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**ORDINARY MEETING**

**OF**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

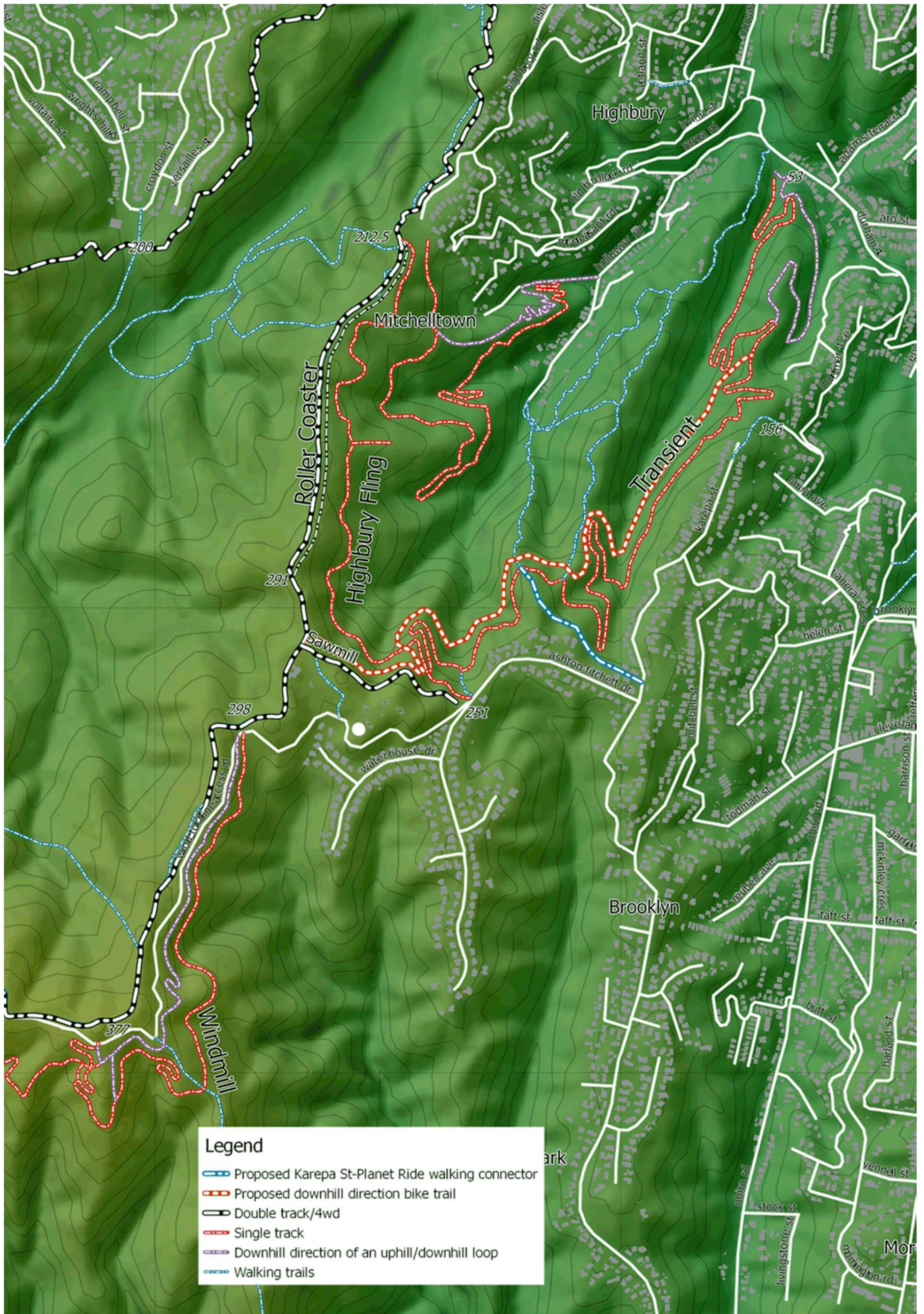
Time: 09:15 am  
Date: Thursday, 1 September 2016  
Venue: Committee Room 1  
Ground Floor, Council Offices  
101 Wakefield Street  
Wellington

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The graphic features a dark blue background with a light green L-shaped line in the top-left and bottom-right corners. In the center, the text "Open Spaces Plan" is written in white, with a short blue horizontal line underneath. Below this, "Cycle Aware Wellington" is written in light green. On the left side, there is a logo for "CYCLE AWARE WELLINGTON" which includes a stylized illustration of a city with a river and a bicycle.

# Open Spaces Plan

Cycle Aware Wellington

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WELLINGTON

# Key Points

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Clarify how speed limits can be set on electric assist bikes

Address some concerns about electric assist bikes on Skyline trail

Share some information about use of electric assist bikes on the Hauraki Rail trail

# Speed limits/ power cutout on eBikes

To be allowed on the proposed eBike tracks, bikes must have a power cutoff at 25km/hr

EU standard electric assist bikes have a 25 km/hr hardwired

Many eBikes currently in use or on sale need to have the power cutout programmed into the controller

CAW will publish advice on how to do this on website



# Skyline trail

An iconic Wellington experience

A challenging walk or ride to cover whole Skyline

Electric assist bikes would allow less fit riders to complete the trail

Electric assist bikes would not travel significantly faster than conventional bikes

Nature of track doesn't encourage high speeds

Uphill speed ~ 10km/hr under power





# Electric assist bikes on the Hauraki Rail trail

Hauraki Rail Trail Trust encourages use of electric assist bikes on trail

No problems experienced, despite flat, straight nature of trail



**Wellington Trails Trust  
Submission to the Wellington City Council  
Environment Committee**

Anthony Edmonds 1 September 2016

## Open spaces

- Wellington Trails Trust (WTT) was pleased with Open Spaces Consultation process.
- Key exception relates to rejection of new trail initiative “descending-one-way trail” initiative in Polhill by officers.
- WTT’s issues:
  - We believed this trail was already approved (not “if” – just “when”)
  - Trail initiative consistent with “vision” contained within Open Spaces Plan.
  - No reference to new Polhill trail initiative **anywhere** in draft Open Spaces Plan (that we can see). No ability for respondents to comment/respond.
- Key reasons given by officers:
  - Perceived lack of conflict on existing trails in Polhill
  - Cumulative environmental impact of additional trails to area
  - Lack of feedback regarding this initiative during consultation (35 of 269 submitters)
- Other potential reasons promoted/mentioned to mountain biking community:
  - Safety (links to conflict above)
  - New tracks will result in more users
  - Anti-bike sentiment from Aro Valley residents.
  - Ecological impact
  - Cost



## WTT's response to issues raised

Issue	WTT Response
Lack of feedback regarding new Polhill trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Open Spaces Plan <u>did not</u> mention new Polhill trail.</li> <li>• Widely understood that new trail was “when” not “if”.</li> <li>• No feedback on this trail simply reflects people weren't asked to provide it as part of consultation process.</li> <li>• &lt;185 people have emailed WTT in this week expressing support for new trail (includes runners, walkers, riders).</li> </ul>
Conflict/Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary focus is on addressing safety issue of existing hugely popular 2 way track (Transient).</li> <li>• &lt;185 people who have emailed WTT this week expressing safety concerns.</li> <li>• Emails document numerous reports of conflict/accidents on Transient trail (luckily mainly bike on bike!)</li> <li>• Emails say many runners &amp; riders actively avoid Polhill.</li> <li>• New one-way-descending trail effectively addresses issues by taking down hill traffic off Transient.</li> <li>• WCC's position creates perverse incentive to promote conflict (we want harmony).</li> <li>• Officers are aware of risk of collision – as data on trail speeds of users openly/freely available.</li> </ul>

## WTT's response to issues raised (cont.)

Issue	WTT Response
Cumulative environmental impact of trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community and Council are actively restoring Polhill.</li> <li>• Brooklyn Trail Builders have planted ~10,000 trees and undertaken extensive pest control (“trails, traps and trees”).</li> <li>• Perverse incentive for groups like BTB if restoring environment leads to restrictions on future use.</li> <li>• If more trails (and visitors) is negative for the environment, then areas like Zealandia need serious rethinking (as they are full of trails, steps, bridges and even tarseal)!</li> <li>• Trails are how the community connects with the environment (which is consistent with additional new “vision” statement that was added to Open Spaces Plan).</li> </ul>
New trails could result in more users.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new entry or exit to/from Polhill. Trail links 2 existing tracks.</li> <li>• Primary focus is on addressing safety issue of existing hugely popular 2 way track (Transient).</li> <li>• Trail usage is increasing, but trend is not expected to change significantly as a result of this initiative. Riders will simply move to one-way descending trail to avoid uphill traffic.</li> <li>• WTT wants all Wellington people to have the opportunity to access and enjoy our environment (not an “exclusive” resource for current or specific group of users)..</li> </ul>

## WTT's response to issues raised (cont.)

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Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New trail will be built and funded by users.</li> <li>• No construction cost to WCC.</li> <li>• WTT focused on accessing/providing funding for development and ongoing maintenance of trails (amongst other initiatives).</li> </ul>
Impact on Aro Valley residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed trail does not exit in to Aro Valley (simply joins existing trail higher in valley).</li> <li>• Neighbours to Polhill includes Aro Valley residents – plus Brooklyn, Highbury, Kelburn and Te Aro residents.</li> <li>• Positive feedback received from Aro Valley residents – and other neighbouring suburb residents (see emails).</li> <li>• Positive support from Aro Valley businesses including Garage Project and Dirt Merchants (see emails)</li> </ul>

**The new one-way descending Polhill trail should be added to trail “Key Initiatives” contained in Open Spaces Plan.**

**Note that existing “Key Initiatives” in Open Spaces Plan aren’t an actual locked-in commitment by WCC to build the 6 trails.**

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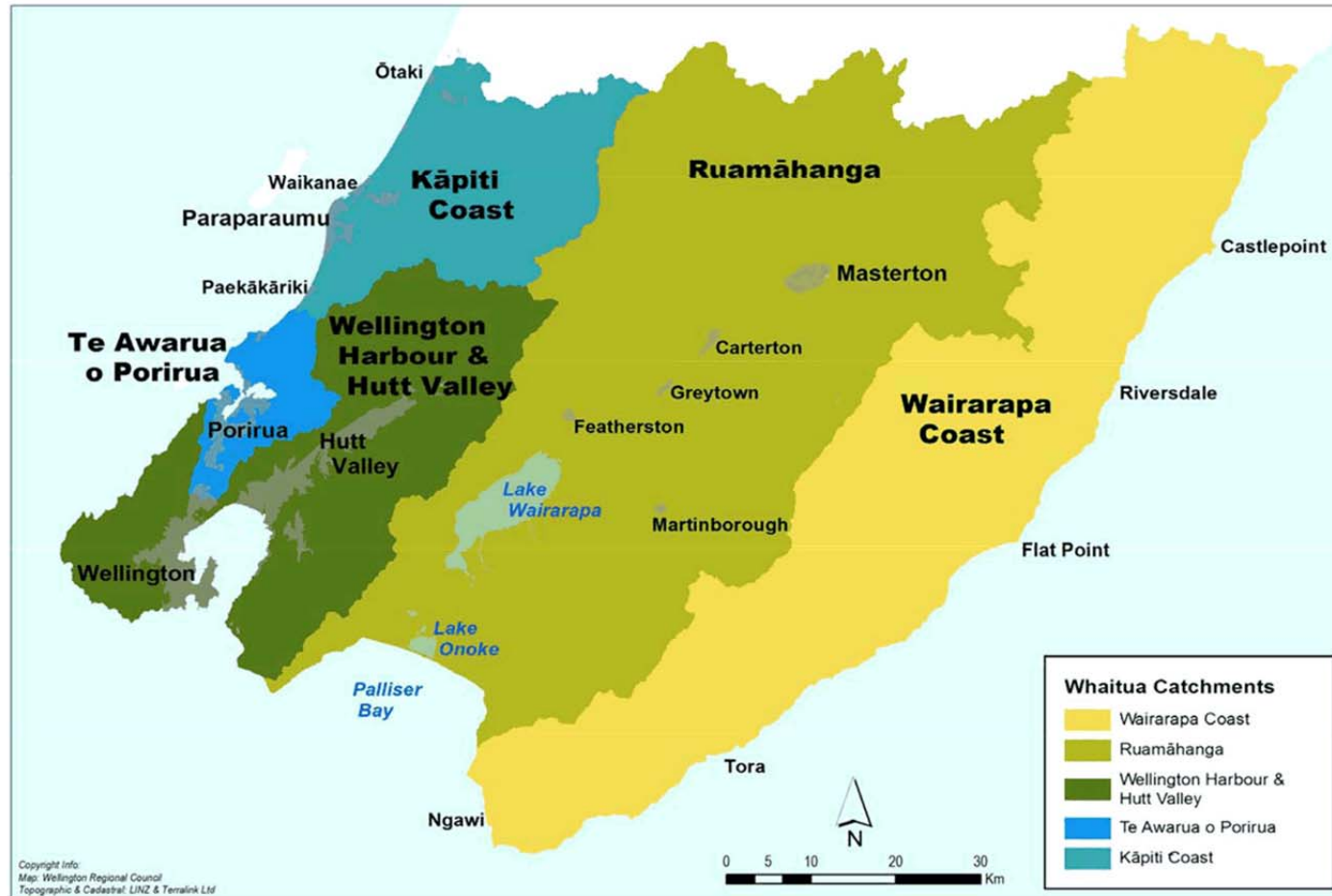


The image features a coastal landscape with dark, jagged rocks in the foreground and a blue sea extending to a hazy horizon. Overlaid on the right side is a white rectangular box containing a cyan silhouette map of the Te Awarua o Porirua region. To the right of the map, the text "Te Awarua o Porirua Whaitua Committee" is written in a cyan, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the image, a dark blue banner with a white dot pattern contains the text "Community-led, robust, transparent and lasting decisions for land and water management" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**Te Awarua  
o Porirua  
Whaitua  
Committee**

**Community-led, robust, transparent and  
lasting decisions for land and water  
management**

# Whaitua









# What is the whaitua process?

- Community-led collaborative regional planning process
- Partnership with Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira (Ngāti Toa)
- Partnership with GWRC, PCC, WCC and wider community
- Whaitua Implementation Programme (WIP)

Quality for Life

# Who is on Te Awarua o Porirua Whaitua Committee?

- One elected and one appointed member of GWRC
- One member from Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira
- One elected member from PCC and one from WCC
- Up to 7 community members
- Chair appointed from within the committee

# NPS- FW, the Regional Plan & Whaitua





## Why is the Whaitua important?

- Man-made impacts to environment
- Planned and potential future development
- Contamination
- Public health risks
- Recreational access
- Kia moana - shellfish gathering etc
- Biodiversity
- Cultural values

Quality for Life

# What does it mean?

The work of the whaitua needs to:

- pragmatic and achievable
- balance environment and growth
- anticipated and planned growth and operation of public assets and infrastructure
- meet legislative requirements
- meet expanding community expectations
- meet political and financial challenges

# Questions?

# Discussion

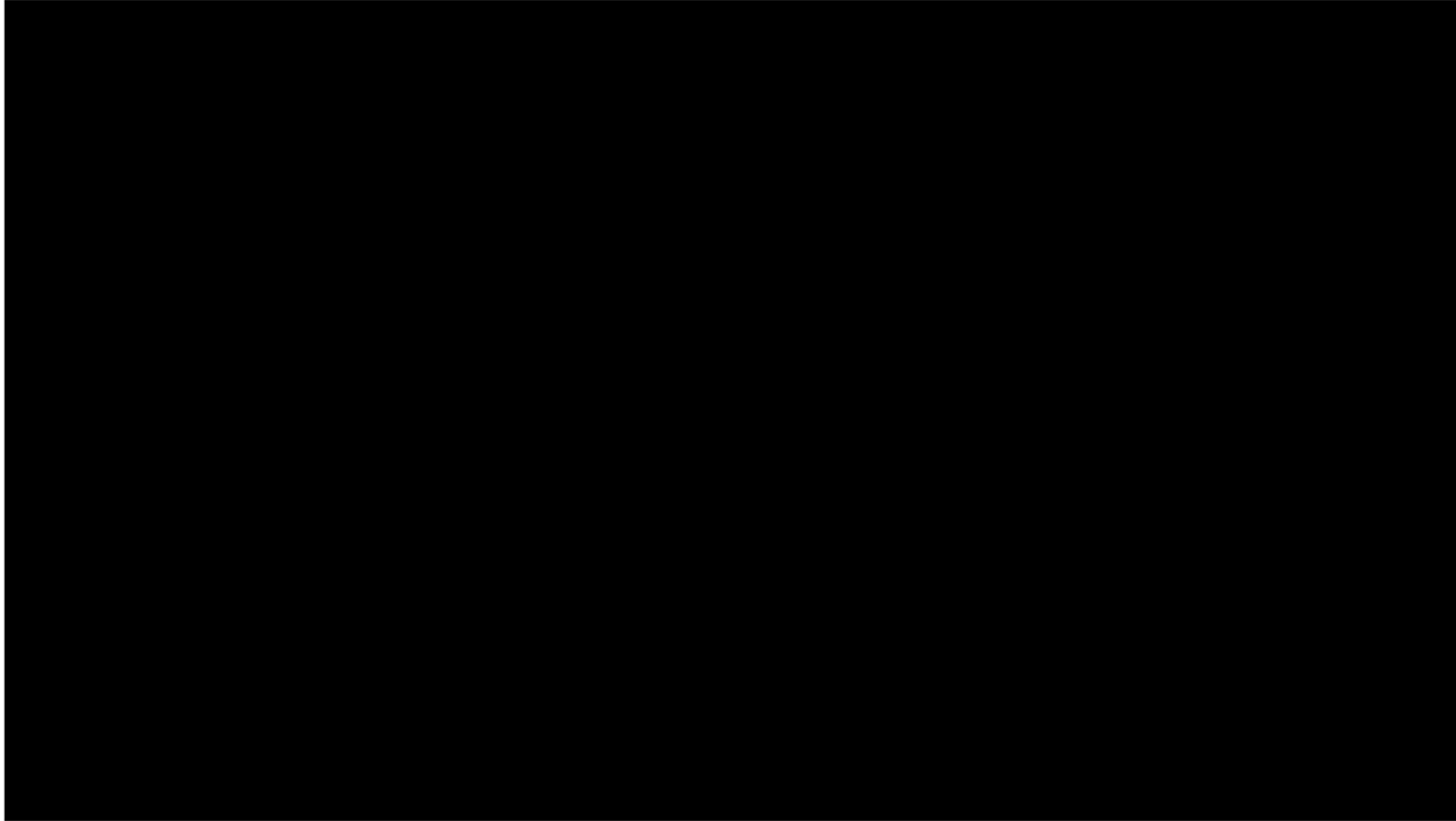


















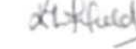



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*Jenny Lynch Conservation Manager*





The Australasian Responsible Palm Oil Network is comprised of:

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# Palm Oil Roulette



Ingredients:  
**Vegetable Oil**



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