



Hauraki Gulf Forum

Tikapa Moana

Te Moananui a Toi

Date: Monday 15 May 2017
Time: 1.00pm
Meeting Room: Reception Lounge
Venue: Auckland Town Hall
301-305 Queen Street
Auckland

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Item 7. HGF.

Thames Coromandel District Council opposes for the recommendations for changes to the Standing Orders for notifications and further discretion by the Deputy Chair for the following reasons...

The Public Forum should be an opportunity for the public to feel confident they can engage and be heard.

Constraining the current freedom of that process only adds to the disengagement that people feel.

I see no reason for the need to change the notification period and would even go so far to not require any notification.

Nor do I see any reason for the discretion to be extended to the Deputy Chair.

There is something seriously wrong with an entity that uses process to prevent engagement rather than embrace engagement.

Polarisation and paranoia should not be exhibited he hall mark of any organisation.

We oppose any submissions being made by the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson without the full support of the Forum.

The reason for this is the current lack of focus on cohesive collaborative outcomes for the environment of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park by the Forum.

There appears to be very little emphasis on Constituent Party Reports and no Forum discussion on shared concerns we could lobby for in regard to the gulf environment and its sustainability. i.e. commercial trawling of bait fish.

The Exec Officer's report has greater primacy.

Without that cohesiveness, and a sense of working together, there will remain a disparity of views and therefore no trust.

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Thames-Coromandel District Council Constituent Party Report to the Hauraki Gulf Forum 5/2017	
	<p>Otama Beach Sand Dunes. We have voted unanimously to support the further protection of the Otama Beach sand dunes asking the Minister of Conservation to place a Heritage Protection Order over the dunes on the seaward side of the road.</p>
	<p>Coastal Water Quality As a result of the Waikato Regional Council's 2016/17 summer coastal water quality monitoring for contact recreation monitoring programme, the Thames-Coromandel District Council is looking forward to working collaboratively with the WRC to develop local area wastewater treatment strategies that ensure the water quality of the Coromandel's open coast and estuarine beaches is maintained and enhanced.</p> <p>Council is also looking forward to working collaboratively with the Regional Council to address the high level of sediment inflows into the district's harbours and estuaries, particularly from public land such as DOC estates. Increasing community concern relates to the infilling of harbours and estuaries and the spread of mangroves affecting amenity, recreational and ecosystem values. Seachange will be an information tool only due to its deficiencies.</p>
	<p>Coastal Management Strategy On 5 April 2017 elected members attended a workshop to discuss the development of a district wide Coastal Management Strategy. Once a draft strategy is put together we will then engage with our communities. As we have the longest shoreline within the boundary of the Hauraki Gulf, what we do adjacent to our marine space is most important.</p>
	<p>Coromandel Harbour Strategy <i>Sugarloaf Wharf expansion</i> This project continues to be driven by Coromandel Marine Farmers Association (CoroMFA) with the Council acting in a facilitation role where appropriate. Council anticipates receipt of a consent application from CoroMFA later this year.</p> <p><i>Future demand for District boat ramps and wharves</i> A Marine and Harbour Strategy to develop a long term plan for boat ramps, wharves and jetties on the west coast has commenced. The strategy will help inform our Annual Plan for 2017-18 and Long-Term Plan (2018-2028) processes specifically in relation to our marine and harbour assets and facilities and public access.</p>