

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Rural Advisory Panel will be held on:

**Date:** Friday, 12 April 2019  
**Time:** 11:30am  
**Meeting Room:** Room 1, Level 26  
**Venue:** 135 Albert Street  
Auckland

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## Ngā Hui a te Rōpū Kaitohutohu Take ā-Taiwhenua / Rural Advisory Panel **OPEN AGENDA**

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### MEMBERSHIP

<b>Chairperson</b>	Cr Bill Cashmore	Deputy Mayor and Franklin Ward Councillor
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Cr Greg Sayers	Rodney Ward Councillor
<b>Members</b>	Alan Cole	Franklin Local Board Member
	Trish Fordyce	NZ Forest Owners Association
	Richard Gardner	Federated Farmers
	Neil Henderson	Waitakere Ranges Local Board Member
	Lucy Deverall	Horticulture NZ
	Steve Levet	Rural Contractors NZ
	Andrew Maclean	Federated Farmers
	Greg McCracken	Fonterra
	Andrew McKenzie	Beef and Lamb NZ
	Helen Moodie	Dairy NZ
	Leeann Morgan	Young Farmers
	Roger Parton	Rural Contractors NZ
	Wayne Scott	Aggregate & Quarry Association
	Geoff Smith	Equine Industry
	Peter Spencer	NZ Forest Owners Association
	Brenda Steele	Rodney Local Board Member
	Bronwen Turner	Western Rural Property Owners
	Keith Vallabh	Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association
	Glenn Wilcox	Independent Māori Statutory Board Member

(Quorum 10 members)

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**10 April 2019**

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## 1 Apologies

At the close of the agenda an apology from Cr Greg Sayers had been received.

## 2 Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

## 3 Confirmation of Minutes

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Friday, 1 March 2019, as a true and correct record.

## 4 Extraordinary Business

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

- (a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and
- (b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public,-
  - (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
  - (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.”

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-
  - (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
  - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.”



## Chair's Update

File No.: CP2019/03964

### Te take mō te pūrongo / Purpose of the report

1. Rural Advisory Panel Chair, Cr Bill Cashmore's update to the Rural Advisory Panel.

### Whakarāpopototanga matua / Executive summary

2. Cr Bill Cashmore, Chair Rural Advisory Panel will provide and update of recent Council business.
3. Note Rural Advisory Panel meeting dates for 2019:
  - 14 June
  - 9 August

### Ngā tūtohunga / Recommendation/s

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) note the update from Cr Bill Cashmore, Chair Rural Advisory Panel.

### Ngā tāpirihanga / Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

### Ngā kaihaina / Signatories

Author	Suad Allie - Governance Advisor
Authoriser	Warren Maclennan - Manager Planning - North/West



## Pest management Strategy on feral cats

File No.: CP2019/05378

### Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To provide an update on the Regional Pest Management Plan, particularly in relation to:
  - Rural cat management
  - Gorse enforcement

### Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. On 12 March 2019 the Environment and Community Committee decided to adopt a new Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-2029 “the adopted plan”. This decision follows four years’ of consultation and plan development, including consultation on the proposed Regional Pest Management Plan in March 2018.
3. The plan contains objectives and rules for over 400 pest species in the Auckland region. Together, these programmes represent a 189% increase in investment in biosecurity in the region over the coming 10 years, compared with historic investment in the previous strategy.
4. The adopted plan features some changes when compared with the proposed plan, as a result of issues raised by submitters. Of particular note to the rural community are changes to programmes for unowned cats and gorse.
5. Approximately half of all submissions on the proposed plan (around 600) mentioned cats, and the approach to cat management in the adopted plan contains a number of amendments compared with what was originally included in the proposed plan.
6. The adopted plan includes a boundary rule for gorse control in rural areas, where the affected neighbouring land is being used for commercial primary production. This rule is similar to the legacy boundary rule, but was not included in the proposed plan.

### Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) note the update on Regional Pest Management Plan and thank the presenter for their attendance.

### Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

### Ngā kaihaina Signatories

Author	Imogen Bassett - Biosecurity Principal Advisor
Authoriser	Warren MacLennan - Manager Planning - North/West



## Kaipara Moana remediation business case

File No.: CP2019/05388

### Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To provide the Rural Advisory Panel with an update on the preparation of a business case by Auckland Council, in partnership with the Northland Regional Council, Kaipara District Council, Whangarei District Council, and 'Kaipara Uri' (the collective term for iwi around the Kaipara Harbour), to seek central government financial support to address long-standing environmental issues impacting the Kaipara Harbour.

### Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. The Kaipara Harbour (Kaipara Moana) is the largest estuary in New Zealand comprising a complex receiving environment containing extensive inter-tidal flats, sand barriers, sea-grass meadows, mangrove forests, salt-marsh habitats and large tidal creeks. Nationally significant fish species rely on the Kaipara Harbour and, among other things, it is one of the five most important habitats in New Zealand for wading birds.
3. Sediment run-off from land and stream-based sources is the primary environmental stressor for the harbour, with rates of sedimentation around seven times higher than before human habitation. We have a strong base of evidence on where problems are located and what can be done to address them.
4. The Crown is currently negotiating a Treaty settlement over the Kaipara Harbour with 'Kaipara Uri' (Te Uri o Hau, Te Roroa, Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, and Te Runanga o Ngāti Whātua), leading to the establishment of a co-governance body of councils and iwi, that will set a vision and strategy for the harbour and catchment.
5. In parallel to this, Auckland Council is working with Kaipara Uri, the Northland Regional Council, Kaipara District Council, Whangarei District Council, to prepare a business case to underpin a budget bid for central government financial support. The proposal is to establish a programme of work at pace and scale to take actions in the wider catchment to reduce sediment at source. As presently conceptualised, this would entail working alongside landowners to support them in riparian fencing and planting, wetland restoration, targeted afforestation of highly erodible land, and engineered responses such as sediment retention ponds and sediment bunds.
6. The business case proposition is underpinned by a desire to create sustainable, resilient and optimised primary production in the Kaipara catchment, while also improving local skills and capability to support innovation, effective land management, and community resilience. Also significant is the connection to anticipated changes to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management and a new National Environmental Standard for Freshwater Management.

### Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) receive the presentation.

## Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

## Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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Author	John Hutton - Manager Treaty Settlements
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## Central government essential freshwater programme - update

File No.: CP2019/05379

### Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To provide the Rural Advisory Panel with an update on central government's Essential Freshwater Programme, currently in development and being led by the Ministry for the Environment, for public consultation in (approximately) July-August 2019.

### Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. The Ministry for the Environment released its Essential Freshwater Package (the package) in October 2018: <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/Fresh%20water/essential-freshwater.pdf>
3. The package has three main objectives: stopping further degradation and loss, reversing past damage and addressing water allocation issues.
4. Five workstreams are being progressed to support these objectives: At-risk catchments, changes to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, a new National Environmental Standard for Freshwater Management, Resource Management Act amendments and allocation of freshwater resources (focusing on discharges).
5. This Auckland Council overview of the package's content, while also noting some of the related Auckland Council work in the freshwater environment, was provided to an Environment and Community Committee workshop on 20 February 2019. At the workshop, Auckland Council's Manager Natural Environment Strategy suggested that the Powerpoint presentation was referred to members of the Rural Advisory Panel for their information. Chair Cr Hulse and Deputy Mayor Cashmore agreed with this suggestion. The presentation is attached.

### Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) receive the presentation.
- b) note that there is an opportunity for public feedback to the Ministry for the Environment in approximately July-August 2019.

### Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

### Ngā kaihaina Signatories

Author	Nick Reid – Principal Analyst, Natural Environment Strategy, Auckland Plan Strategy and Research
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## Our Water Future: A Discussion Document

File No.: CP2019/05380

### Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To inform the Rural Advisory Panel about Auckland's Water Future, a discussion document that will inform future policy regarding water management in Tāmaki Makaurau.

### Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. Water is a precious resource and requires a holistic management approach. A holistic approach means we consider water in all its forms, including rain water, streams, rivers and coasts, water for supply to businesses and households and water waste.

The council released the discussion document Our Water Future on 17 February 2019. Our Water Future lays out the vision, values, the big issues facing Auckland in relation to water management and the principles and processes to support effective management.

3. The water strategy will direct how the council will:
  - Take care of our natural waterbodies – streams, rivers, lakes, harbours and groundwater
  - Meet daily water needs as our population grows
  - Look after our waters while managing growth and development
  - Prepare for the impacts of climate change.
4. Feedback on the document is open till 19 April 2019. Discussion points:
  - What does the rural sector value most about water?
  - How concerned are rural communities about our water issues?
  - What do rural stakeholders in Tāmaki Makaurau think is important for the council to be doing for the future of Auckland's water?
5. Panel members are encouraged to discuss the document.

### Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) receive the presentation, provide feedback on the discussion document.

### Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

### Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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