

**Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council**

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

Ordinary Meeting of Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee Minutes

9:30am Thursday, 2 February 2023

Ngake (16.09)

Level 16, Tahiwī

113 The Terrace

Wellington



PRESENT

Mayor Whanau

Deputy Mayor Foon

Councillor Abdurahman

Councillor Apanowicz

Councillor Brown (Deputy Chair)

Councillor Chung

Councillor Free

Pouiwi Hohaia

Pouiwi Kelly

Councillor Matthews

Councillor McNulty

Councillor O'Neill

Councillor Pannett

Councillor Paul (Chair)

Councillor Randle

Councillor Wi Neera

Councillor Young

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1. Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 9:31am and invited members to read the following karakia to open the meeting.

Whakataka te hau ki te uru,	Cease oh winds of the west
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.	and of the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta,	Let the bracing breezes flow,
Kia mātaratara ki tai.	over the land and the sea.
E hī ake ana te atākura.	Let the red-tipped dawn come
He tio, he huka, he hauhū.	with a sharpened edge, a touch of
Tihei Mauri Ora!	frost,
	a promise of a glorious day

(Councillor Wi Neera joined the meeting at 9:32am.)

1.2 Apologies

Moved Councillor Paul, seconded Councillor McNulty

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee:

1. Accept the apologies received from Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Randle and Mayor Whanau for early departure, and Councillor Calvert for absence.

Carried

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Councillor Paul, seconded Councillor Matthews

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee:

1. Approves the minutes of the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 8 December 2022, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

1.6 Public Participation

1.6.1 Graeme Clarke – Wellington Residents' Coalition

Graeme Clarke, on behalf of Wellington Residents' Coalition, addressed the meeting regarding water and volumetric charging for water.

1.6.2 Deepak Nair – Roadworn Upcyclers

Deepak Nair, on behalf of Roadworn Upcyclers, addressed the meeting regarding a Multi-Ethnic Advisory Panel.

1.6.3 Ali Forest - Owhiro Bay Residents' Association

Ali Forest, on behalf of Owhiro Bay Residents' Association, addressed the meeting regarding item 2.1 Residual Waste - Southern Landfill Extension (Piggyback Option) Business Case.

1.6.4 Martin Payne - Friends of Owhiro Stream

Martin Payne, on behalf of Friends of Owhiro Stream, addressed the meeting regarding item 2.1 Residual Waste - Southern Landfill Extension (Piggyback Option) Business Case.

1.6.5 Felicity Wong - Historic Places Wgtn

Felicity Wong, on behalf of Historic Places Wgtn, addressed the meeting regarding item 2.3 Submission on Bills Relating to Resource Management Reform.

Attachments

1 Deepak Nair

2. General Business

Secretarial note: In accordance with Standing Order 19.1, the chairperson re-ordered the agenda to be considered in the following order:

2.5 Actions Tracking

2.6 Forward Programme

2.1 Residual Waste - Southern Landfill Extension (Piggyback Option) Business Case

2.2 Select Committee Submission on Water Services Legislation Bill and the Water Services Economic Efficiency and Consumer Protection

2.3 Submission on Bills Relating to Resource Management Reform

2.4 Revocation of the Speed Limits Bylaw

2.5 Actions Tracking

Moved Councillor Paul, seconded Councillor Brown

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

2.6 Forward Programme

Moved Councillor Paul, seconded Councillor Brown

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:25am and returned at 10:37am with the following members present: Councillor Paul, Pouiwi Hohaia, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Brown, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Young, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Free, Councillor Chung, Councillor Apanowicz, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Randle, and Councillor McNulty.

(Mayor Whanau joined the meeting at 10:38am.)

2.1 Residual Waste - Southern Landfill Extension (Piggyback Option) Business Case

Moved Deputy Mayor Foon, seconded Councillor Abdurahman

Resolved

That Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee:

- 1) **Approve:** the business case to proceed with Parts A and B of the Southern Landfill Extension Piggyback Option (SLEPO) Project – to design, consent and construct a new landfill on top of a closed landfill with an estimated cost of \$36M (Capex), including a contingency of \$3.2M.
- 2) **Note** the project is at preliminary design stage and has identified a range of potential future risks that will be eliminated or validated through the detailed design and procurement processes. This is planned for June and September 2024 respectively.
- 3) **Agree** to an amendment to the LTP to bring forward \$16.3M from 2029-2031 period into the 2022-2028 period to address the timing of when funding is required to construct Parts A & B.
- 4) **Note** the funding request only covers Parts A and B and does not cover the full cost to develop and construct the SLEPO project. Development and construction of Parts C and D, and the funding of this, will be brought to Council when there is a clearer picture of the impact of future waste minimisation initiatives.
- 5) **Note** The resource consent including preparation of technical reports is on schedule to be lodged on 3 March 2023, in keeping with the required timeframe for the new landfill to be operating by June 2026.
- 6) **Note** The approval of this business case in February 2023 is required to remain on the critical path and ensure that WCC has a consented and built landfill in operation by June 2026.
- 7) **Agree** in making the decision to continue landfilling Wellington City's waste in the Ōwhiro catchment and while we work towards our zero waste goal, WCC recognises the importance of the local people, the land and water of Ōwhiro. As custodians of the Southern Landfill, we commit to working with the local community and iwi to resolve any issues arising from the Southern landfill activity in a timely, open and cooperative way.
- 8) **Request** officers do more work to come up with a suggested due date for the closure of the southern landfill.

Carried

Secretarial note: The motion was moved with changes to the officers' recommendations, supported by officers, as marked in red. The motion was decided by parts. All clauses were carried.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

Clauses 1-7

For:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

Against:

Nil

Majority Vote: 17:0

Carried

Clause 8

For:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Deputy Mayor Foon, Pouiwi Hohaia, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Wi Neera

Against:

Councillor Brown, Councillor Chung, Councillor Free, Councillor Randle, Councillor Young, Pouiwi Kelly

Majority Vote: 11:6

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 11:14am and returned at 11:24am with the following members present: Mayor Whanau, Councillor Paul, Pouiwi Hohaia, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Brown, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Young, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Free, Councillor Chung, Councillor Apanowicz, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Randle, and Councillor McNulty.

2.2 Select Committee Submission on Water Services Legislation Bill and the Water Services Economic Efficiency and Consumer Protection

Moved Councillor Brown, seconded Mayor Whanau

That the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee:

- 1) Receive the information.
- 2) Notes the first of three related Bills, the Water Services Entities Bill, became law on 12 December 2022.
- 3) Approves the submission, as set out in Attachment 1 on the two remaining Bills before the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee Water Services Legislation Bill and the Water Services Economic Efficiency and Consumer Protection Bill, **with the following additions:**

- a) Wellington City Council requests the Select Committee amends the WSEEC Bill to mandate resources being made available to councils for procuring external advisors to support engagement in the Commerce Commission-led process to define the regulatory regime.
 - b) Wellington City Council requests the Select Committee amends the WSEEC Bill to mandate a regulatory review following Commerce Commission reporting on preferred regulatory arrangements, with the review preferably undertaken by the High Court.
 - c) Wellington City Council requests the Select Committee amends the WSEEC Bill to insert an additional regulatory goal which ringfences expenditure by WSEs to equalise revenue and expenditure by local authority areas, to prevent cross-subsidisation.
 - d) Wellington City Council requests the Select Committee amends the WSEEC Bill to regulate a sufficient period of time between charges being set and communicated, and charges being implemented to ensure time for water service users to understand the financial implications of charges and to access financial relief if required, and to allow organisations who may provide financial relief sufficient time to understand the financial implications of charges.
 - e) Wellington City Council requests the Select Committee amends the WSEEC Bill... to insert an additional regulatory goal so that where practical WSE's charges will reflect costs incurred delivering the relevant service when provided efficiently.
- 4) Agrees to delegate in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee authority to the Chief Executive to finalise the submission, including any amendments agreed by the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee as well as any minor consequential edits.

Secretarial note: The motion was moved with changes to the officers' recommendations, as marked in red. All changes, except 3c, were supported by officers.

The meeting adjourned at 11:46am and returned at 11:50am with the following members present: Mayor Whanau, Councillor Paul, Pouwi Hohaia, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Brown, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Young, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Free, Councillor Chung, Councillor Apanowicz, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Randle, and Councillor McNulty.

Secretarial note: The motion was decided by part by part. All clauses, except 3c, were carried.

For clarity, the final resolution carried by the committee was as follows:

Moved Councillor Brown, seconded Mayor Whanau

Resolved

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Carried

2.3 Submission on Bills Relating to Resource Management Reform

Moved Councillor Paul, seconded Councillor Matthews

1. Receive the information
2. Agree to approve the Wellington City Council's submissions to the Environment Select Committee on the Spatial Planning Bill.
3. Agree to approve the Wellington City Council's submission to the Environment Select Committee on the Natural and Built Environment Bill, **with the following changes:**
 - a. **Amend the submission to recommend that the NPF sets desired standards for the sustainability, quality and design of developments to be consented under NBA plans.**
 - b. **Amend the submission to urge the progress of the Climate Adaptation Act through the house and ensure it provides a strong emphasis and practical tools for dealing with the increased rainfall and stormwater expected from Climate Change exacerbated events.**
4. Note that the closing date for receiving submissions on the Spatial Planning Bill and the Natural and Built Environment Bill is Sunday 5 February 2023.

Secretarial note: The motion was moved with changes to the officers' recommendations, as marked in red.

The meeting adjourned at 12:17pm and returned at 12:24pm with the following members present: Mayor Whanau, Councillor Paul, Pouwi Hohaia, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Brown, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Young, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Free, Councillor Chung, Councillor Apanowicz, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Randle, and Councillor McNulty.

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Cr Randle the following amendment

2. Agree to approve both submissions, being the Natural and Built Environment Bill submission and Spatial Planning Bill submission, to the Environment Select Committee on both bills with the following change:
Amend the Natural and Built Environment Bill submission and Spatial Planning Bill submission to add the following bullet point to the Key Observations/Concerns - NPF section "The Making of Designations should be strictly subject to Section 3 of the Bill, a right of appeal to the Environment Court and all environmental protection mechanisms. Whilst these sections are subject to section 3 of the Bill, there needs to be specific reference to the need to put in place sustainability principles where large scale infrastructure projects are being proposed given that some consented over the course of the RMA have had significant negative environmental outcomes. A right of appeal must be maintained to ensure public authorities are accountable for their decision making on significant programmes and their impact on the environment."

3. Agree to approve the Wellington City Council's submission to the Environment Select Committee on the Natural and Built Environment Bill, with the following changes:
- c. Reducing Complexity
Add to paragraph 3 after "with less democracy" on page 1 "Council recommends that before the legislation is passed that there is further engagement with iwi organisations, the local government sector and resource management professionals to examine the proposed system to reduce complexity through:
 - A comprehensive public education campaign on the new system
 - Extensive, central and local government funded public consultation and wananga at the beginning of the establishment of the new Regional Plans to minimise the need for appeals further down the track
 - Simplifying and reducing the steps that individuals and public entities need to take to instigate good environmental projects and initiatives.
 - d. Resource management and Water Reforms
Add after Māori Participation, p18
"It will be critical for the governance entities of the Three Water Entities and the proposed Regional Planning Committees to work together especially around stormwater.
It is not clear throughout this bill how these entities will work together and how any conflicts between different objectives will be resolved. Thought needs to be given to this issue and relevant clauses added to the legislation."
 - e. Protection of ecosystems
Add to p4, cl 3 analysis after "requires further examination" –
 1. Given that Aotearoa and the rest of the world are now regularly starting to experience the devastating impacts of climate change and damage to life-critical ecosystems, that the new Natural and Environment Bill must give urgent priority to protecting the environment within strict limits whilst providing for the long-term needs of all in Aotearoa.
Make the following recommendation 5, cl 3
 2. Suggest changes to the wording in the Bill Purpose 3(a) enable the use, development and] protection of the environment in a way that –
 - f. Designations
Add to commentary (p14) that all designations should be strictly subject to Section 3 of the Bill and all environmental protection mechanisms.
Whilst these sections are subject to section 3 of the Bill, there needs to be specific reference to the need to put in place sustainability principles where large scale infrastructure projects are being proposed given that some consented over the course of the Act have had significantly negative environmental outcomes.
 - g. Community participation
Add to paragraph 4, p1
To enable greater participation in the resource management system:

- i. Community participation should be added to s5 of the Bill – System Outcomes
- ii. Environmental legal aid should be increased in the case of large-scale projects for parties representing community and environmental interests

Secretarial note: The motion was decided by parts. A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

Clause 2

For:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Young

Against:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Paul, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Matthews, Councillor Wi Neera, Pouiwi Kelly

Majority Vote: 9:8

Carried

Clause 3

For:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera

Against:

Councillor Paul, Councillor Young, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor O'Neill, Pouiwi Hohaia, Councillor Matthews

Majority Vote: 11:6

Carried

Clause 3c

For:

Councillor Brown, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Free, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Randle, Councillor Chung, Councillor Pannett

Against:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Paul, Pouiwi Hohaia, Councillor Matthews, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Young, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Apanowicz

Majority Vote: 8:9

Lost

Clause 3d

For:

Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Free, Councillor Randle, Councillor Chung, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Wi Neera

Against:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Paul, Pouiwi Hohaia, Councillor Matthews, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Young, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor O'Neill

Majority Vote: 7:10

Lost

Clause 3e

For:

Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Randle, Councillor Pannett

Against:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Paul, Pouiwi Hohaia, Councillor Matthews, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Young, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Chung

Majority Vote: 5:12

Lost

Clause 3f

For:

Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Councillor Pannett

Against:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Paul, Pouiwi Hohaia, Councillor Matthews, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Young, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Chung, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Randle

Majority Vote: 3:14

Lost

Clause 3g

For:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle

Against:

Councillor Brown, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Paul, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor O'Neill

Majority Vote: 8:9

Lost

Moved Councillor Paul, seconded Councillor Matthews the following substantive motion

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receive the information
2. ~~Agree to approve the Wellington City Council's submissions to the Environment Select Committee on the Spatial Planning Bill.~~

2. Agree to approve both submissions, being the Natural and Built Environment Bill submission and Spatial Planning Bill submission, to the Environment Select Committee on both bills with the following change:

Amend the Natural and Built Environment Bill submission and Spatial Planning Bill submission to add the following bullet point to the Key Observations/Concerns - NPF section "The Making of Designations should be strictly subject to Section 3 of the Bill, a right of appeal to the Environment Court and all environmental protection mechanisms. Whilst these sections are subject to section 3 of the Bill, there needs to be specific reference to the need to put in place sustainability principles where large scale infrastructure projects are being proposed given that some consented over the course of the RMA have had significant negative environmental outcomes. A right of appeal must be maintained to ensure public authorities are accountable for their decision making on significant programmes and their impact on the environment."

3. Agree to approve the Wellington City Council's submission to the Environment Select Committee on the Natural and Built Environment Bill, with the following changes:
 - a. Amend the submission to recommend that the NPF sets desired standards for the sustainability, quality and design of developments to be consented under NBA plans.
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4. Note that the closing date for receiving submissions on the Spatial Planning Bill and the Natural and Built Environment Bill is Sunday 5 February 2023.

Carried

Secretarial note: A division was called for. All clauses carried unanimously.

(Mayor Whanau left the meeting at 12:53pm.)

2.4 Revocation of the Speed Limits Bylaw

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor McNulty

Resolved

Officers recommend that the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee:

- 1) Receive the information
- 2) Agree to recommend to the Council that the Speed Limits Bylaw be revoked.

Carried

The meeting concluded at 1:04pm with the reading of the following karakia:

Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui	Draw on, draw on
Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua	Draw on the supreme sacredness To clear, to free the heart, the body
I te ara takatū	and the spirit of mankind
Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga	Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace)
Kia wātea, kia wātea	Let this all be done in unity
Āe rā, kua wātea!	

Authenticated: _____
Chair

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Minute item attachments

9:30am Thursday, 2 February 2023
Ngake (16.09)
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1. Deepak Nair

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According to 2018 census 10% of Wellington's population follow faith other than The Maori belief system, Atheism or Christianity. Almost a fifth of Wellington city's population was born in a country that has English as a Second Language outside the Pacific region and almost a third of Wellingtonians speak non-local or non-Pacific languages.

It is the duty of this council to not only cater to second generation migrants, refugees and recent immigrants but also people who are on work visas and family visas because they pay taxes & rents and use the public amenities. Migrants, refugees and other ethnic minorities have starkly different upbringings and needs. At present some of these demands are catered without co-ordination, across different organisations, institutions & groups and these same communities are not represented around the council table.

Wellington City Council currently has 5 advisory groups; Accessibility Advisory group, Environmental Reference Group, Pacific Advisory Group, Takatapu Rainbow Advisory Council & Youth Council. Auckland has 11 advisory panels and Ethnic Panel is one of them. Palmerston North City Council also has one.

In preparation of this submission in order to establish an Ethnic Peoples Advisory Panel, I have had chats with some city councillors and there are three streams of feedback that I received which are as follows,

1) *Inclusion of ethnic advisory panel into an established colonial institution probably is not the right way to go about it.*

Minorities like the Pacific people or the Differently-abled community have a space within this colonised institution and its doing them wonders and we don't want Ethnic people to miss out. It gives the historically marginalised community, more power to action, inclusion and representation. We wouldn't want an outside entity to represent a whole group of minority such as youth or environmentalists, because of possible lack of transparency in procedures and risk of the miscommunication; hence it shouldn't be the case with Ethnic minorities either.

2) *Multicultural council Wellington (MCW) does an amazing job at co-ordinating with the ethnic communities*

MCW are great at arranging cultural programs, candidate representation and spreading the message about unity in diversity but they don't really contribute much to Council plans or processes like council by-law amendments or public submissions towards LGWM, Draft District Plan, Pōneke Pōneke, Three Waters or Pōneke Promise. MCW is a membership based exclusive organisation with closed meetings; to be a part of which one needs to be a part of another organisation. I want to be a part of MCW and had applied to be a member in July 2022 with proof of my volunteer service in the community. I am still waiting to hear back from them with regards to my membership status, in spite of emailing them every month since then. MCW is an important organization within the rich tapestry of Wellington just as pertinent as The Interfaith Council, Changemakers or Holocaust centre of New Zealand.

3) *How do we include such vast diversity*

It is true that the ethnic community in Wellington is extensively diverse with 131 ethnicities (excluding Pacifica) and people with numerous castes, creeds and beliefs. Just like the Takatapu

Council and the Accessibility Group, this panel would not be able to represent every single variety of ethnicity. Ministry of Ethnic Communities website has a list of around 100 different ethnic organisations in Wellington. By the virtue of arranging couple of public meetings last year I have managed to gather names of approx 50 more organisations and I am sure there are more of such organisations out there and this advisory panel can invite as many of them as possible and democratically elect representatives from amongst the people. This depository of information would be a central and open location for migrants, refugees and city councillors & officers to access.

What would be the mandate of this Advisory Group?

They will hold integrated panel sessions, developing and driving the panel's work programme and presentation to the committees. They would engage with Council Controlled Organisations, public forums and external ethnic organisations. The Ethnic Peoples Advisory Panel would advise to Wellington City Council based on panel members' experiences, living as people from ethnic cultures, to help the council improve outcomes for their community. This panel would also provide advise and input to Wellington city Council on matters that would be of significance to ethnic communities including transport, housing, community safety, facilities network, council by-laws and electoral participation

The main hinderence in establishing this group is the money that council will contribute towards administration and logistical cost. I realise that this council is moving towards curtailing spending but the money invested in group would be negligible and the effects would be intergenerational and long lasting. This panel would not seek preference for Ethnic communities but would endeavour for Equality, Equity and representation. I implore one you to put forward a motion towards establishing or exploring possibilities of establishing Ethnic Peoples Advisory Panel.