 September, to provide feedback at next meeting.

Meeting ended 5pm

Next Meeting – 24 October 2018 at 3pm

Reports:

Name	Details
Kemble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predator-Free Hamilton. Attended monthly Trust meeting • Met Fairfield Project re establishing community group in neighbourhood • Met WRC re future funding for coordinator – recommendation to prepare strategic plan • Attended launch of GoEco Trap Library • Attended Ladies’ Night at Mitre 10 – manned stall • Tui 2000. Attended monthly meeting • Attended meeting of Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park (WNHP) Advisory Group – notable for detail on HCC’s renewed commitment to opening park and resourcing infrastructure • Completed report for Waikato Regional Council on first year of Natural Heritage Fund Grant for WNHP • ACRE. Reviewed agenda, minutes • Correspondence – letters re Sea Change to WRC, DOC, MPI, Auckland Council, LTP to WRC
Dell Hood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots and lots of tree planting – Waiwhakareke, Ed Hillary Hope Reserve, two private restoration projects • Potting and seed gathering • Attended NFRT meeting • Gave a presentation to a Hamilton Rotary group on NFRT • Attended F&B event held to mark the start of Conservation Week • Attended DoC event to celebrate Conservation Week • Attended carbon seminar at GoEco
Brian Habberfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big walk in Parakiwai/Wharekirauponga with Coromandel Watchdog, 19 km to look at Oceana Gold’s drilling operations in frog habitat. • Planting natives, own block and Waikino Recreation Reserve riparian, about 500 total from own nursery. • Northern Kaimai Windfarm. Attended public meeting called at Karangahake where information about a proposed wind farm immediately south of Paeroa was presented. • Hauraki Gulf Forum Attended annual seminar at Auckland Museum 5th Sept. State of the gulf, presentation on marine reserves, pest free and island restoration, pest free Waiheke proposal. • PFHCCT meeting in Coromandel ranges. • Morgan Reserve, Waitekauri. Now closed to visitors, precaution for Kauri Dieback. Cleared traps, sprayed for Honeysuckle and Selaginella Kraussinia, filled bait stations. • HELP Waihi nursery and planting, some construction. • Battle for the Birds, following court injunctions etc, monitoring social media responses, and the protest actions. Surprising new development, the Kaitieki Declaration, an open letter of support from Māori ecologists and other professionals for kaitieki to have access to all tools available. That a ban on 1080 as some call for would be an imposition on their mana whenua, that Hapu and Iwi defend their own right to make their own decisions about what tools they find necessary to carry out their kaitieki role. Website; Ngahere Justice