

# Confirmed Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 25 September 2025

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council  
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 9.31am

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## Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)  
Councillor Duthie (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Connelly  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Nash  
Councillor Ponter (until 10.00am, and from 11.14am until 11.40am)  
Councillor Ropata  
Councillor Saw (from 9.35am until 11.00am, and from 11.16am)  
Councillor Staples (until 10.47am)  
Councillor Woolf

Barbie Barton

Councillors Saw, Staples and Woolf participated at the meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25A of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Councillor Ponter participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams from 9.31am until 10.00am, and in person from 11.14am until 11.40am.

## Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

## Public Business

### 1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Connelly

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillors Bassett, Kirk-Burnnand and Laban.

The motion was **carried**.

## **2 Declarations of conflicts of interest**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

## **3 Public participation**

Ben Bruno and Mark Ratcliff, Mainland Island Restoration Operation, spoke about a large scale pest control operation in a key native ecosystem in East Harbour Regional Park. A presentation was tabled.

Councillor Saw joined the meeting at 9.35am, during the above presentation.

Jonathan Ravens, Friends of Belmont Regional Park, spoke on the proposed land swap in Belmont Regional Park and the need to protect the ecosystem.

Councillor Ponter left the meeting at 10.00am, during the above presentation.

Sue Kefali Pattinson spoke to agenda item 6 – Annual Floodplain Management Plan Implementation – Report 25.274.

Stephen Pattinson spoke to agenda item 6 – Annual Floodplain Management Plan Implementation – Report 25.274.

## **4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 28 August 2025 – Report 25.344**

Moved: Cr Duthie / Cr Nash

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 28 August 2025 – Report 25.344.

The motion was **carried**.

## **5 Annual Flood Asset Management Report – Report 25.271**

Lucy Ashford, Team Leader Assets and Performance, and Hamish Fenwick, Team Leader Flood Operations Delivery, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Lee

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that overall, the proportion of assets in Very Good to Moderate condition remains high. There has been a slight decline in the condition of assets, however the approval of the Long-Term Plan provides an increased level of funding and resources over the next 10 years to mitigate and reverse this decline.

- 2 Agrees that the major flood protection and erosion control infrastructure assets across the Greater Wellington region have been managed satisfactorily to the agreed Levels of Service in the 2024/25 financial year.
- 3 Notes that identified priority issues are being addressed through maintenance and improvement work programmes.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Staples left the meeting at 10.47am during questions on the above item.

**Noted:** The Committee asked for future reporting to include summary tables showing a breakdown of the state of assets and including actions and timing for addressing those in critical condition.

**6 Annual Floodplain Management Plan Implementation Report – Report 25.274** [For Information]

Jacky Cox, Manager Infrastructure, Assets and Support, spoke to the report.

The meeting adjourned at 11.00am and resumed at 11.14am.

Councillor Ponter was present when the meeting resumed. Councillor Saw was not present when the meeting resumed.

**7 Donald’s and Abbots Creeks Flood Hazard Maps – Report 25.404**

Francie Morrow, Team Leader Knowledge – Water Resilience, and Kirsty Duff, Senior Engineer, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Duthie / Cr Nash

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that the flood hazard maps have been developed in accordance with Greater Wellington’s Flood Hazard Modelling Standard.
- 2 Endorses the Donald’s and Abbots Creeks flood hazard maps.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Saw joined the meeting at 11.16am, during questions on the above item.

**8 Resource Management Reform – Short Term Implications – Report 25.429** [For Information]

Matt Hickman, Principal Advisor Strategy, Policy and Regulation, and Carl Chenery, Principal Advisor Te Tiriti, spoke to the report.

**9 Review of the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme – Report 25.450** [For Information]

Pete Huggins, Catchment Manager – Ruamāhanga, and Nora Moore, Partnerships Manager, spoke to the report.

An updated Attachment 2 to the report was tabled.

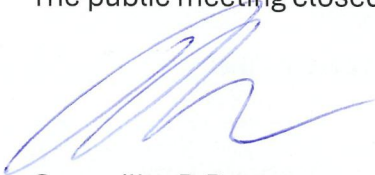
Councillor Ponter left the meeting at 11.40am at the end of the above item and did not return.

- 10 Te Awarua-o-Parirua Harbour Accord Update – Report 25.449** [For Information]  
Jimmy Young, Catchment Manager – Te Awarua-o-Porirua, spoke to the report.
- 11 Waiwhetū Integrated Catchment Project Update – Report 25.387** [For Information]  
Tim Sharp, Catchment Manager – Te Whanganui-a-Tara, and Mikaila Ceelen, Advisor Catchment, spoke to the report.
- 12 Farming Reference Group Chair’s Report – Report 25.472** [For Information]  
Barbie Barton, Chair, Farming Reference Group, spoke to the report.
- 13 Update on the LTP Committee Resolutions – Seeking Advice to the Environment Committee – Report 25.470** [For Information]  
Lian Butcher, Group Manager Environment, spoke to the report.
- 14 Te Rōpū Taiao | Environment Update – September 2025 – Report 25.453** [For Information]  
Lian Butcher, Group Manager Environment, spoke to the report. A presentation was tabled.

## **Karakia whakamutunga**

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Duthie to close the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 12.05pm.



Councillor D Ponter

Council Chair

Date:

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