

# Environmental Reference Group Meeting Minutes

8 June 2009, Te Mahanga - Committee Room 1, Wellington City Council

## **Present:**

Hamish Allardice (Co-chair)  
Councillor Wade-Brown  
Peter Gilbert  
Bev Abbott  
Ian Shearer  
Tushara Kodikara  
Nick Potter  
Liz Hibbs  
Philip Mladenov  
Mike Ennis

## **Apologies**

### ***Members***

Sea Rotmann (Co-chair)  
Councillor Pannett  
Nigel Smith (Youth Council)  
Mel Cutler  
Kathryn Maxwell

## **WCC Officers:**

Genevieve Drake (Policy)  
Paul Barker (Infrastructure)

**GWRC Officers:** Tami Woods

**Mana Whenua Representatives:** Graeme Hastilow

**Guests/Speakers:** Emily Greenberg – DOC

## **Welcome**

Attendees were welcomed and apologies recorded.

Draft minutes from the 6/4/09 meeting were moved for confirmation by Nick Potter and seconded by Liz Hibbs – carried.

## **Ngati Toa Treaty Settlement – Graeme Hastilow**

Graeme Hastilow discussed the Ngati Toa Settlement with reference to Wellington Harbour, the South Coast and Taputeranga Island:

- Taputeranga Island – is a very significant area and discussions are underway with the Crown regarding management. A kaitiaki instrument of management will be applied to Cook Strait, Wellington Harbour and Porirua.
- Iwi Statutory Plan – will be the method of statutory involvement in land management
- Mana Island – a small piece of the Island is scheduled to be returned to Iwi
- Formal Relationships – A formal relationship (MOU) is required with the Department of Conservation
- The formal processes around the Ngati Toa Treaty Settlement is a lengthy process

## **Wellington Conservancy Draft Conservation Strategy – Emily Greenberg**

Emily Greenberg from the Department of Conservation spoke about the Wellington Conservancy Draft Conservation Strategy (CMS) 2020.

- The purpose of the CMS is to implement objectives and policies for the integrated management of natural and historic resources, recreation, tourism and other conservation purposes.
- The CMS fits under the Regional Policy Statement under the Resource Management Act and fits alongside the Local Government Act and the LTCCP.
- It is proposed that the Wellington Conservancy boundary be extended up past Napier.
- Group discussion was held regarding the difficulties of integrated approaches to conservation when organisations operate independently of each other. Monitoring of outcomes is also essential to achieving conservation outcomes.

## **Safe and Sustainable Transport Reference Group (SASTRG) – Paul Barker**

Paul Barker spoke on the history behind the formation of SASTRG and detailed some of the road safety and sustainability projects that SASTRG are involved with.

- Projects include – Safe Routes to School, Sustainable Transport (Walking, Cycling, Carpooling, Next Bike)
- Membership on SASTRG involves industry practitioners such as Police, NZ Transport Agency, Living Streets Aotearoa, Greater Wellington, and ACC.
- It was agreed that Gen Drake would attend the SASTRG meeting on 15 June to discuss the relationship between ERG and SASTRG.

## **Scheduled Meetings**

The group discussed the number of scheduled meetings for the rest of the year and agreed that attendance would not be affected by members being paid for the first six meetings attended.

## **Additions to Forward Programme**

- Climate Change – Update regarding actual emission savings.
- E-Waste Day is scheduled for Saturday the 12 September 2009.

## ERG Draft Forward Programme for 2009

<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme / Key Items</b>
2 February	1. Final recruitment selection
9 February	1. LTCCP - engagement 2. Sewage and storm water mixing - inflow & infiltration 3. Sludge process – how this operates 4. Waste Operator Licensing Bylaw
2 March	1. Waste Minimisation Act 2008 – implications [ recycling, cradle-to-cradle, consumption, design 2 Waste] 2. Wellington Regional Strategy – genuine progress indicators 3. Water Day – discussion 4. Group Goals – discussion
6 April	1. LTCCP – formal stage – Presentation 2. Greater Wellington – Proposed Regional Policy Statement 3. Group Goals – discussion
8 June	1. Update from Climate Change team 2. Transport and joint Road Safety/ERG Reference Groups meeting (Celia and Ian) 3. DOC – Wellington Draft Conservation Strategy 4. Ngati Toa's Treaty Settlement – Graeme Hastilow
3 August	1. ERG impacts 2009 – December SPC report planning 2. Climate Change
5 October	1.
7 December	1.

The meeting closed at 7:30 pm