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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**EXTRAORDINARY TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Kaunihera Katoa**  
held  
**1.00pm - Wednesday, 13 May 2026**  
at  
**Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond**

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

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

**In Attendance:** Chief Executive Officer (L Rae), Acting Chief Operating Officer (L Townshend) and Governance Manager (R Byrne)

**1 OPENING KARAKIA, WELCOME**

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

There were no apologies.

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Morgan noted Item 6.2 Tasman Reserves matters of the Confidential Agenda and advised he did not have a conflict of interest.

**4 LATE ITEMS**

Nil

**5 REPORTS**

**5.1 Local Government Reform**

Chief Executive Officer, Leonie Rae took the report as read and answered questions on conversations with Nelson City Council noting Unitary Authorities were not part of the Head Start or Back Stop process.

**Moved Councillor McNamara/Councillor Maling**

**CN26-05-11****That the Tasman District Council**

1. receives the Local Government Reform report RCN26-05-12; and
2. notes that the government's proposal is to reorganise regional and territorial authorities into larger unitary authorities; and
3. notes that the Council is not required to take part in the 'head start' process; and
4. notes that current indications are that unitary authorities will not form part of the legislative 'backstop'; and

**CARRIED****6 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION****6.1 Procedural motion to exclude the public**

**Moved Deputy Mayor Maru/Councillor McNamara  
CN26-05-12**

Confirms, in accordance with sections 48(5) and 48(6) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, that Jason Gough, Senior Crown Counsel, Crown Law Office and Ben Roth, Senior Land Advisor, Te Puni Kōkiri, office be permitted to remain after the public has been excluded, for Item 6.2 of the Confidential agenda Tasman Reserve matters as they have knowledge related to Crown Law that will assist the meeting in its decision-making.

That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting. The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

**6.2 Tasman Reserve matters**

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.	<p>s7(2)(g) - The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege.</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)</p> <p>The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</p>

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**CARRIED**

The meeting moved into Confidential session at 1.15pm and returned to Open session at 5.07pm.

**7 CLOSING KARAKIA**

**RESTATEMENTS**

It was resolved while the public was excluded:

**6.2 Tasman Reserve matters**

25. agrees that the decision report and attachments remain confidential.

The meeting concluded at 5.07pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on 11 June 2026.

Confirms that the open minutes of the Extraordinary Tasman District Council meeting held on 13 May 2026 are a true and correct record of the meeting.