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Wellington City Council**

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

# Ordinary Meeting of Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee

## Ngā Meneti | Minutes

9:30am Rāhina Monday, 24 Hōngongoi July 2023

Wharekōrero Council Chamber,  
2nd Floor, Administration Building,  
16 Cobham Court,  
Porirua



## **PRESENT**

Councillor Steve Cretney

Councillor Rebecca Gray (via audiovisual link)

Councillor Martin Halliday

Deputy Mayor Hellen Swales

Councillor Andy Mitchell

Councillor Geoff Hayward (via audiovisual link)

Councillor Iona Pannett (Chair)

Carterton District Council

South Wairarapa District Council

Kāpiti Coast District Council

Upper Hutt City Council

Hutt City Council

Porirua City Council

Wellington City Council

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Brent Goodwin

Councillor Emma Holderness (via audiovisual link)

Masterton District Council

Upper Hutt City Council

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## 1. Meeting Conduct

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The Chairperson declared the meeting (hui) open at 9:30am and read the following karakia to open the hui.

**Whakataka te hau ki te uru,  
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.  
Kia mākinakina ki uta,  
Kia mātaratara ki tai.  
E hī ake ana te atākura.  
He tio, he huka, he hauhū.  
Tihei Mauri Ora!**

Cease oh winds of the west  
and of the south  
Let the bracing breezes flow,  
over the land and the sea.  
Let the red-tipped dawn come  
with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,  
a promise of a glorious day

### 1.1 Apologies

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Mitchell**

#### **Resolved**

That the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee:

1. Accept the apologies received from Councillor Tom Hullena and Councillor Quentin Duthie.

**Carried**

### 1.2 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

### 1.3 Confirmation of Minutes

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Mitchell**

#### **Resolved**

That the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee:

1. Approve the minutes of the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee Meeting held on 6 March 2023, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

**Carried**

### 1.4 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

### 1.5 Public Participation

There were no requests for public participation

(Councillor Halliday joined the hui at 9:35am)

## 2. General Business

### 2.1 Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan - Approval to Consult on Draft Plan

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Mitchell**

#### **Resolved**

That the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee:

- 1) Receive the information.
- 2) Note the update on the development of the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2023-2029.
- 3) Note that the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee has been delegated responsibility to approve the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2023 – 2029 for consultation on behalf of the eight councils in the Wellington region.
- 4) Agree to formally consult on the draft Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2023-2029 (attachment 1) **with the following changes:**
  - a. **Agree to undertake a mid-term report of the WMMP in 2026.**
  - b. **Agree to develop an Implementation Plan by mid-2024.**
  - c. **Add to the Guiding Principles:**

**Honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi**

**We will work with mana whenua across the region to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi in all of our waste work whether at a policy or project level to incorporate concepts of te ao Māori and support the growth and capability of our mana whenua partners.**
  - d. **Add to Section 5.1 Roles and Responsibilities:**

**Recognise Greater Wellington Regional Council under 5.1.2 Councils' role, as having a complementary role to territorial authorities, especially in relation to minimising the environmental impact of waste such as litter in waterways, soil contamination, air pollution from burning waste.**
  - e. **Change Section 6.2 Regional Action #8 from “consider, at a local or regional level, appropriate remediation and further actions to prevent harm to our natural environment” to “implement, at a local or regional level, appropriate remediation and further actions to prevent harm to our natural environment”**
  - f. **Recommend that all councils consider adding to Section 6.2 Local Actions local actions to implement recommendations from the Whaitua process relating to waste.**

- 5) Agree to the Statement of Proposal (attachment 3) with an amended Introduction of “Changing the waste pathway that is currently harmful to the environment and everything that relies on it is critical. The Wellington Region has made some positive steps to addressing the problem but there is much more work to do to improve the lives of communities – culturally, socially, environmentally and economically. This challenge requires us to be accountable to mana whenua and our communities”.
- 6) Request that officers discuss with the relevant territorial authorities whether a staff member with relevant knowledge of te ao Māori can sit as an advisor in meetings of the Joint Committee.
- 7) Delegate to the chair and deputy chair the power to authorise the final Statement of Proposal and Plan following officers updating them to incorporate agreed amendments made at this meeting and to fix any minor or typographical errors.

**Carried unanimously**

**Secretarial note:** Attachment 1 and Attachment 3 refer to attachments to the report in the agenda for this hui.

**Secretarial note:** The motion was moved with changes from the recommendations in the officer’s report, the changes are marked in red.

The hui concluded at 11:49am with the reading of the following karakia:

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

Authenticated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair