
MINUTES
of the
ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Komiti Ture
held
9.30am, Wednesday, 1 October 2025
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

The [video recording](#) of this meeting is available on the Council's YouTube channel

Present: Councillor C Hill (Chair), Mayor T King (via Zoom), Deputy Mayor S Bryant, Councillors C Butler, B Dowler, G Daikee, J Ellis, M Greening (via Zoom), M Kininmonth, C Mackenzie, K Maling, B Maru (Deputy Chair), D Shallcrass and T Walker

In Attendance: Acting Chief Executive Officer (S Manners), Acting Group Manager – Environmental Assurance (L Pigott), Service and Strategy Manager (J Ridd), Governance Manager (R Byrne) and Governance Officer (R Grover)

1 OPENING KARAKIA, WELCOME

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Councillor Ellis/Councillor Dowler
RC25-10-1

That the apology be accepted from Mayor King and Councillor C Butler for lateness

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Councillor Ellis/Councillor Maling
RC25-10-2

That the minutes of the Environment and Regulatory Committee meeting held on Thursday, 28 August 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Kininmonth/Councillor Maru
RC25-10-3

That the minutes of the Environment and Regulatory Committee meeting held on Thursday, 11 March 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Maling/Councillor Kininmonth
RC25-10-4

That the minutes of the Animal Control Subcommittee meeting held on Tuesday, 1 July 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor Butler joined the meeting at 09:37 am.

7 REPORTS

7.1 Lease for Golden Bay Tennis at Golden Bay Recreation Park

Property Officer, Margot Wilson presented the report and answered questions.

Action: Margot Wilson to respond to Deputy Mayor Bryant's query via an email in relation to Tennis Club charges and his request for further information.

Action: Margot Wilson to report back to Councillor Walker via email regarding an upcoming workshop – in relation to mitigating unknown costs impacting lease holders, for example - power costs.

Moved Councillor Dowler/Councillor Shallcrass
RC25-10-5

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

- 1. receives the Lease for Golden Bay Tennis at Golden Bay Recreation Park report, RRC25-10-2; and**

2. notes and agrees with the recommendations of the Golden Bay Recreation Park Management Committee meeting held on 9 September 2025 pertaining to a lease to Golden Bay Tennis Inc. referenced in paragraph 5.2 of the agenda report; and
3. pursuant to Section 54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977 and subject to obtaining consent from the Minister of Conservation, agrees to grant a lease over part of the land at Golden Bay Recreation Park (approximately 2718m²) held in Record of Title NL75/221 to Golden Bay Tennis Inc. for the purposes of operating a tennis club for a term of 5 years; and
4. notes that the lease document cannot be executed without prior consent from the Minister of Conservation, and that the consent role has been delegated by the Minister to Council's Environment & Regulatory Committee (Instrument of Delegation for Territorial Authorities from the Minister of Conservation, dated 12 June 2013); and
5. consents to the granting of a lease, pursuant to section 54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977 under delegated authority from the Minister of Conservation, over part of the land at Golden Bay Recreation Park held in Record of Title NL75/221.

CARRIED

7.2 National Policy Statement on Urban Development Requirements: Housing and Business Assessment 2027

Urban Growth Co-ordinator, Jacqui Deans and Environmental Policy Manager, Barry Johnston presented the report and answered questions.

**Moved Councillor Mackenzie/Councillor Maling
RC25-10-6**

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

1. receives the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Requirements: Housing and Business Assessment 2027 Report RRC25-10-3; and
2. agrees to not commence preparation of a Housing and Business Assessment 2027 at this stage, acknowledging that if the Council is required to prepare a Housing and Business Assessment 2027 at a later date, an abridged version would be compiled in the time available to inform the Long-Term Plan 2027-2037.

CARRIED

7.3 Group Manager's Report

Acting Group Manager, Environmental Assurance, Leif Pigott presented the report and answered questions.

He noted the current central government Resource Management Act changes and the transition issues impacting councils. He advised a letter from Joint Ministers, Hon. Chris Bishop - Minister, RMA Reform, Hon. Todd McLay - Minister, Forestry and Minister, Agriculture and Hon. Penny Simmonds - Minister, Environment had recently been received outlining a new framework being introduced by the Government.

The Chair acknowledged the recent departure of Environmental Assurance Manager, Kim Drummond and his contribution to council.

**Moved Councillor Kininmonth/Councillor Butler
RC25-10-7**

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

1. **receives the Group Manager's report RRC25-10-4.**

CARRIED

7.4 Building Assurance Manager's Report

Building Assurance Manager, Matt Feely presented the report and answered questions.

The work of staff assessing buildings following the two recent flooding events was acknowledged.

**Moved Councillor Daikee/Councillor Dowler
RC25-10-8**

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

1. **receives the Building Assurance Manager's report RRC25-10-5.**

CARRIED

7.5 Natural Hazards report

Team Leader - Natural Hazards & Geomorphology, Dr. Alastair Clement presented the report and answered questions.

Action: Dr Alastair Clement to provide a quote for survey equipment to a future meeting of the new committee for future investment consideration.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Councillor Kininmonth
RC25-10-9**

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

1. **receives the Natural Hazards report RRC25-10-6.**

CARRIED

Mayor King joined the meeting at 11:02 am.

7.6 Rivers and Coastal Structures

Rivers & Natural Hazards Manager, David Arseneau presented the report and answered questions.

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Steve Manners noted council was asked to take part in a review of a report written by the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) which was to be tabled in Parliament. He advised council believe further value could be added to the Flood Protection and Performance Audit report, and council was enquiring if there could be an opportunity to comment further on the OAG report due to the report submission period occurring during the

two Nelson Tasman flooding events.

Action: David Arseneau to circulate Community Rivercare meeting dates to all councillors.

Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Councillor Maru
RC25-10-10

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

1. receives the Rivers and Coastal Structures Report RRC25-10-7.

CARRIED

7.7 Land and Water

Group Manager, Environmental Science, Mirka Parker presented the report.

Ms Parker noted a change to item 1.6.1 of the agenda report due to a wording error. She advised council was not reviewing the NES for soil standards, they were reviewing the management plan for the Fruitgrowers Chemical Company site in Māpua.

She Introduced Fresh Water Scientist, Keith Nolan and answered questions on the report.

Moved Councillor Shallcrass/Councillor Dowler
RC25-10-11

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

1. receives the Land and Water Report RRC25-10-8; and
2. receives the Buller and Golden Bay Groundwater Quality Survey Summary Reports.

CARRIED

7.8 Environmental Data and Monitoring Report

Environmental Manager - Data & Reporting, Mike Ede presented the report and answered questions.

Moved Councillor Walker/Councillor Butler
RC25-10-12

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

1. receives the Environmental Data and Monitoring Report RRC25-10-9.

CARRIED

Councillor Mackenzie acknowledged departing Councillor and Committee Chairperson, Chris Hill.

8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

The meeting concluded at 11.54am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE UNDER STANDING ORDER 26.4:

 _____ Chairperson 14 October 2025
Chris Hill _____

 _____ Chief Executive 14 October 2025
Leonie Rae _____

Confirmed