



MINUTES

Environmental Performance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 9 June 2026

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Waikato Regional Council
Environmental Performance Committee Meeting

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 9 June 2026, 9.30am
Location: Council Chambers
 Waikato Regional Council
 Level 1, 160 Ward Street, Hamilton

Members Present: Cr Gary McGuire – Deputy-Chair
 Cr Robert Cookson
 Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith
 Cr Keith Holmes
 Cr Warren Maher (from 12.12pm)
 Cr Jennifer Nickel (until 12.00pm)
 Cr Liz Stolwyk (until 10.52am)

In Attendance: Cr Garry Reymer (virtually via Teams)

Staff Present: Brent Sinclair, Director, Resource Use
 AnaMaria d’Aubert, Manager, Regional Consents
 Mike Scarsbrook, Manager, Environmental Science
 Tracey Nelson, Manager, Primary Sector Engagement
 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
Open Recording #1	36255416	https://youtu.be/ybUbv9ZWlm8
Public Excluded Recording	36319466	-
Open Recording #2	36319465	https://youtu.be/3qSMnBwfHOM
Open Recording #3	36314450	https://youtu.be/P4R3spb6HVE

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Item commenced in recording 1, at start.

The Director, Resource Use (Brent Sinclair) opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Item commenced in recording 1, at 19 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPC26/06

Moved: Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith

Seconded: Cr Robert Cookson

That the apologies of Cr Kataraina Hodge and Cr Warren Maher for absence, and Cr Liz Stolwyk for early departure be accepted.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Item commenced in recording 1, at 47 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPC26/07

Moved: Cr Liz Stolwyk

Seconded: Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith

- 1. That the agenda of the Environmental Performance Committee Meeting of 9 June 2026, 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

Item commenced in recording 1, at 1 minute 7 seconds.

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

5 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION OR RECEIPT

Nil

6 GENERAL ITEMS**6.1 RESOURCE USE DIRECTORATE - COST OF ACTIVITIES**

Item commenced in recording 1, at 1 minute 16 seconds.

Presented by the Director Resource Use (Brent Sinclair). Refer Document # 36269114 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPC26/08

Moved: Cr Jennifer Nickel

Seconded: Cr Keith Holmes

That the report *Resource Use Directorate - Cost of Activities* (Environmental Performance Committee, 9 June 2026) be received.

CARRIED

6.2 MARITIME SERVICES UPDATE

Item commenced in recording 1, at 50 minutes 7 seconds.

Presented by the Regional Harbourmaster (Chris Bredenbeck). Refer Document # 36267607 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPC26/09

Moved: Cr Keith Holmes

Seconded: Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith

That the report *Maritime Services Update* (Environmental Performance Committee, 9 June 2026) be received.

CARRIED

10.52am – Cr Liz Stolwyk left the meeting.

6.3 FARM PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Item commenced in recording 1, at 1 hour 25 minutes.

Presented by the Manager, Primary Sector Engagement (Tracy Nelson). Refer Document # 36286881 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPC26/10

Moved: Cr Keith Holmes

Seconded: Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith

That the report *Farm Plan Implementation* (Environmental Performance Committee, 9 June 2026) be received.

CARRIED

6.4 REGIONAL CONSENTS UPDATE

Item commenced in recording 1, at 1 hour 45 minutes 42 seconds.

Presented by the Manager, Regional Consents (AnaMaria d'Aubert).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPC26/11

Moved: Cr Jennifer Nickel

Seconded: Cr Keith Holmes

That the report *Regional Consents Update* (Environmental Performance Committee, 9 June 2026) be received.

CARRIED

6.5 REGIONAL PATTERNS IN HUMAN HEALTH RISKS

Item commenced in recording 1 at 1 hour 53 minutes 16 seconds.

Presented by the Manager, Environmental Science (Mike Scarsbrook).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPC26/12

Moved: Cr Jennifer Nickel

Seconded: Cr Keith Holmes

That the report *Regional Patterns in Human Health Risks* (Environmental Performance Committee, 9 June 2026) be received.

CARRIED

12.00pm – Cr Jennifer Nickel left the meeting.

6.6 MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER COMPLIANCE UPDATE

Item commenced in recording 2, at start.

Presented by the Team Leader Consents Monitoring (Alexia Saint-Macary) and Manager Regional Compliance (Patrick Lynch). Refer Document # 36286181 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPC26/13

Moved: Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith

Seconded: Cr Keith Holmes

That the report *Municipal Wastewater Compliance Update* (Environmental Performance Committee, 9 June 2026) be received.

CARRIED

12.12pm – Cr Warren Maher entered the meeting.

7 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Item commenced in recording 2, at 20 minutes 44 seconds.

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPC26/14

Moved: Cr Keith Holmes
Seconded: Cr Robert Cookson

That in accordance with section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (Act)* and the interests protected by section 6 or 7 of that Act, the public is excluded from the following parts of this meeting. The general subject of the matters to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds for excluding the public are set out below:

Meeting item no. and subject	Grounds for excluding the public	Reason for excluding the public
7.1 - Update on Prosecutions - June 2026	s6(c) of the Act - To avoid prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial s7(2)(a) of the Act - To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	section 48(1)(a)(i) of the Act - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

CARRIED

12.30pm – The meeting moved into public excluded session.

7.1 UPDATE ON PROSECUTIONS - JUNE 2026

Item commenced in public excluded recording, at start.

Presented by the Manager, Regional Compliance (Patrick Lynch).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPC26/15

Moved: Cr Keith Holmes
Seconded: Cr Warren Maher

That the report *Update on Prosecutions - June 2026* (Environmental Performance Committee, 9 June 2026) be received.

CARRIED

Item commenced in public excluded recording, at 19 minutes 29 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPC26/16

Moved: Cr Warren Maher

Seconded: Cr Keith Holmes

That the meeting return to the open session.

CARRIED

12.49pm – The meeting moved back to open session.

8 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Item commenced in recording 3, at start.

The Director, Resource Use (Brent Sinclair) closed the meeting with a Karakia.

12.51pm – The meeting closed.