

## **JOBS FOR NATURE**

# **Horowhenua Freshwater Management Unit Water Quality Interventions**

## **Governance Group Meeting**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 1804, Zoom.

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# **MINUTES**

### **In Attendance**

**Governance Group:** Rachel Keedwell (Co-Chair), Sam Ferguson, Dean Wilson, Bernie Wanden, Lisa Gooch, David Allen.

**In attendance:** Shannon Johnston, Jason Jones, Logan Brown, Jon Roygard, Charlotte Minnis.

### **1 Welcome**

Rachel welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sam opened with karakia.

### **2 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Di Rump (proxy vote given to Dean), Jonathan Proctor (proxy vote given to Dean), Quentin Parr, Bryan Smith, Clinton Hemana and Daniel Haigh.

### **3 Conflicts of Interest**

No new COI were registered.

### **4 Consenting update**

Jason provided a verbal update on the consent and application.

The final day for the Fast Track consent application to be submitted prior to the Christmas shut down is the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2023. The final drafts of the technical assessments and associated effect reports are on track for submission prior to Christmas. If the Fast Track application is not submitted by the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024, a standard resource consent process will need to be followed which would take longer and add additional costs to the process.

Originally a soft lodgment of the application with the EPA was to occur however, there is no longer time available to do this. This isn't required for the process it was proposed to make sure that the application contained all the information that it needed to.

Lodgment of the resource consent application will be prior to the next Governance Group meeting.

**Action:** The Governance Group are to be informed when the consent is lodged.

### **5 Water recirculation option**

The project team proposed to include the recirculation of water from the Arawhata Stream into the wetland as a provision in the application in case it is needed for the wetland in the future. There was a discussion around this option.

The inclusion of a recirculation option allows for the potential for greater nitrogen removal and more hydrological control over the wetland for better functioning during drier periods.

### **Resolution:**

The Governance Group endorse the resource consent application being lodged with the recirculation option included as a part of the proposal. Acknowledging that the recirculation component is optional and can be used to enhance treatment and/or hydrological performance.

Rachel/Bernie  
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## **6 Walkway alignment**

There has recently been an article in the paper interviewing Geoff Kane proposing a walkway through the Arawhata farm. The wetland design has provision for a walkway in phase three of the design however, is not included in the consent application for Phases one or two. Geoff has presented to HDC Councillors around a walkway, starting with the northern parcel of land that isn't part of the wetland design.

## **7 Cropping on the farm**

There have been concerns raised by the community around the perception of a farm purchased for a wetland being used for cropping. Some of this feedback has been that the land was used being used for horticulture, the use of fertilizer on the farm etc. The lease for the land is for dry stock farming and cropping (cut and carry operations such as maize and grass silage). The current use of the land for cropping are within the terms of the lease. This current lease is a reduction in the leaching rates compared to the dairy operation that existed prior to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

Archaeological surveys via Daniel Parker and MTA team members were completed for the land that had been ploughed for cropping. Nothing of concern was noted.

## **8 Other business**

There was a discussion around the use of the northern block of land that was purchased as a part of the wetland project. This included the use of the existing track as a part of the track network, the use of the area for potential stormwater treatment options etc. All of these being wider options that the land could be used for. A future Governance Group meeting will need to consider the use of the northern block of the land purchased for the wetland complex.

The next Governance Group meeting will be in late January 2024.

## **9 Karakia**

Dean closed the meeting at 1911 with a karakia.

### **Action Summary**

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| 1 | Governance Group are to be advised when the resource consent application is lodged. | Logan |
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## Appendix 1 - Register of Interests

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Horowhenua Freshwater Management Unit Water Quality Interventions Governance Group

#### Register of Interests

Rachel Keedwell	
Position	Horizons Regional Council Chair
Responsibilities	Co-chairperson and voting member
Interests	NA

Sam Ferguson	
Position	Horizons Regional Council Councillor
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	Private home – [REDACTED] s 7(2)(a)

Bernie Wanden	
Position	Horowhenua Mayor
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	Fellow Rotarian with Geoff Kane



Aoife Broad	
Position	Ministry for the Environment lead contact
Responsibilities	Non-voting member
Interests	

Di Rump	
Position	Muaūpoko Tribal Authority CE
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	Chair of Horowhenua takiwa protoptype

Clinton Hemana	
Position	Lake Horowhenua Trust Chair
Responsibilities	Co-chairperson and voting member
Interests	NA

Dean Wilson	
Position	Lake Horowhenua Trustee
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	NA


Bryan Smith	
Position	Ministry for the Environment
Responsibilities	Non-voting member
Interests	NA

Jon Procter	
Position	MTA board member
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	

Quentin Parr	
Position	Te Runanga o Raukawa representative
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	