



MINUTES

Submissions Subcommittee Meeting

Tuesday, 2 December 2025

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Waikato Regional Council
Submissions Subcommittee Meeting
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 2 December 2025, 8.30am
Location: Tui/Kowhai Room
Waikato Regional Council
Level 1, 160 Ward Street, Hamilton

Members Present: Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith – Committee Chair
Cr Liz Stolwyk – Committee Deputy Chair
Cr Chris Hughes,
Cr Warren Maher
Cr Garry Reymer

In Attendance: Cr Robert Cookson (virtually via Teams)

Staff Present: Tracey May – Director, Science, Policy and Information
Mali Ahipene – Pou Tuhono
Jordan Metz – Democracy Advisor

The contents of these minutes meet all legal requirements and include a full set of decisions.

An audio-visual recording of the open session of the meeting is available on Waikato Regional Council's public website.

Recording	Document ID #	YouTube Link
Meeting Recording	34029301	https://youtu.be/MyGO_y6l2BM
<i>Due to technical issues, the first four procedural items were not captured in the recording.</i>		

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

The Director, Science, Policy and Information (Tracey May) opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SS25/18

Moved: Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith

Seconded: Cr Warren Maher

That the apologies received from Cr Chris Hughes and Cr Garry Mcquire for absence be accepted.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SS25/19

Moved: Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith

Seconded: Cr Warren Maher

1. That the agenda of the Submissions Subcommittee Meeting of 2 December 2025, as circulated, be confirmed as the business of the meeting.
2. That the order of items follows the order set out in the minutes.
3. That the meeting may sit longer than two hours continuously and continue longer than six hours including adjournments.

CARRIED

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No interests were disclosed pertaining to items on the agenda or interests not already recorded on a relevant register.

5 GENERAL ITEMS

5.1 SUBMISSION ON THE NGĀTI RĀHIRI TUMUTUMU CLAIMS SETTLEMENT BILL

Item commenced in recording, at start.

Presented by the Pou Tuhono (Mali Ahipene) and Kaiwhakarite (Ashley Eden).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SS25/20**Moved: Cr Warren Maher****Seconded: Cr Liz Stolwyk**

- 1. That the report *Submission on the Ngāti Rāhiri Tumutumu Claims Settlement Bill* (Submissions Subcommittee, 2 December 2025) be received.**
- 2. That the Submissions Subcommittee delegates the chair (Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith) and the Director of Science, Policy and Information (Tracey May) approval of the submission on the Ngāti Rāhiri Tumutumu Claims Settlement Bill for lodgement to the Māori Affairs Committee, subject to amendments identified in discussion had at the meeting.**

CARRIED**6 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**

Item commenced in recording, at 13 minutes 27 seconds.

The Director, Science, Policy and Information (Tracey May) closed the meeting with a karakia.

8.47am – The meeting closed.