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

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Rural Advisory Panel held in the Level 26, Room 1, 135 Albert Street, Auckland on Friday, 3 May 2024 at 12.29pm. A recording of the meeting is available here: <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/about-auckland-council/how-auckland-council-works/meetings-council-bodies/Pages/webcasts-council-meetings.aspx>

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### TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Cr Andy Baker	Auckland Council
<b>Members</b>	Mike Bramley	Dairy New Zealand
	Jesse Brennan	Federated Farmers of NZ – via electronic link
	Trish Fordyce	National Forest Growers Levy Trust
	Tim Holdgate	Rodney Local Board, Auckland Council
	Brian Mason	Land Owners and Contractors Association (Wellsford)
	Linda Potauaine	Waitākere Ranges Local Board, Auckland Council
	Leanne Roberts	Horticulture NZ – via electronic link
	Cr Greg Sayers	Auckland Council – via electronic link
	Wayne Scott	Aggregate and Quarry Association – via electronic link
	Geoff Smith	Equine Industry
	Peter Spencer	NZ Forest Owners Association
	Keith Vallabh	Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association

### TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Alan Cole	Franklin Local Board, Auckland Council
	Annaliese Morgan	Young Farmers
	Glenn Wilcox	Māori representative
	Cushla Smith	Fonterra Shareholders Council
	Andrew McKenzie	Beef and Lamb New Zealand
	Steve Levet	Rural Contractors New Zealand

### TE HUNGA ĀPITI KUA TAE MAI | ALSO PRESENT

Colin Smith	Rodney Local Board (Alt)
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## 1 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number RUR/2024/10

MOVED by Member K Vallabh, seconded by Member M Bramley:

**That the Rural Advisory Panel:**

a) **whakaae / accept the apology from:**

**Absence**

Alan Cole  
Annaliese Morgan  
Glen Wilcox  
Cushla Smith  
Andrew Mckenzie

**CARRIED**

## 2 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | 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.

There were no declarations of interest.

## 3 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number RUR/2024/11

MOVED by Chairperson A Baker, seconded by Member G Smith:

**That the Rural Advisory Panel:**

a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on [Friday, 9 February 2024](#), including the confidential section, as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

## 4 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

## 5 Essential Freshwater update report

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number RUR/2024/12

MOVED by Member L Potauaine, seconded by Member M Bramley:

**That the Rural Advisory Panel:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive the Natural Environment Strategy staff update on central government's review of the freshwater instruments making up the former government's *Essential Freshwater* programme, and how Auckland Council staff are contributing to development of such proposals**
- b) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that implementation of some the regulatory instruments within the former Essential Freshwater programme either continue to be implemented following a programme timeframe reset, or are temporarily paused, depending on how next steps of implementation are best progressed given several interdependencies with central government's revised work programme.**

**CARRIED**

### Attachments

- A 3 May 2024, Rural Advisory Panel, Item 5: Essential Freshwater Update Report - presentation

## 6 Enhancing Environmental Criteria to Prioritise Regional Unsealed Road Improvements

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Note: changes were made to the original recommendation with new clause b) being added as a Chair's recommendation.

Resolution number RUR/2024/13

MOVED by Member T Fordyce, seconded by Member T Holdgate:

**That the Rural Advisory Panel:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive the staff update on enhancing environmental criteria to prioritise regional unsealed road improvements.**
- b) **tono / request this report be referred to the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee for its consideration, noting the opportunity to adopt the methodology used to prioritise regional unsealed road improvements.**

**CARRIED**

### Attachments

- A 3 May 2024, Rural Advisory Panel, Item 6: Enhancing Environmental Criteria to Prioritise Regional Unsealed Road Improvements - presentation

## 7 Healthy Waters regular update

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number RUR/2024/14

MOVED by Member L Potauaine, seconded by Member T Holdgate:

**That the Rural Advisory Panel:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive the information on Healthy Waters activities in rural Auckland**
- b) **whakarite / provide feedback on the initial definition scope for rural settlements**

**CARRIED**

### Attachments

- A 3 May 2024, Rural Advisory Panel, Item 7: Healthy Waters Regular Update - presentation

## 8 Views of the Rural Advisory Panel on the Auckland Council Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034 to the Budget Committee

Documents were tabled in support of the item. Copies have been placed on the official minutes and are available on the Auckland Council website as minutes attachments.

Resolution number RUR/2024/15

MOVED by Chairperson A Baker, seconded by Member P Spencer:

**That the Rural Advisory Panel:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive the report and Members Alan Cole and Trish Fordyce be thanked for their work.**

**CARRIED**

### Attachments

- A 3 May 2024, Rural Advisory Panel, Item 8: Views of the Rural Advisory Panel on the Auckland Council Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034 to the Budget Committee - Tabled document: Water quality targeted rate in rural local board areas
- B 3 May 2024, Rural Advisory Panel, Item 8: Views of the Rural Advisory Panel on the Auckland Council Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034 to the Budget Committee - Tabled document: Water Quality Improvements Programme

## 9 Te Whakaaro ki ngā Take Pūtea e Autaia ana | Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

2.22 pm

The chairperson thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD  
AT A MEETING OF THE RURAL ADVISORY PANEL  
HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....