

Environment Committee

Terms of Reference

Adopted by resolution of Hawke's Bay Regional Council on 12 November 2025

Purpose and area of scope

The Environment Committee (ENV) will have governance oversight of the organisation's delivery of its strategic priorities. It will provide advice and report back to Council on issues with the implementation of:

- Environmental regulation and protection
- Flood resilience – reducing flood risk in Hawke's Bay
- Water Security
- Land management – soil conservation, biosecurity and biodiversity.

Responsibilities

The Committee will receive and consider:

1. Policy

- 1.1 carbon reduction and climate change adaptation and mitigation policies and strategies developed to guide the establishment of work plans
- 1.2 policies with regard to Council responsibilities and involvement in flood protection and drainage
- 1.3 policies with regard to Council's responsibilities for biosecurity and biodiversity
- 1.4 policies, strategies, and by-laws and compliance and enforcement programmes relating to maritime and navigational safety under the Maritime Transport Act.

2. Environmental monitoring and research

- 2.1 environmental monitoring strategies and research and investigation programmes, including the State of the Environment Reports.
- 2.2 technical reports on the findings of research and investigations into the impact of activities on the receiving environments and recommend to Council the development of new policy frameworks based on such information.

3. Implementation

- 3.1 management plans or any similar such documents for the effective implementation of environmental enhancement and improvement programmes.
- 3.2 periodically review the effectiveness of Council's non-regulatory resource management work programmes within the ambit of the Committee and make recommendations to Council for any changes.
- 3.3 where appropriate, consider biosecurity and biodiversity initiatives, proposals for new or expansion of existing open spaces and regional parks.
- 3.4 reporting from the community about environmental activities and initiatives.

4. Financial authority

- 4.1 Consider possible financial implications of specific environmental work programmes or initiatives within the financial boundaries set in the Long Term Plan.

5. Authority to act

The Environment Committee is delegated, by Council, all powers necessary to perform the Committee's responsibilities, within the boundaries set in the Long Term Plan, including:

- 5.1 the establishment of sub-committees or working groups for the purpose of progressing issues impacting on the delivery of Council's:
- Environmental regulation and protection
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Members: All councillors, being: Thompson Hokianga, Neil Kirton, Tony Kuklinski, Jock Mackintosh, Michelle McIlroy, Hinewai Ormsby, Louise Parsons, Di, Roadley, Sophie Siers, Jerf van Beek and Conrad Waitoa

Advisory members: Māori Committee representative: t.b.c.
Non-voting members with full speaking rights. Regional Planning Committee representative: t.b.c.

Chair: A member of the Committee as appointed by the Council being: Di Roadley

Deputy Chair: A member of the Committee as appointed by the Council being: Tony Kuklinski

Meeting frequency: Three times per year or as required by Council.

Executive staff: Group Manager Asset Management
Group Manager Integrated Catchment Management
Group Manager Policy & Regulation