
NOTES
of the
WORKSHOP
held
9:30am Long Term Plan - Science and Information Strategy,
Tuesday, 10 March 2026
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Deputy Mayor B Maru (Chair), P Morgan, D Woods, M Hume, D McNamara, K Maling, M Kininmonth, T Walker, J Ellis, J Gully, C Butler, T Neubauer and M Greening.

In Attendance: Facilitator: K Fletcher. Co-presenters: M Parker, A Clement, M Ede, B Graney, G Coleman and C Cheeseman. Executive Leadership Team: S McLean, R Smith and J Ridd.

1 LONG TERM PLAN WORKSHOP - SCIENCE AND INFORMATION STRATEGY

2 APOLOGIES

Cr K Ferneyhough.

3 WORKSHOP MATERIAL

3.1 Science and Information Work Programme

Kathie Fletcher, Principal Planner – Environment Policy, spoke to a powerpoint presentation, and material contained within the workshop programme. Kathie's presentation was supported by Council staff co-presenters.

WORKSHOP OUTCOMES AND NEXT STEPS

Outcomes

1. *Information provided to elected members*
2. *Possible options workshopped*
3. *Elected member feedback obtained*

A summary of the key directives from elected members follows below:

- Support a “Targeted Focus” approach
- Consideration for council systems and data management – internal data and receiving/using external data
- Consideration expressed regarding Resource Management (RM) and three waters reform and what data, monitoring and compliance actions may be required
- Consideration expressed regarding RM reform and three waters that this introduces significant change that the SIS may not have kept up with
- Leverage off other organisations for data capture and information, consideration that we are not using this leverage or that Council is going to replicate existing information that other organisations hold
- Cost benefit, gap and risk analysis important – what are we getting for a targeted focus approach, what are the gaps we are not filling and what is the risk?
- How much data is enough data to inform decision-making – what moderation does the strategy process have to ensure that data collection meets minimum regulatory requirements rather than being aspirational?
- How to monitor success?

Next Steps

1. *Councillors requested staff to provide a workshop in June costings for the LTP for a “Targeted Focus” scenario. Councillors do not want costings for other scenarios presented (status quo or comprehensive focus)*
2. *Presentation to include:*
 1. *What gaps would be targeted.*
 2. *What gaps would not be filled and the corresponding risks and management of those risks.*
 3. *Costs and benefit analysis including any partnership contributions.*
 4. *Where possible strategic alignment to organisation’s risk appetite and financial strategy.*
 5. *Measures of success.*