

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

FILE REFERENCE: ECM8626400

MEETING DATE: Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 3pm

VENUE: Civic Centre, Liardet Street, New Plymouth.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Neil Holdom, Councillors Tony Bedford, Sam Bennett, Gordon Brown, David Bublitz, Anneka Carlson, Murray Chong, Amanda Clinton-Gohdes, Harry Duynhoven, Richard Handley, Stacey Hitchcock, Colin Johnston, Richard Jordan, Dinnie Moeahu and Marie Pearce.

NON MEMBERS PRESENT:

Inglewood Community Board members Christine Fabish and Graeme Sykes and Kaitake Community Board member Graham Chard (via Zoom).

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

In person: Craig Stevenson, Julie Straka, Joy Buckingham, Rowan Betts, David Langford, Glenn McLean and Greg Stephens. Via Zoom: Kelvin Wright, David Taylor, Paul Lamb, Mark Hall, Mitchell Dyer, Shawn Scott, Teresa Turner, Helen Barnes, Carol Malpas and Jacqueline Baker.

Deputations

- Kevin Moratti – Ratepayers Alliance (Three Waters Reform)
- Max Brough (Three Waters Reform)
- Greg Mackay (Three Waters Reform)

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

Feedback on the Government's Proposed Three Waters Reforms

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1. The matter for consideration by Council is to outline the Government's current Three Waters Reform proposal, and for Council to provide feedback to the Government on it.
2. This report does not provide an opportunity to make a decision on whether Council supports the Three Waters Reform, whether Council will opt-out of the Three Waters Reform process, nor to make any other decision on the future of water services delivered by Council. Such decisions are legally constrained at present.

Council Resolution

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Bennett)

That having considered all matters raised in the report, Council:

- a) Notes that the Government has announced further details of its Three Waters Reform proposal and the Government has asked local authorities to provide feedback on the proposals by 1 October 2021.

- b) Notes that a decision on whether to attempt to opt in or opt-out of the Three Waters Reform is not lawful at present due to sections 97 and 130 of the Local Government Act 2002, and therefore Council's decision-making at this point is highly constrained.
- c) Notes the information outlined in the report on the Government's proposed Three Waters Reform, including the identified strengths and weaknesses and the potential implications for New Plymouth District Council and the community.
- d) Provides the feedback attached as Appendix 1 to the Government on the proposed Three Waters Reform.
- e) Notes that the Government has signalled territorial authorities will need to decide whether to remove themselves from the Three Waters Reform, however, the Government has reserved the right to legislate in the national interest which could mean that Council is not given an opportunity make a decision.

An amendment was moved:

Cr Hitchcock)

Cr Bublitz)

Amend clause d) to read:

- d) Provides the feedback attached as Appendix 1 to the Government on the proposed Three Waters Reform subject to the inclusion of "we do not expect government to take this feedback as support for this reform. We also expect Government to undertake full select committee process before making any final decisions."

The amendment was Carried

The substantive motion was put and Carried

The hui closed with a karakia at 5.57pm.