
Submissions Subcommittee

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Submissions Subcommittee held in Waikato Regional Council Chambers on 18 July 2018 at 12.00pm.

Waikato Regional Council

Present:
Cr Bob Simcock
Cr Stuart Kneebone
Cr Kathy White
Cr Alan Livingston
Cr Stuart Husband

Staff

In Attendance:
Tracey May – Director, Strategy and Policy
Gavin Dawson – Democracy Advisor

SECTION A: UNDER DELEGATION AND FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL

Apologies

(Agenda Item 1)

The apologies from Councillor Tipa Mahuta and Councillor Hugh Vercoe were accepted.

Cr White moved/Cr Kneebone seconded.

SS18/01

RESOLVED

THAT the apologies from Councillor Tipa Mahuta and Councillor Hugh Vercoe for absence be accepted.

The motion was put and carried (SS18/01)

Confirmation of Agenda

(Agenda Item 2)

It was noted that the minutes from the previous meeting of 18 July 2018 for the Submissions Subcommittee had been received at a prior meeting of the Council (agenda item four of the original advertised agenda). Therefore, the item was removed from the agenda.

Cr Simcock moved/Cr White seconded.

SS18/02

RESOLVED

THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Submissions Subcommittee of 18 July 2018, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting, noting the removal of agenda item four.

The motion was put and carried (SS18/02)

Disclosures of Interest

(Agenda Item 3)

There were no disclosures of interest.

Cr Livingston entered the meeting at 12.03pm.

Submission on the Zero Carbon Bill

(Agenda Item 4) Doc #12706466

This report was presented by the Policy Advisor, Policy Implementation (H Walsh) and the Team Leader, Policy Implementation (L Balsom). The report outlined the content and positions of the proposed submission in relation to the discussion paper released by the Ministry for the Environment.

The following discussion points were raised:

- The unintended impacts that the Bill could have as a result of supporting other, supposedly less intensive, land uses. It was noted that any opportunity costs must be considered carefully in the future.
- It was noted that a whole of Government approach to dealing with issues related to reducing emissions be emphasised in the submission.
- The role of Central Government policy instruments that have an impact on local communities. It was noted that all submissions from Council to future policy setting of government raise the issue of the potential impacts of changes on Waikato communities.
- It was noted that an inclusive approach to consultation with local land owners be better emphasised in the submission.
- The potential social, economic, and community impacts that climate change could have on the Waikato region was discussed.
- The importance of managing conflicts of interests of any appointed Commissioners to the proposed Climate Commission in a region like the Waikato was discussed and amendments to the submission sought in this regard.
- The financial implications of the cost of the proposed Bill on local government was discussed and noted.

Cr Husband moved/Cr Kneebone seconded.

SS18/03

RESOLVED

1. That the report *'Waikato Regional Council submission to the Zero Carbon Bill Discussion Document'* (Doc #12673999 dated 03 July 2018) be received.
2. That the Submissions Sub-committee approve the *'Waikato Regional Council Submission to the Zero Carbon Bill Discussion Document'* (Doc # 12673999) for lodgement to the Ministry for the Environment, where the final submission lodged reflects amendments made to the submission as a result of Committee discussion.

The motion was put and carried (SS18/03)

Meeting closed at 12.20pm.

Doc #12751145