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

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Rural Advisory Panel held in the Room 1, Level 26, Te Wharau o Tāmaki - Auckland House, 135 Albert Street, Auckland on Friday, 14 February 2025 at 12.30pm. 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>

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Andrew Baker	
Deputy Chairperson	Alan Cole	
Members	Mike Bramley	
	Jesse Brennan	Via electronic link
	Trish Fordyce	
	Tim Holdgate	
	Brian Mason	
	Andrew McKenzie	
	Annaliese Morgan	
	Leanne Roberts	Via electronic link
	Greg Sayers	Via electronic link
	Wayne Scott	
	Geoff Smith	From 12.51, Item 5
	Philip Elworthy	Via electronic link from 12.31pm, Item 1
	Keith Vallabh	
	Glenn Wilcox	Via electronic link

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Members	Steve Levet
	Linda Potauaine
	Cushla Smith

TE HUNGA ĀPITI KUA TAE MAI | ALSO PRESENT

Cr Julie Fairey	
Cr Kerrin Leoni	
Colin Smith	Rodney Local Board Member
Simon Wilcox	

1 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Member P Elworthy joined the meeting at 12.31pm.

Resolution number RUR/2025/1

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

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) **whakaae / accept the apology from Cushla Smith for absence.**

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/2025/2

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson A Cole, seconded by Member T Fordyce:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on [Friday, 1 November 2024](#), as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

Note: Cr A Baker, Rural Advisory Panel Chairperson, provided a verbal update.

4 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

5 Healthy Waters and Flood Resilience 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.

Member G Smith joined the meeting at 12.51pm.

Resolution number RUR/2025/3

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson A Cole, seconded by Chairperson A Baker:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the information on Healthy Waters and Flood Resilience activities in rural Auckland**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 14 February 2025, Rural Advisory Panel, Item 5: Healthy Waters and Flood Resilience update - presentation
- B 14 February 2025, Rural Advisory Panel, Item 5: Healthy Waters and Flood Resilience update - Making Space for Rural Water Fund Guidelines 2024-2025

6 Essential Freshwater update report to Rural Advisory Panel

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/2025/4

MOVED by Member K Vallabh, seconded by Member W Scott:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the update on central government's review of the freshwater instruments making up the former government's *Essential Freshwater* programme.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 14 February 2025, Rural Advisory Panel, Item 6: Essential Freshwater update report to Rural Advisory Panel - presentation

7 National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management programme 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/2025/5

MOVED by Member G Smith, seconded by Member M Bramley:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the update on the council’s programme to implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 14 February 2025, Rural Advisory Panel, Item 7: National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management programme update - presentation
- B 14 February 2025, Rural Advisory Panel, Item 7: National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management programme update, memo – summary of feedback – RAP – updated version

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

Te Mihi | Acknowledgement

The chairperson acknowledged Warren MacLennan on behalf of all the Rural Advisory Panel members past and present for all his great work over the years as the Lead Officer of the panel and to wish him well for his retirement in March 2025.

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:.....