

Horowhenua Freshwater Management Unit Water Quality Interventions

Governance Group Meeting

Tuesday 11th February 2025, 1801, Zoom.

MINUTES

In Attendance

Governance Group: Rachel Keedwell (Co-Chair), Sam Ferguson, Dean Wilson, Bernie Wanden, David Allan

In attendance: Shannon Johnston, Logan Brown, Charlotte Minnis, James Wallace (HDC), Aoife Broad (MfE), Bryan Smith (MfE).

1 Welcome

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

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Di Rump, Jon Proctor, Clinton Hemana, Daniel Haigh.

3 Conflicts of Interest

Change needs to be made as Allan is down as mayor of the district

4 Minutes from previous minutes

The draft minutes from December 2024 were provided.

Rachel to follow up to with Clinton, Di and Jon around new representatives for Lake Trust and Muaūpoko Tribal Authority.

Resolution: The Governance Group accepts the meeting minutes from the December 2024 meeting.

Bernie/Sam
CARRIED

5 Reporting

Logan gave a summary of the project progress during the Q2 reporting period including the approval of the fast track consent and work around the appeal.

The project has been granted a contract extension to June 2026.

Resolution: The Governance Group accepts the Q2 report for submission to the Ministry for Environment.

Rachel/Bernie
CARRIED

6 Funding extension

The funding is from freshwater improvement fund with hard deadline of June 2026. Further MfE extensions will not be possible.

7 Arawhata Wetland Consenting update

Shannon gave an update on the consent appeal [REDACTED]

s 7(2)(g)

Governance have requested an update on where the project budget is at. A quantity surveyor has provided pricing for stage one and two.

Action: Prepare a budget summary for the next Governance Group meeting.

Logan/Charlotte

8 Arawhata farm lease

Annex C outlined a range of lease process options for Arawhata farm.

Option 1: Retender the lease on option market

Option 2: Renew current lease as is

Option 3: Renew current lease with no cropping allowed

Resolution: The Governance Group adopts Option 2 for the lease process as outlined in Annex C with the addition of a map showing the Phase one land that cannot be planted in maize.

Rachel/David
CARRIED

Resolution: The Governance Group adopts a two year lease term for the next Arawhata farm lease.

Rachel/David
CARRIED

9 Health and Safety

HMP's in the meeting pack to review

10 Other business

The walkway through the Makomako Road side of the farm has had some issues with members of the public telling farm staff that they are not allowed to operate farm vehicles on the race. There will be an increase in bush signage and farm signage. Project signage. Storyboard for bush.

There have been inquiries from media regarding nutrient reduction on Arawhata farm and the Arawhata Wetland project. There are now two newspaper outlets operating in Horowhenua.

Agenda item for future face to face meeting - how to progress the next phases of the project (funding opportunities etc).

9 Karakia

Dean closed the meeting with a karakia at 7.01pm.

Action Summary

- 1 Signage

Appendix 1 - Register of Interests

JOBS FOR NATURE

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 prototype

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

David Allan	
Position	Horowhenua Councillor
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	

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	