

Minutes of the fifteenth meeting of the tenth triennium of the Environment Committee held at 9.00am on Wednesday 14 August 2019, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs GM McKellar (Chair), JJ Barrow, LR Burnell, DB Cotton (via audio visual link), EB Gordon JP (ex officio), RJ Keedwell, JM Naylor, NJ Patrick, PW Rieger QSO JP, and WK Te Awe Awe.

IN ATTENDANCE Chief Executive Mr MJ McCartney
Committee Secretary Mrs KA Tong

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:

Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships), Dr N Peet (Group Manager Group Manager Strategy & Regulation), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information), Mr R Smillie (Environmental Manager), Ms A Matthews (Science & Innovation Manager), Mr G Bevin (Regulatory Manager), Mr L Brown (Freshwater & Partnerships Manager), Mr C Davey (Environmental Programme Coordinator), Ms S Boyte (Environmental Scientist Natural Resources), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), Mr D Scott (Manawatu Freshwater Anglers Club), Mr C Rudd and Ms C Moriarty (members of the public), and a member of the Press

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Cr Te Awe Awe to say a Karakia.

APOLOGIES

ENV 19-128 *Moved* **Gordon/Patrick**

That an apology be received from Cr Rollinson.

CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS

Mr Don Scott, Mr Charles Rudd and Ms Christine Moriarty had been granted public speaking rights.

Mr Scott (Manawatu Freshwater Anglers Club) spoke on behalf of the Club and voiced various concerns including the drift dive data in the middle of the Manawatu River, and the trend of lower fish catches in the Manawatu River and its tributaries.

Mr Rudd raised concerns regarding Maori interaction and participation with Horizons, the use of the word 'iwi' in relation to the Treaty of Waitangi, water testing in Lake Horowhenua, and the ongoing difficulties in communication with Lake Horowhenua Accord members.

Ms Moriarty spoke on behalf of Water and Environmental Care Association (WECA) and expressed frustration with the lack of progress in relation to the contamination into a fresh water lake and urged Members to work on a plan with the community to move forward with restoration of Lake Horowhenua.

