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1 The Regional Planning Committee of Hawke's Bay

The Regional Planning Committee was established in 2011. The Hawke's Bay Regional Planning Committee Act came into effect in 2015. The Act established the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) as a joint committee of Hawke's Bay Regional Council.

The purpose of the Act is to improve Tāngata Whenua involvement in the development and review of documents for the Hawke's Bay Region, in keeping with the Resource Management Act 1991.

1.1 Who We Are

The RPC under the Regional Planning Committee Act 2015 comprises 10 Tāngata Whenua representatives and 10 Council-appointed members (who must be Councillors of the Council holding office)¹.

Equal representation enables Tāngata Whenua to undertake their role as kaitiaki of their taonga and ancestral lands, and actively be a part of decision-making in Hawke's Bay. This helps to protect and preserve the interests of Māori regarding the natural environment for future generations.

In the same thread of equal participation, the RPC has two co-chairs: Mr Toro Waaka (Ngāti Pāhauwera) for Tāngata Whenua members, and Regional Council Chair, Mr Rex Graham, elected in October 2016.

Mr Fenton Wilson was the prior co-chair until Local Government elections in October 2016. Only nine elected Regional Councillors hold office, with ten Tāngata Whenua representatives. In September 2016 a representative from Tuhoē Te Uru Taumatua joined the Committee, to a previously vacant seat. Consequently, Council appointed Mr Mike Mohi as a tenth member to maintain equal numbers. Mr Mohi also chairs the Regional Council's Māori Standing Committee.

¹

The 10 Council members are appointed by the Council (who must be councillors holding office), where there is an insufficient number of councillors, such other persons appointed by the Council in accordance with Clause 31(3) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

1 Te Komiti Whakatakoto Mahere ā-Rohe o Te Matau-a-Māui

I whakatūria te Komiti Whakatakoto Mahere ā-Rohe i te tau 2011. Nō te tau 2015 ka whakamanahia te Ture o Te Komiti Whakatakoto Mahere ā-Rohe o Te Matau-a-Māui. Nā te Ture te Komiti Whakatakoto Mahere ā-Rohe (RPC) i whakatū hai komiti tukutahi i te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Te Matau-a-Māui.

Ko tā te Ture e whai nei, he whakapiki i te whai wāhitanga mai o te tangata whenua ki te whakawhanaketanga me te arotakenga o ngā tuhinga mō te rohe o Te Matau-a-Māui, kia ū tonu ai ki te Ture Whakahaere Rawa 1991.

1.1 Ko Wai Mātau?

I raro i te Ture Komiti Whakatakoto Mahere ā-Rohe 2015, tekau ngā kanohi o te tangata whenua, ā, 10 ngā kanohi nā te Kaunihera i kopou o te RPC² (me Kaikaunihera nō te Kaunihera e mahi ana i tēnei wā).

Mā te kanohitanga ōrite e āhei ai te tangata whenua ki te noho i tana tūranga o te kaitiaki o ana taonga me ana whenua tīpuna, ki te whai wāhi anō hoki ki ngā whiriwhiringa i Te Matau-a-Māui. Mā te pēnei e tiakina ai, e penapenatia ai anō hoki ngā pānga o te Māori ki te taiao mō ngā whakatipuranga kai te tū mai.

I runga anō i te whakaaro ki te kanohitanga ōrite, tokorua ngā kaiwhakahaere tukutahi o te RPC, arā ko Mr Toro Waaka (nō Ngāti Pāhauwera) hai kanohi mō te tangata whenua rāua ko Mr Rex Graham, te Kaiwhakahaere o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe, he mea whakatū ia i te marama o Oketopa, i te tau 2016.

Ko Mr Fenton Wilson te kaiwhakahaere tukutahi i mua, tae noa atu ki ngā kōwhiringa Kāwanatanga ā-Rohe i te marama o Oketopa, i te tau 2016. Tokoiwa anake ngā Kaikaunihera ā-Rohe, ā, tekau ngā kanohi o te tangata whenua. I te marama o Hepetema, i te tau 2016 i uru ki te komiti tētahi kanohi nō Tūhoē Te Uru Taumatua, ki te whakakapi i tētahi nohoanga wātea. Me te aha anō, ka kopou a Mr Mike Mohi e te Kaunihera hai kanohi tuangahuru kia ōrite tonu ai ngā taha e rua. Ko Mr Mohi anō hoki te kaiwhakahaere o te Komiti Māori o te Kaunihera ā-Rohe.

He mea kopou ngā kanohi tekau o te Kaunihera e te Kaunihera (me kaikaunihera e mahi ana i tēnei wā nei), ki te kore e rahi ngā kaikaunihera, ka kopou ētahi atu tāngata e te Kaunihera i raro i te Tauākī 31(3) o te Pukapuka Āpiti 7 o te Ture Kāwanatanga ā-Rohe 2002.



Rex Graham, Co-Chair
HBRC Chair & Councillor,
Hastings



Toro Waaka, Co-Chair
Ngāti Pāhauwera
Development Trust



Alan Dick
HBRC Councillor,
Napier



Apiata Tapine
Tatau Tatau o Wairoa



Debbie Hewitt
HBRC Councillor,
Central Hawke's Bay



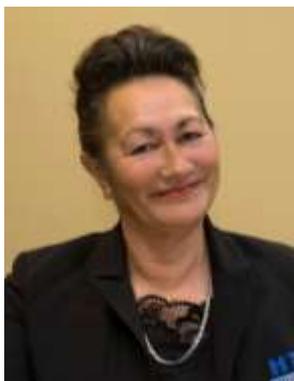
Fenton Wilson
HBRC Councillor,
Wairoa



Joinella Maihi-Carroll
Mana Ahuriri Trust



Karauna Brown
Te Kōpere o te iwi o Hineuru
Trust



Liz Munroe
Heretaunga Tamatea
Settlement Trust



Matiu Heperi Northcroft
Ngāti Tūwharetoa
Hapu Forum Trust



Mike Mohi
Council Appointed Member



Neil Kirton
HBRC Councillor,
Napier



Nicky Kirikiri
Te Toi Kura o
Waikaremoana



Paul Bailey
HBRC Councillor,
Napier



Peter Beaven
HBRC Councillor,
Ngaruroro



Peter Paku
Heretaunga Tamatea
Settlement Trust



Rick Barker
HBRC Councillor
Hastings



Tania Hopmans
Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust



Tom Belford
HBRC Councillor,
Hastings

1.2 The Role of the Committee

The Committee considers matters relating to policy and planning in the management of Hawke’s Bay’s natural resources. The main role of the RPC is to review and consider the development of the Hawke’s Bay Regional Resource Management Plan (the RRMP incorporating the Regional Policy Statement) and the Regional Coastal Environment Plan, prepared under the Resource Management Act. This also includes any variations and changes to these plans as are necessary.

1.2 Te Mahi a te Komiti

Ka whiriwhiri te Komiti i ngā take e pā ana ki te kaupapa here me te whakatakoto mahere i te whakahaeretanga o ngā rawa ā-taiao i Te Matau-a-Māui. Ko te mahi matua a te RPC, he arotake, he whiriwhiri hoki i te whanaketanga o te Mahere Whakahaere Rawa i Te Rohe o Te Matau-a-Māui (me te whakauru a te RRMP i te Tauākī Kaupapa Here ā-Rohe) me te Mahere Taiao Takutai ā-Rohe i whakaritea i raro i te Ture Whakahaere Rawa, tae atu anō hoki ki ngā whakarerekētanga o ēnei mahere.

1.3 How It Works

To make any recommendation, at least three-quarters of Committee members must be present. Currently, the quorum is 14 members of the current membership of 18³. The Committee to achieve a consensus, though individuals can vote for or against proposals on the meeting agenda. If consensus is not possible, at least 80% of those attending the meeting must agree for a proposal to pass, for referral to the full Council. This is a notable difference from typical meetings requiring only a 51% majority.

Once the Committee has made a recommendation to Council on any Regional Plans, any changes proposed by the Council must be referred back to the RPC. Council cannot change a recommendation without first seeking 80% agreement from the Committee. The Committee has a very strong influence on decisions made by the Council on all Plans and Policy Statements made under the Resource Management Act.

1.3 Te Āhua o te Mahi

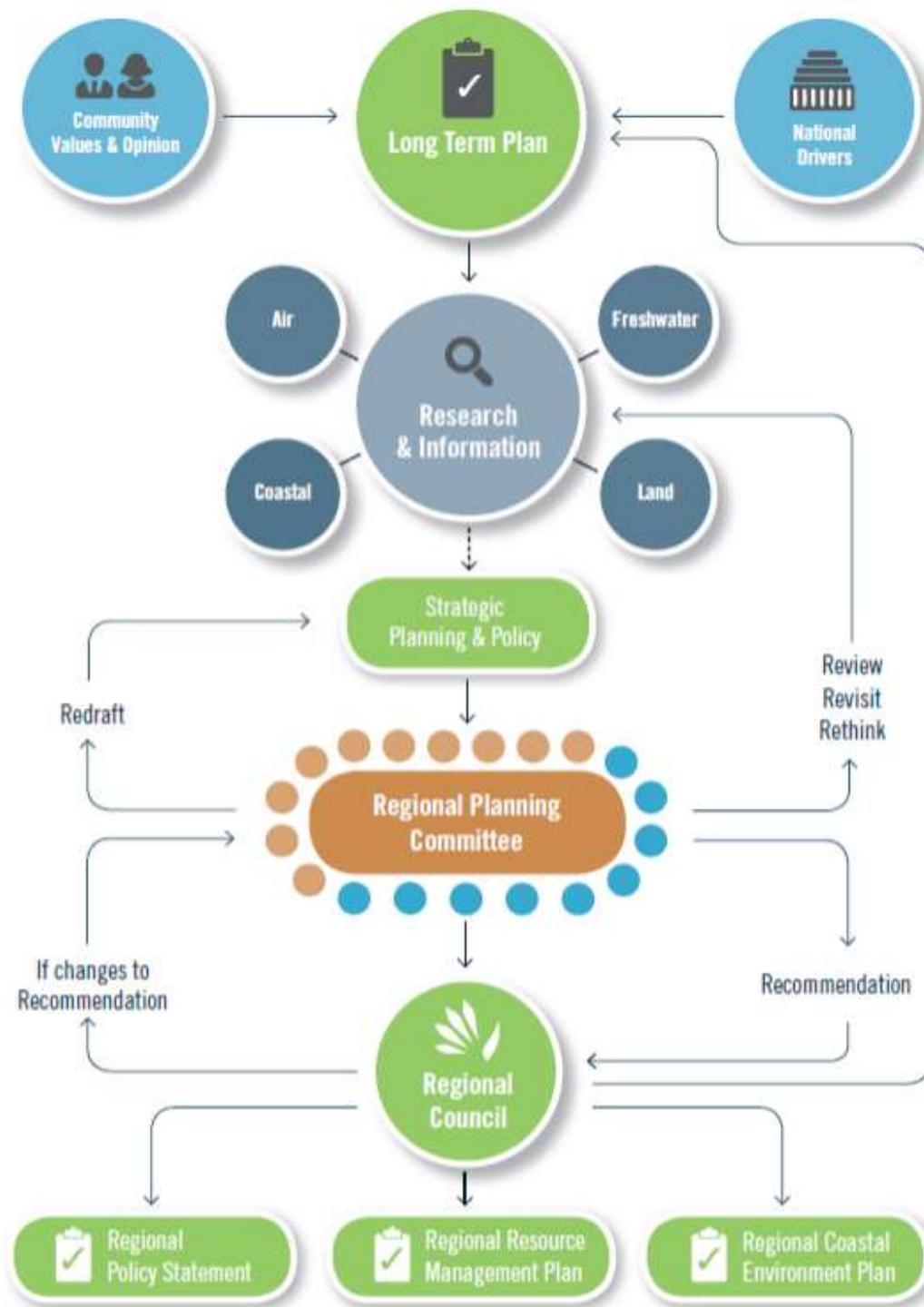
E takoto ai tētahi tūtohutanga me noho mai te nuinga o ngā tāngata o te Komiti. I tēnei wā 14 tāngata te tokamatua o te 18⁴ tāngata e noho ana i te komiti e kotahi ai te whakaaro o te Komiti, engari ka āhei te tangata ki te whakaae, ki te whakahē rānei i ngā marohi kai te rārangi take o te hui. Ki te kore e kotahi te whakaaro, me whakaae te 80% o ērā e noho ana i te hui e mana ai tētahi marohi, kātahi ka tukuna atu ki te Kaunihera katoa. He rerekē noa ake tēnei i ētahi atu hui e kimi noa iho ana i te whakaae a te 51% o ngā tāngata.

Kia oti i te Komiti tētahi tūtohutanga e pā ana ki tētahi o ngā Mahere ā-Rohe te tāpae ki te Kaunihera, me whakahoki atu ki te RPC ngā panonitanga ka marohitia e te Kainihera. Me whakaae rawa te 80% o te Komiti e panoni ai te Kaunihera i tētahi tūtohutanga. Kai te kaha te whakaaweawe a te Komiti i ngā whakatau a te Kaunihera e pā ana ki ngā Mahere katoa me ngā Tauākī ā-Mahere i whakaritea i raro i te Ture Whakahaere Rawa.

3

Tuhoe Te Uru Taumatua opted not to appoint their committee membership position. Consequently, the Council's appointed tenth member does not have full voting rights.

Kāore a Tūhoe Te Uru Taumatua i hiahia ki te kopou i tētahi ki tō rātau tūranga i te komiti. Nō reira, kāore te kanohi tuangahuru i kopoua e te Kaunihera e whaimana ana ki te pōti.



2 FRESHWATER

Discussions, presentations and decisions about freshwater were largely focussed around (but not limited to) the TANK Plan Change, Ngaruroro Water Conservation Order and Outstanding Freshwater Bodies.

2 TE WAI MĀORI

I hāngai ngā whiriwhiringa, ngā whakaaturanga me ngā whakatau mō te wai māori ki te Panonitanga ā-Mahere o TANK (engari kāre i whāiti noa iho ki ēnei kaupapa), te Tono Tiaki Wai o Ngaruroro me Ngā Wai Hōpuapua Matāho.



2.1 TANK – Tutaekuri, Ahuriri, Ngaruroro and Karamu Catchment Plan Change

At the beginning of the year, the Committee approved the publication and release of the Ngaruroro, Tutaekuri, Karamū and Ahuriri catchments – State and Trends of River Water Quality and Ecology 2004-2013. That report was a key publication, initiating the delivery of technical presentations to the Committee and the dissemination of information prepared by staff to inform the policy development behind the TANK Plan Change.

2.1 TANK – Te Panonitanga ā-Mahere o Ngā Rauwiringa Wai o Tūtaekuri, o Ahuriri, o Ngaruroro me Karamū

I te tīmatanga o te tau, i whakamanahia e te Komiti te whakaputanga me te tukutanga o ngā rauwiringa wai o Ngaruroro, o Tūtaekuri, o Karamū me Ahuriri – Te Āhua me te Ahunga o te Kou-wai Awa me te Tapuhi Kaiao 2004-2013. He whakaputanga matua taua pūrongo, nā tērā i tīmata ai ngā whakaaturanga ki te Komiti me te tītaritanga o ngā mōhiōhio i whakaritea mai e ngā kaimahi hai ārahi i te whanaketanga o te kaupapa here e noho ana hai whāriki mo te Panonitanga ā-Mahere o TANK.

The RPC considered the report 'Estuaries of the TANK Catchments: Ahuriri and Waitangi Estuaries Values, State and Trends'. This report was prepared to inform the policy development and wider TANK Group around the state and trends that may impact the desired values for these areas, summarising water and sediment quality, ecology and habitat aspects of the Ahuriri and Waitangi estuaries. The Committee noted with concern the findings of the Ahuriri and Waitangi Estuaries Values, State and Trends report, regarding elevated suspended sediment and turbidity, a highly eutrophic state and elevated nutrient concentrations.

As a consequence staff were tasked to urgently prepare a report summarising current and planned HBRC scientific and management activities relating to the estuaries, detailing expenditure over the coming three-year period and providing a full plan of costings to implement the recommendations made in the report.

The Committee requested that staff prepare an assessment of all resource consenting and compliance management issues affecting the estuaries, including options to change the RRMP for improved management of resource consenting processes. This work is ongoing.

The Council has also listed the Ahuriri Estuary as one of its six 'hotspots' for targeted funding in its \$1Million kick-start clean-up fund through the Annual Plan 2017-18.

2.2 Clean Water Reforms

In February 2017, the Government announced a suite of further freshwater reforms, including new policy to improve "swimmability", stock exclusion regulations, further procedural and monitoring requirements on regional councils and the announcement of a Freshwater Improvement Fund. Staff, incorporating changes requested by Tāngata Whenua, prepared a draft submission on behalf of the RPC. Following the Committee's direction, a final submission was sent to the Ministry for the Environment.

I tirohia e te RPC te pūrongo o te 'Ngā Wahapū o te Ngā Rauwiringa Wai o TANK: Ngā Uara, Te Āhua me Te Ahunga o Ngā Wahapū o Ahuriri me Waitangi'. He mea whakarite tēnei pūrongo hai ārahi i te whanaketanga o te kaupapa here me te Rōpū whānui o TANK e pā ana ki te āhua me ngā ahunga ka pā pea ki ngā uara o ēnei wāhi e wawatahia ana, ā, i whakarāpopotohia te kounga o te wai me te waipara, me ngā āhuatanga e pā ana ki te tapuhi kaiao me te puni kaiao o ngā wahapū o Ahuriri me Waitangi. I māharahara te Komiti ki ngā putanga o te pūrongo o Ngā Uara, Te Āhua me Te Ahunga o Ngā Wahapū o Ahuriri me Waitangi, arā te pikinga o te waipara pōteretere, te koehutanga o te wai me te pikinga hoki o ngā whakamōmona.

Nō reira, ka riro i ngā kaimahi te kawenga ki te whakarite wawe i tētahi pūrongo e whakarāpopoto ana i ngā mahi whakahaere, i ngā mahi pūtaiao hoki a te HBRC ināianei me ērā kua whakaritea e pā ana ki ngā wahapū, e whakamārama ana i ngā whakapaunga pūtea mō ngā tau e toru e tū mai nei me te whakatakoto māi i tētahi mahere utu kia whakatinanahia ai ngā tūtohutanga i takoto i te pūrongo.

I tono te Komiti kia whakaritea e ngā kaimahi tētahi aromatawai i ngā take whakaaetanga rawa me ngā take whakahaere ngātahi ka pā ki ngā wahapū, me te tāpiri anō hoki i ētahi whiringa kia taea ai te RRMP te whakarerekē kia pai ake ai te whakahaeretanga o ngā tukanga whakaaetanga rawa. Kai te haere tonu tēnei mahi.

Kua kīia hoki e te Kaunihera ko te Wahapū o Ahuriri tētahi o ngā 'wāhi whāiti' e ono ka whiwhi i ngā pūtea matawhāiti o te tahua whakapaipai \$1Miriona tāra mā te Mahere ā-Tau 2017-18.

2.2 Ngā Whakatikahanga Wai Mā

I te marama o Pepuere, i te tau 2017 i pānuitia e te Kāwanatanga ētahi atu whakatikahanga wai māori, i tāpiri ki ēnei ngā kaupapa here hou hai whakatika i te wai "kia kauria ai te wai", ngā ture taiapa kararehe me ētahi atu tikanga whakarite, aroturuki anō hoki hai whai mā ngā kaunihera ā-rohe, ā, i pānuitia hoki te Tahua Whakapai Wai Māori. Nā ngā kaimahi i whakauru ngā panonitanga i tonoa e te tangata whenua i whakarite tētahi tāpaetanga hukihuki nā te RPC. I muri māi i ngā tohutohu a te Komiti, ka tukuna tētahi tāpaetanga whakamutunga ki te Te Manatū mō te Taiao.

2.3 Freshwater Improvement Fund

Two members of the Committee assisted in the preparation of applications made to the Freshwater Improvement Fund. Four applications were submitted by HBRC, totalling just under \$6.5 million over three years for the Tukituki catchment, and over five years for Whakaki Lake, Ahuriri Estuary and Lake Tūtira to a proposed amount of \$14.5 million.

2.4 WCO – Ngaruroro and Clive River Water Conservation Order Application

In December 2015, five parties lodged an application with the Minister for the Environment for a Water Conservation Order over the Ngaruroro and Clive Rivers. In May 2017 the Minister appointed five people to a Special Tribunal to hear that application. The Co-chairs wrote to the Minister’s Special Tribunal outlining concerns about the WCO application proceeding alongside the TANK Group’s 30-member undertaking to develop the TANK Plan Change. The Committee also agreed that the TANK Group should be advised of the submission recommendations and make the submission publicly available once finalised.

2.5 OFWB – Outstanding Freshwater Bodies

In 2014, the Government revised the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPSFM) as part of a nationwide approach to manage freshwater. One requirement is that the overall quality of freshwater is maintained or improved while protecting the significant values of outstanding freshwater bodies. The RPC supported the identification of OFWB in Hawke’s Bay via a dedicated plan change.

To be classed as outstanding, a waterbody must contain at least one value, which stands out from the rest on a national basis. A waterbody is deemed ‘outstanding’ due to its ecological, cultural, recreational, landscape and spiritual values. The Committee worked together with staff to design the methodology for identifying Outstanding Freshwater Bodies. Much of the Committee’s work will be based on earlier work undertaken by this Council, Auckland Council and the Ministry for the Environment attempting to develop a methodology for identifying the country’s outstanding freshwater bodies.

2.3 Te Tahua Whakapai Wai Māori

Nā ētahi tāngata tokorua o te Komiti i āwhina ki te whakarite i ngā tono ki te Tahua Whakapai Wai Māori. E whā ngā ngā tono i tukuna e te HBRC, i raro paku iho i te \$6.5 miriona tāra te tapeke o aua tono e whā mō ngā tau e toru mō ngā rauwiringa wai o Tukituki, ā, neke atu i te rima tau mō te roto o Whakakī, te wahapū o Ahuriri me te roto o Tūtira, ā, hui katoa ka eke te nui o te pūtea i marohitia ai ki te \$14.5 miriona tāra.

2.4 WCO – Te Tono Tiaki Wai o ngā awa o Ngaruroro me Clive

I te marama o Tihema, i te tau 2015, i tuku tono ētahi rōpū e rima ki te Minita o te Taiao, he Tono Tiaki Wai i ngā awa o Ngaruroro me Clive. I te marama o Mei, i te tau 2017 i kopoua e te Minita ētahi tāngata tokorima ki tētahi Taraipūnara Motuhake ki te whakarongo ki tērā tono. Nā ngā Kaiwhakahaere tukutahi i tuhi ki te Taraipūnara Motuhake a te Minita me te āta tautuhi i ngā māharahara mō te tono WCO e tukituki ana i te whāinga a ngā tāngata e toru tekau o te Rōpū TANK ki te whakawhanake i te Panonitanga ā-Mahere o TANK. I whakaae anō te Komiti me whakamōhio atu ngā tūtohutanga o te tono ki te Rōpū TANK, ā, kia oti noa me whakawātea tūmatawhānui hoki te tono.

2.5 OFWB – Ngā Wai Hōpuapua Matāho

I te tau 2014, i whakahou te Kāwanatanga i te Tauākī Kaupapa Here ā-Motu mō te Whakahaeretanga o te Wai Māori (NPSFM), he wāhi tēnei nō te whai a te motu ki te whakahaere i te wai māori. Ko tētahi o ngā whakaritenga me penapena me whakapai ake rānei te kōunga o te wai māori me te tiaki anō hoki i ngā uara nui o ngā wai hōpuapua matāho. I takoto te tautoko a te RPC i te tautuhinga o te OFWB i Te Matau-a-Māui i roto te panonitanga ā-mahere.

E kīia ai te wai he wai matāho, me whai rawa taua wai i tētahi uara, e rerekē ai taua wai i ērā atu puta noa i te motu. Ka kīia te wai he wai matāho nā ngā uara ā-tapuhi kaiao, ā-ahurea, ā-mahi pārekareka, ā-horanuku, ā-wairua anō hoki. I mahi ngātahi te Komiti me ngā kaimahi ki te whakarite i te tikanga hai tautuhi i ngā Wai Hōpuapua Matāho. Ka hāngai te nuinga o tā te Komiti mahi ki ngā mahi o mua a tēnei Kaunihera, Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki-makau-rau me Te Manatū mō te Taiao e ngana ana ki te whakarite tikanga hai tautuhi i ngā wai māori matāho o te motu.

3 COAST

3.1 State of the Hawke’s Bay Coastal Environment

The Committee approved the publication and release of the State of the Hawke’s Bay Coastal Environment: 2008-2013 report early in the year. This is the first report documenting the findings of the HBRC’s coastal State of Environment monitoring programme. It found that the majority of the environments is good with stable trends with a few key exceptions. These are: an increasing muddiness at all estuarine monitoring sites, with an associated reduction in sediment-sensitive taxa (i.e. a deteriorating biological response); a 20% deteriorating trend in faecal contamination for recreational water quality monitoring sites, compared with 4% that showed an improving trend; and, industrial and urban contamination evident around slipways in Napier Inner Harbour and near a stormwater outlet in Ahuriri Harbour. The report highlighted that the most pressing issue for Hawkes Bay’s coastal environments are associated with rainfall events carrying sediments and faecal matter to the coastal environment.

3.2 New Zealand Petroleum & Minerals Proposed Block Offer 2017

The Committee co-chairs worked with staff to finalise comments for lodging on New Zealand Petroleum & Mineral’s Proposed Block Offer 2017. This submission was similar to previous years Proposed Block offers, registering the Council’s objection and requesting a proposed block exclusion including acreage inside the Council’s RMA marine planning jurisdiction. Unfortunately, the Minister largely ignored this request.

The Minister’s response has had a strong influence on the Committee exploring options for increased regulation of oil and gas exploration activities in parts of the region (see Land – Oil and Gas Regulation for more detail).

3 TE TAKUTAI

3.1 Te Āhua o te Taiao Takutai o Te Matau-a-Māui

I whakamanahia e te Komiti te whakaputanga me te tukutanga o te pūrongo o Te Āhua o te Taiao Takutai o Te Matau-a-Māui: 2008-2013 i te tīmatanga o te tau. Ko te pūrongo tuatahi tēnei e whakakite ana i ngā putanga o te kaupapa aroturuki a te HBRC i Te Āhua o te Taiao Takutai. Ko tāna i kite ai, kai te pai te nuinga o ngā taiao, ā, e pūmau ana ngā ahunga, hāunga ētahi, arā, te pikinga o te paruparu i ngā wāhi aroturuki wahapū katoa, me te aha, kua heke te tātahi hono waipara-rauangi (arā, te tauheketanga o te koiiora); he tauheketanga e 20% o ngā tāhawahawatanga ā-tūtae i ngā wāhi aroturuki i te kou-wai mahi pārekareka, he pikinga tēnā i te 4%; ā, e mārāma ana te kite i te tāhawahawatanga ā-ahumahi, ā-tāone anō hoki i ngā whakarewanga waka i te whanga o Ahuriri, i te takiwā hoki o tētahi putanga wai āwhā i te whanga o Ahuriri. Hai tā te pūrongo ko te take nui whakaharahara e pā ana ki te taiao takutai o Te Matau-a-Māui ko ngā hekenga ua e kawē ana i te waipara me te tūtae ki ngā takutai.

3.2 Te Tāpaetanga Aukati i te Hinemata me te Kohuke i Aotearoa 2017

I mahi ngātahi ngā kaiwhakahaere tukutahi me ngā kaimahi ki te whakaoti i ngā kōrero hai tuku ki te Tāpaetanga Aukati i te Hinemata me te Kohuke i Aotearoa 2017. I rite te tāpaetanga ki ngā tāpaetanga aukati o mua atu, e whakaatu ana i te whakahē a te Kaunihera me tā rātau tonu kia hiki te aukati me te whakamāmā i te mana whakahaere ki roto i te RMA a te Kaunihera i roto i ngā mahi whakatakoto mahere ā-takutai.

I kaha whakaaweawe te whakahoki a te Minita i te Komiti i a rātau e tiroiro ana i ngā whiringa e kaha ake ai te waeturetanga o te mahinga hinu me te mahinga kapuni i roto i te rohe (mō ētahi atu whakamārama tirohia Whenua – Te Whakature i te Hinu me te Kapuni).



4 LAND

4.1 Oil and Gas Regulation

A noteworthy topic for consideration by the Regional Planning Committee this year was the agreement to draft a Plan Change to increase regulation of oil and gas exploration activities in parts of the region.

The Committee agreed to explore options for a plan change to prohibit oil and gas exploration activities in productive aquifers, aquifer recharge zones and surface water bodies.

In its deliberations, the Committee agreed to progress drafting the plan change based on preliminary draft legal advice that indicated the Council does have the authority to prohibit specific activities under the RMA, if it has clear, robust justification and evidence to do so. This is a work in progress into the 2017/18 period.

4.2 GMOs – Genetically Modified Organisms

The Committee received a report summarising the key legal issues associated with placing a ban on the outdoor release of GMOs throughout Hawke’s Bay. The report noted no prior approval by the Environmental Protection Authority for the commercial release of a genetically modified crop, plant or animal. The only releases have been for veterinary medicine and human medicines. A ban on the release of GMOs would require a legislative change by the Government or an amendment to regional plans, not simply a resolution of the Council.

The report highlighted that proceeding with a regional plan change to prohibit the release of GMOs in Hawke’s Bay currently would be an imprudent use of Council’s finances and staffing resources. There is no imminent threat of a GMO being released in New Zealand, with several court proceedings pending in other parts of the country that may yet pave the way to further legal clarity.

Consequently, the Committee indicated its intention to explore a precautionary approach to GMO introduction in the region, if the Supreme Court confirms regional councils have authority to take regulatory action under the RMA.

4 TE WHENUA

4.1 Te Waeturetanga o te Hinu me te Kapuni

Ko tētahi kaupapa whaitake hai manatu mā te Komiti Whakatakoto Mahere ā-rohe i tēnei tau ko te whakaaetanga kia tuhia tētahi Panonitanga ā-Mahere ki te whakakaha i te waeturetanga o te mahinga hinu me te mahinga kapuni i roto i te rohe.

I whakaae te Komiti ki te titiro i ngā whiringa panonitanga ā-mahere hai rāhui i te mahinga hinu me te mahinga kapuni i roto i ngā apa-wai whaihua, i ngā wāhi whakapakari apa-wai me ngā wai hōpuapua.

I roto i ngā whiriwhiringa i whakaae te Komiti ki te kōkiri i te tuhinga o te panitanga ā-mahere i runga i ngā tohutohu ture hukihuki tōmua e mea ana kai te Kaunihera te mana ki te rāhui i ētahi mahinga i raro i te RMA, mēnā rā he taunakitanga he tikanga mārama anō hoki āna ki te pēnā. Kai te whakatutuki tonuatia tēnei mahi, ā, ka haere tonu i te tau 2017/18.

4.2 GMOs – Ngā Rauropi kua Rawekehia ā-Irahia

I roto i te Komiti tētahi pūrongo e whakarāpopoto ana i ngā take ā-ture matua e pā ana ki te whakatakoto rāhui i te tukutanga ā-wahotanga o te GMO puta noa i Te Mataua-Māui. Hai tā te pūrongo kāre he whakaaetanga i mua atu nā te Manatū Tiaki Taiao mō te tukunga arumonitanga o te māra, o te tipu, o te kararehe rānei kua rawekehia ā-irahia. Kāre kau he tukutanga i tua atu i te rongoā kararehe me te rongoā tangata. Me whakarerekē te Kāwanatanga i te ture, me whakatika rānei ngā mahere ā-rohe e mana ai te rāhui i te tukutanga o ngā GMO, kāre e taea noatia e te Kaunihera te whakatika.

Hai tā te pūrongo kai te whakamahia mākūwaretia ngā pūtea me ngā tāngata o te Kaunihera ki te panonihia te mahere ā-rohe kia rāhuitia ai te tukutanga o ngā GMO i Te Mataua-Māui. Kāre e tukuna tētahi GMO i Aotearoa i roto i te wā poto e tū mai nei, mā ngā whakataunga ā-kōti e tārewa tonu ana i ētahi atu takiwā o te motu pea e mārama ake ai te āhua o te ture.

Nō reira, i whakaputa te Komiti i tōna whakaaro ki te titiro i tētahi huarahi haumaruru o te whakauru i te GMO ki te rohe, ki te whakaae te Kōti Matua kai ngā kaunihera ā-rohe te mana ki te mahi whakariterite i raro i te RMA.

4.3 HPUDS – Heretaunga Plains Urban Development Strategy

The Committee received an Overview and Review Process update. This gave a recap of the original strategy adopted in 2010 and an update on the 2016 review of HPUDS overseen by a joint-council Implementation Working Group.

The purpose of the review was to adapt the strategy to changing conditions and market forces since HPUDS was first adopted. The key action for HBRC arising from the 2010 strategy was to update the Regional Policy Statement to incorporate the key principles and directives that emerged. That has been actioned.

In early 2017, Hastings District, Napier City and Hawke's Bay Regional Councils adopted the revised HPUDS strategy.

4.4 OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development) Environmental Performance Review & Public Perception Survey of New Zealand Environment 2016

Both these reports were presented to the Committee (and the Environment & Services Committee) for information. The perspective was expressed that Māori are generally more concerned about environmental issues than other New Zealanders. The staff report highlighted that the work being carried out by the Council is highly consistent with OECD recommendations, particularly relative to water management, collaborative decision-making, the involvement of Tāngata Whenua in the management of natural resources, and the area of public transport and climate change.

The Committee considered it appropriate that the Council write to the American Embassy and Minister of Climate Change to express concern regarding USA withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accord.

4.3 HPUDS – Te Rautaki Whakawhanake Tāone i Ngā Mānia o Heretaunga

I riro i te Komiti he kōrero mō te Tirohanga Whānui me te Tukanga Arotake. I roto rā anō hoki ētahi kōrero mō te rautaki ake i hāpaitia i te tau 2010 me te arotakenga o te HPUDS i te tau 2016, he mea whakahaere e tētahi Rōpū Whakatinana e mahi ngātahi ana me te kaunihera.

Mai i te wā i hāpaitia ai a te HPUDS, ko tā te arotake, he whakahāngai i te rautaki ki ngā āhuatanga e huri ana me ngā ākinga hokohoko. Ko te mahi matua mā te HBRC i muri mai i te rautaki o te tau 2010, ko te whakahou i te Tauākī Kaupapa Here ā-rohe kia uru mai ai ngā mātāpono me ngā tohutohu matua i puta mai. Kua mahia tēnā.

Nō te tīmatanga o te tau 2017 ka hāpaitia e te rohe o Heretaunga, e te tāone o Ahuriri me ngā Kaunihera ā-rohe o Te Matau-a-Māui te rautaki i whakahouhia, arā te HPUDS.

4.4 OECD (Whakahaere i te Whanaketanga me te Mahi Ngātahi ā-Ōhanga) Arotake o ngā Mahinga Taiao & Puka uiui i tā te Marea Titiro ki te Taiao o Aotearoa 2016

I tāpaetia ēnei pūrongo e rua hai mōhiohia mā te Komiti (me te Komiti Taiao, Ratonga anō hoki). I puta te whakaaro mō te nui o ō te Māori whakaaro ki te taiao, nui ake i ō ētahi atu o Aotearoa. Hai tā te pūrongo kaimahi, e tino hāngai ana ngā mahi e kawea ana e te Kaunihera ki ngā tūtohutanga a te OECD, arā te whakahaeretanga o te wai, te whakatau ngātahi, te whai wāhitanga o te tangata whenua ki te whakahaeretanga o ngā rawa ā-taiao, ngā waka tūmatanui me te huringa o te āhuarangi.

Hai tā te Komiti e tika ana kia tuhi atu te Kaunihera ki te Kāinga Māngai Kāwanatanga o Amerika me te Minita o te Huringa o te Āhuarangi ki te whakaputa i ngā māharahara mō te unuhanga o Te Hononga o Amerika i te Kirimana Āhuarangi o Parī.

5 TĀNGATA WHENUA

5.1 Tāngata Whenua representation on Council Standing Committees

For many years now, the Council has invited two members from the Māori Committee onto each of the Council's two major Standing Committees – the Environment and Services, and Corporate and Strategic committees. The appointees have held both speaking and voting rights. With the emergence of the Regional Planning Committee Act in 2015, the Council now supports one appointed Tāngata Whenua member of the RPC and one appointed member of the Māori Committee being members on each of those Standing Committees. This required an amendment to the membership in the Terms of Reference for the Corporate and Strategic, and the Environment and Services Committees. This now means that the Treaty Partnership entities have a voice at the table discussing wider issues around environmental management and core strategic business of the Hawkes Bay Regional Council.

5.2 Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII)

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII) were contracted to conduct research to translate Mana Whenua values to attributes of the Ngaruroro Awa. Consequently NKII developed and presented Translating Mana Whenua values to Attributes for the Ngaruroro Awa to the Committee in September 2016. This work assists the Council and the TANK Group to make choices about how best to manage land and water resources in the Greater Heretaunga and Ahuriri catchment area.

5.3 Independent Advisory Services

In 2016, the Council contracted Billy Brough and Riki Ellison as independent advisors to Tāngata Whenua representatives. These two advisors have worked with Tāngata Whenua representatives and council staff to improve information and advice being presented to the Committee. For example, the Outstanding Freshwater Bodies report presented to the Committee in June was co-authored by Billy Brough and senior council planning staff. The independent advisor roles will be reviewed in late 2017.

5 TE TĀNGATA WHENUA

5.1 Te Kanohitanga o te Tangata Whenua i ngā Komiti o te Kaunihera

Kua hia tau te Kaunihera e tono ana i ngā tāngata tokorua nō te Komiti Māori ki ngā Komiti Whakahaere matua e rua o te Kaunihera, arā te Komiti Taiao, Ratonga anō hoki me te me te Komiti Rangatōpū, Rautaki hoki. Kua wātea ērā i kopoua ki te kōrero me te pōti. Nō te putanga o te Ture Komiti Whakatakoto Mahere ā-Rohe i te tau 2015, kua huri te Kaunihera ki te tautoko i tētahi tangata nō te tangata whenua o te RPC me tētahi tangata i kopoua nō te Komiti Māori kia tū hai kanohi i aua Komiti Whakahaere e rua. Kia taea ai tēnei i whakatikahia te whakaurutanga i roto i Ngā Tikanga mō te Komiti Rangatōpū, Rautaki hoki me te Komiti Taiao, Ratonga hoki. Ināianei, kua mana te reo o ērā e whakatinana ana i te Mahi Ngātahitanga i raro i Te Tiriti ki te whiriwhiri i ngā take whānui e pā ana ki te whakahaeretanga o te taiao me ngā mahi matua a te Kaunihera ā-rohe o Te Matau-a-Māui.

5.2 Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII)

I kirimanatia a Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII) ki te rangahau me te whakamāori i ngā uara o te Mana Whenua ki ngā rauwiringa wai o te awa o Ngaruroro, ā, nā NKII i whakarite, i whakaatu hoki ki te Komiti i te marama o Hepetema, i te tau 2016 te Whakamāoritanga o ngā Uara Mana Whenua ki ngā Rauwiringa Wai o te awa o Ngaruroro. Mā tēnei mahi e āwhina te Kaunihera me te Rōpū o TANK i roto i ngā whakatau mō te whakahaeretanga o te whenua me ngā rawa ā-wai i ngā rauwiringa wai o te rohe whānui o Heretaunga me Ahuriri.

5.3 Ngā Ratonga Kaitohutohu Motuhake

I te tau 2016, i kirimanahia e te Kaunihera a Billy Brough rāua ko Riki Ellison hai kaitohutohu motuhake i ngā kanohi o te tangata whenua. Kua mahi ēnei kaitohutohu i te taha o ngā kanohi o te tangata whenua me ngā kaimahi o te kaunihera ki te whakapai i ngā mōhiotanga me ngā tohutohu e whakaaturia ana ki te Komiti. Hai tauira, nā Billy Brough rātau ko ngā kaimahi whakatakoto mahere matua o te kaunihera i tuhi te pūrongo o Wai Hōpuapua Matāho i whakaaturia ki te Komiti i te marama o Hune. Ka arotakehia ngā tūranga kaitohutohu motuhake hai te mutunga o te tau 2017.



6 THE YEAR AHEAD | TE TAU E TŪ MAI NEI

Long Term Plan Strategy and Planning Activity Te Rautaki Mahere Pae Tawhiti me ngā Mahinga	Calendar Year Te Rātaka					
	16	17	18	19	20	21
Outstanding Freshwater Bodies Plan Change Te Panonitanga ā-Mahere Wai Hōpuapua Matāho						
Mohaka Plan Change Te Panonitanga ā-Mahere o Mōhaka						
Tutaekuri Ahuriri Ngaruroro Karamu (TANK) Plan Change Te Panonitanga ā-Mahere o Tūtaekuri, o Ahuriri, o Ngaruroro me Karamu (TANK)						
Review of the Regional Resource Management Plan Te Arotakenga o te Mahere Whakahaere Rawa ā-Rohe						
Other Catchment Plan changes (including Tūtira, Wairoa) Ētahi atu panonitanga ki ngā Mahere Rauwiringa Wai (arā a Tūtira me Wairoa)						
Coastal Hazard Zone Plan Change if required Te Panonitanga ki te Mahere Wāhi Mōrearea ā-Takutai						
Regional Coastal Environment Plan (RCEP) Review/Plan Change Te Arotakenga/Panonitanga o Te Mahere Taiao Takutai ā-Rohe (RCEP)						
Oil and Gas Plan Change Te Panonitanga o Te Mahere Hinu me te Kapuni						

	Policy Development	Whanaketanga Kaupapa Here
	Notification to decision (assumes 2 years)	Te putanga o te whakatau (ka 2 tau pea)
	Appeal on decisions (assumes 2 years)	Te pīratanga o ngā whakatau (ka 2 tau pea)

In addition to the prescribed activities in the Long Term Plan there are a number of projects which are also being developed, often as a consequence of new National direction, legislation or environmental response. For instance in the 2016-17 year and the following year the following projects are being developed and considered;

- Involvement in the Ngaruroro Water Conservation Order proceedings
- Finalising Regional Planning Committee Term of Reference post-Regional Planning Committee Act
- Understanding and responding to recent amendments to RMA and increasing central government direction such (but not limited to) the NES-Plantation Forestry and NPS for Freshwater Management.

Arā ētahi atu kaupapa e whakawhanakehia ana hai tāpiri atu ki ngā mahi kua tautuhia i te Mahere Pae Tawhiti, i te nuinga o te wā ka puta ēnei i ngā ahunga hou o te Kāwanatanga, i ngā whāinga ā-ture, ā-taiao rānei. Hai tauira, i te tau 2016-17 me te tau i muri mai ka whakawhanakehia ngā kaupapa e whai ake nei;

- Te whai wāhitanga atu ki te Tono Tiaki Wai o Ngaruroro Water
- Te whakaoti i Ngā Tikanga Ārahi i te Komiti Whakatakoto Māhere ā-Rohe, i muri mai i te whakamanatanga o te Ture Komiti Whakatakoto Mahere ā-Rohe
- Te whakamārama me te whakautu i ngā whakatikahanga ki te RMA, me te tohutohu i te whakahaere pēnei i te (engari kāre e whāiti noa ana ki ēnei) NES-Plantation Forestry me te NPS mō te Whakahaeretanga o te Wai Māori.