



**WAIKATO REGION
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

GROUP

WORKSHOP MINUTES

Monday, 21 September 2026

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Waikato Emergency Management Committee

OPEN WORKSHOP MINUTES

Date: Monday 21 September 2026, 11.13am

Location: Council Chambers
Waikato Regional Council
Level 1, 160 Ward Street, Hamilton

Members Present: Cr Emma Pike – Hamilton City Council (*Chair – Waikato Emergency Management Committee*)
Anaru Begbie – Raukawa Charitable Trust (virtually via Teams, until 12.29pm)
Cr Marcus Gower – Waipā District Council
Cr Tennille Kete – Ōtorohanga District Council (virtually via Teams)
Cr Steve Manunui – Taupō District Council
Cr Gary McGuire – Waikato Regional Council
Cr Anne Marie Spicer – Hauraki District Council
Cr Michael Thomas – South Waikato District Council

In Attendance: Cr Keith Holmes – Waikato Regional Council (until 12.46pm)

Staff Present: Susan Law – Chair, Coordinating Executive Group
Brent Sinclair – Deputy-Chair, Coordinating Executive Group/ Director, Resource Use, Waikato Regional Council
Julian Snowball – Regional Manager/Controller, Civil Defence and Emergency Management
Matthew Bramhall – Senior Regional Emergency Management Advisor, National Emergency Management Agency
Andrew Brosnan – Coordinating Executive Group, Waikato Lifeline Utilities Group Chair
Brian Carter – Coordinating Executive Group, Thames-Coromandel District Council
Vicky Cowley – Strategic Planning Advisor
Barbara Dempsey – Coordinating Executive Group, Waipā District Council
Neil Faulkner – Coordinating Executive Group, New Zealand Police
Will Gauntlett – Coordinating Executive Group, Waikato District Council
Andrew McMillan – Team Leader, National Emergency Management Agency
Tony Quickfall – Coordinating Executive Group, Ōtorohanga District Council
Stevie Ransfield – Coordinating Executive Group, Waikato-Tainui
David Speirs – Coordinating Executive Group, Hauraki District Council
Presley Tari – National Disaster Management Office, Vanuatu
Mark Tinworth – Coordinating Executive Group, Fire and Emergency New Zealand
Aaron Tregoweth – Team Leader, Operational Readiness

Daryl Trim – Coordinating Executive Group, Fire and Emergency New Zealand

Irving Young – Team Leader, Resilience and Recovery

Sheree Findon – Business Support Officer

Brooke Roebeck – Democracy Advisor

Apologies Received:

Mayor Aksel Bech – Waikato District Council

Deputy-Mayor John Grant (*Deputy-Chair, Waikato Emergency Management Committee*) – Thames-Coromandel District Council

Deputy-Mayor Eugene Patterson – Waikato District Council

The contents of these workshop minutes meet all legal requirements. Workshops are not official meetings and do not contain any decisions. They are for discussion purposes only.

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

Recording	Document ID #	YouTube Link
Workshop Recording	38936079	https://youtu.be/5j60q8nKlm8

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Item commenced in recording, at start.

The Committee Chair (Cr Emma Pike) opened the workshop with a karakia.

2 WORKSHOP PAPER**2.1 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2026**

Item commenced in recording at 20 seconds.

Presented by the Strategic Planning Advisor (Vicky Cowley). Refer Document # 38837862 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

12.46pm – Cr Keith Holmes left the meeting.

3 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Item commenced in recording, at 1 hour, 33 minutes and 47 seconds.

The Committee Chair (Cr Emma Pike) closed the workshop with a karakia.

12.47pm – The workshop concluded.