

## ASHBURTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE AGENDA

A **Meeting** of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee will be held as follows:

**DATE:** Tuesday 27 April 2021

**TIME:** 1:00 pm

**VENUE:** Council Chamber  
137 Havelock Street  
Ashburton

**MEETING CALLED BY:** Hamish Riach, Chief Executive, Ashburton District Council  
Stefanie Rixecker, Chief Executive, Environment Canterbury

**ATTENDEES:** Mr Chris Allen  
Mrs Angela Cushnie  
Ms Genevieve de Spa  
Mr Cargill Henderson  
Mr Bill Thomas  
Mr Michael McMillan (Te Runanga o Arowhenua)  
Mr Arapata Reuben (Te Ngai Tuahuriri Runanga)  
Mr Les Wanhalla (Te Taumutu Runanga)  
Mr Brad Waldon-Gibbons (Tangata Whenua Facilitator)  
Councillor Stuart Wilson (Ashburton District Council)  
Councillor Ian Mackenzie (Environment Canterbury)  
Mayor Neil Brown (Ashburton District Council)

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**Environment Canterbury**



## 4 Register of Interests

Representative's Name and Interest	
Chris Allen	Farm owner of sheep, beef, lambs, crop Water resource consents to take water from tributary of Ashburton River and shallow wells National board member Federated Farmers of New Zealand with responsibility for RMA, water and biodiversity Member of Ashburton River Liaison Group
Neil Brown	Mayor Acton Irrigation Limited - Director Irrigo Centre Limited - Director Acton Farmers Irrigation Co-operative Limited - Director Browns Farm Limited – Director and Shareholder
Angela Cushnie	Owner of Country Copy, a communication and promotion business based in Mid Canterbury Operates a very small lifestyle block in Eiffelton Kanuka Mid Canterbury Regeneration Trust - Trustee NZ Landcare Trust 'Managing Westlands as Farm Assets's project' – Farmer Engagement Hinds Reserve Board Committee member
Genevieve de Spa	Owner of Kakariki Camps focusing on 'Head, Hands, Heart' approach to biodiversity education Employee and member of Stavely Campsite Committee Recipient of Immediate Steps Funding Member Mt Somers Walkway Society and Ashburton District Biodiversity Action Group (ADBAG) Active member and organiser of 'Extinction Rebellion Rakaia Environmental Enhancement Trust
Cargill Henderson	Environmental Manager – ANZCO Foods Ltd
Ian MacKenzie	Environment Canterbury Councillor
Arapata Reuben	Trustee – Tuhono Trust Trustee – Mana Waitaha Charitable Trust Member - National Kiwi Recovery Group Rūnanga Rep – Christchurch – West Melton Water Zone Committee
Bill Thomas	Farm owner of Longbeach Estate Ltd (sheep, beef, lambs, arable, dairy) Member of Eiffelton Irrigation Scheme Hekeao/Hinds Water Enhancement Trust – Settler Director of Longbeach Estate & Longbeach Dairies
Les Wanhalla	Returning good health and mauri O Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere Kaitiakitanga, Whakapapa Rugby league, life member, honorary south Kiwi
Stuart Wilson	Ashburton District Councillor A son who is a Director of Mayfield Hinds Irrigation Co and Chair of RDR

## 5 Confirmation of Minutes

Unconfirmed Minutes

**Minutes** of a meeting of the **Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee** held on Tuesday 23 February 2021, commencing at 1:00 pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

### Present

Mayor Neil Brown, Councillor Ian MacKenzie, Councillor Stuart Wilson, Bill Thomas (Chair), Chris Allen, Angela Cushnie and Les Wanhalla

### In attendance

Environment Canterbury: Dave Moore (Facilitator) and Carol McAtamney (minutes)

2 members of the public in attendance

### 1 Welcome

Michael McMillan (Te Runanga o Arowhenua) opened the meeting with a Karakia.

### 2 Apologies

**That** an apology for absence be received on behalf of Cargill Henderson, Genevieve de Spa and Arapata Reuben.

Wilson/Brown

Carried

### 3 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

### 4 Register of Interests

Angela Cushnie – remove Canterbury Water Management Regional Committee

### 5 Confirmation of Minutes

**That** the minutes of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on 26 January 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

McKenzie/Wilson

Carried

**That** Les Wanhalla and Gen de Spa wish to record their retrospective opposition to the motion

*'That the Zone Committee Chair is appointed the official Zone Committee representative on Mid Canterbury Essential Freshwater Package Working Group'*

which was carried at the meeting held on 26 January 2021

Wanhalla/Wilson

Carried

Michael McMillan advised that Arowhenua does not support the Mid Canterbury Essential Freshwater Package Working Group and have formally written to advise the working group of their non-support. A letter has also been sent to the Minister outlining Arowhenua's position.

## **6.1 Matters Arising**

Nil.

## **6 Correspondence**

### **Inward:**

Nil.

### **Outward:**

Nil.

## **7 Public Contributions**

Nil.

## **8 Drinking Water Update**

Andrew Guthrie (ADC Assets Manager)

How we got here:

- Havelock North outbreak was the start (August 2016)
- Government enquiry (September 2016)
- Two phase report – Stage 1 released May 2017, Stage 2 released December 2017
- 3 Waters review commenced in mid 2017
- 3 Waters reform programme
- Taumata Arowai – Water Services Regulator Act (July 2020, effective July 2021)
- Regulatory reform (submissions close 2 March)
- Service Delivery – Council received funding of \$7.98m

Where to from here?

- Feb/Mar – sector engagement on entity options (governance, ownership, funding, financing)
- Apr/May – drafting of legislation for Water Services Entity Bill
- May/Aug – proposal document/information and education campaign
- Sep/Dec – Councils to decide on further participation
- Jan/Dec 2020 – formation of new entities (board appointments, processes, due diligence, workforce)
- Jan/Dec 2023 – operation of new entities

## **9 Ashburton Consent Review Update**

Henry Winchester/Andrew Parish gave an update on the consent review process.

Good progress being made:

- 50 consent reviews decided with 48 being granted and two declined
- 36 on hold
- 1 surrendered
- 1 publically notified

Chris Allen departed the meeting at 1.30pm

## **10 Ashburton District Biodiversity Advisory Group**

Angela Cushine reported on the meeting held 2 February 2021

- Department of Conservation (Brad Edwards) are working closely with Arowhenua to form a relationship to create a river management plan for the Rangitata river.
- Individual groups were urged to make submissions through the LTP consultation process as to the need for a Biodiversity Officer
- Richie Owen gave an update on the trapping programme at Mt Hutt
- Kanuka Trust have employed an educator

### **11 Aqualink ‘Load to Come’ Project**

Dr Helen Rutter joint the meeting to update the Committee on the ‘Load to Come’ research bid and request consideration of a letter of support for the bid.

#### **Agreed:**

That the Zone Committee agree to provide a letter of support for the ‘Load to Come’ research bid subject to confirmation from the Ecan Scientific team that they support the methodology of the proposal.

McKenzie/Wanhalla

Carried

### **12 Facilitators Update**

#### **Field Trip**

The 23 March Zone Committee meeting is to be cancelled and replaced with a field trip to Ō Tū Wharekai on 3 March.

#### **2020 Progress Report**

A copy of the 2020 progress report will be circulated to members for comment. The Chair will present the report to ECan on 15 April and a date to present to the Ashburton District Council is to be confirmed.

### **13 Other Business**

#### **Alternative Meeting Venues**

The question was asked as to whether it would be possible to host Zone Committee meetings in various community halls which may make it easier for members of the public to attend.

#### **Zone Consent Applications**

Ashburton Zone Consents Application Update – February 2021 (tabled)

#### **Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Ashburton Water Zone Committee will be held in the Ashburton District Council Chamber at 1:00pm on Tuesday 27 April 2021.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm with a Karakia by Michael McMillan

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

## Ashburton Zone Committee Report

Date 27 April 2021  
Report to Ashburton Water Zone Committee  
From Dave Moore – Zone Facilitator/Genevieve de Spa – Committee Member  
Subject Regenerative Development

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### 8 Regenerative Development

#### Purpose

To inform the Zone Committee and seek feedback.

#### Recommendation

The Zone Committee receive the update.

#### Report

Zone Committee Community Representative, Genevieve de spa, will discuss Regenerative Design and Development.

The goal of regenerative design is to develop restorative systems that are dynamic and emergent, and are beneficial for humans and other species. This regeneration process is participatory, iterative and individual to the community and environment it is applied to. This process intends to revitalize communities, human and natural resources, and society as a whole. *wikipedia.org*

#### Vocation of Place

What makes our place unique?

What do we love about it?

What gives it its vitality?

Viability?

What is the source of its potential and, therefore its capacity to evolve?

Tuning into the answers to these types of questions, sourced from the character of our place and people, gives us the capacity to tailor sustainable design strategies grounded in an inspiring shared vision.

## **Ashburton Zone Committee Report**

Date 27 April 2021  
Report to Ashburton Water Zone Committee  
From Willy Leferink/Duncan Barr  
Subject Community Catchment Groups

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### **12 Community Catchment Groups**

#### **Purpose**

To inform the Zone Committee and seek feedback.

#### **Recommendation**

That the Zone Committee receives the update and provides feedback

#### **Report**

Willy Leferink and Duncan Barr will discuss the case for community-led catchment groups in the Ashburton Zone. Their presentation will include successes in other regions, building community resilience and what governance and support would be needed for catchment groups in Mid-Canterbury.

## Ashburton Zone Committee Report

Date 27 April 2021  
Report to Ashburton Water Zone Committee  
From Dave Moore – Zone Facilitator  
Subject Facilitators Update

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### 13 Facilitators Update

#### **Purpose**

To update the Committee on actions from the previous meeting, relevant information and upcoming engagement opportunities.

#### **Recommendation**

The Zone Committee receive the update.

#### **1. Essential Freshwater Package Implementation**

Attached For your information is an update from Environment Canterbury on implementation of the Essential Freshwater Package.

#### **2. Update on Environment Canterbury – LWRP Proposed Plan Change 7**

Proposed Plan Change 7 (of the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan) has been developed to respond to emerging resource management issues, to give effect to relevant national direction, to implement recommendations from the Hinds Drains' Working Party, and to implement recommendations in the Waimakariri and Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora (OTOP) Zone Implementation Programme Addenda (ZIPA).

A hearing has been held and the hearing Panel are currently deliberating on its recommendations to Council. It is anticipated the Hearing Panel's recommendations will be with Council mid-2021.

For more information, go to:

[Plan Change 7 and Plan Change 2 - What you need to know | Environment Canterbury \(ecan.govt.nz\)](#)

#### **3. Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) Training**

There are still places available for this training on 11 & 12 May in Timaru. Please let the Facilitator know if you would like to attend.

# Essential Freshwater Package Implementation

CWMS Zone Committee Update  
April-May 2021

Rangitata River, Canterbury

# Contents

- Overview of the changes in regulations
- Overview of ECan workplan for next 2-3 years
- Key points
  - How / when we need to engage with community

# The Government's Essential Freshwater package

## Aims to:

- Stop further degradation of freshwater
- Improve water quality within five years
- Reverse past damage to ecosystems and waterways
- Includes fundamental concept of Te Mana o Te Wai which recognises the vital importance of water

# The Package

1. National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (2020)
2. National Environmental Standards for Freshwater (2020)
3. Stock Exclusion Regulations (2020)
4. Measuring and Reporting of Water Takes (2010)

# The Package

## **National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management**

- Sets national outcomes and policy direction for freshwater management
- Local authorities must notify new freshwater plans by the end of 2024 to give effect to new requirements

## **National Environmental Standards for Freshwater**

- Contains rules / standards to regulate activities that affect freshwater
- Councils may have more stringent rules in their plans

# The Package

## Stock Exclusion Regulations

- Apply in addition to requirements in a resource consent
- A more stringent rule in a regional plan prevails over these regulations
- Within 3 metres of rivers and lakes and within natural wetlands
- Apply to cattle, deer and pigs, sheep not included

## Water Measuring and Reporting

- Regulations relating to consented water takes
- Moving to real time measuring and reporting data on water use.

# Te Mana o te Wai

## Hierarchy of Obligations

Freshwater must be managed in a way that prioritises:

1. Health and wellbeing of water
2. Health needs of people (drinking water)
3. Ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing

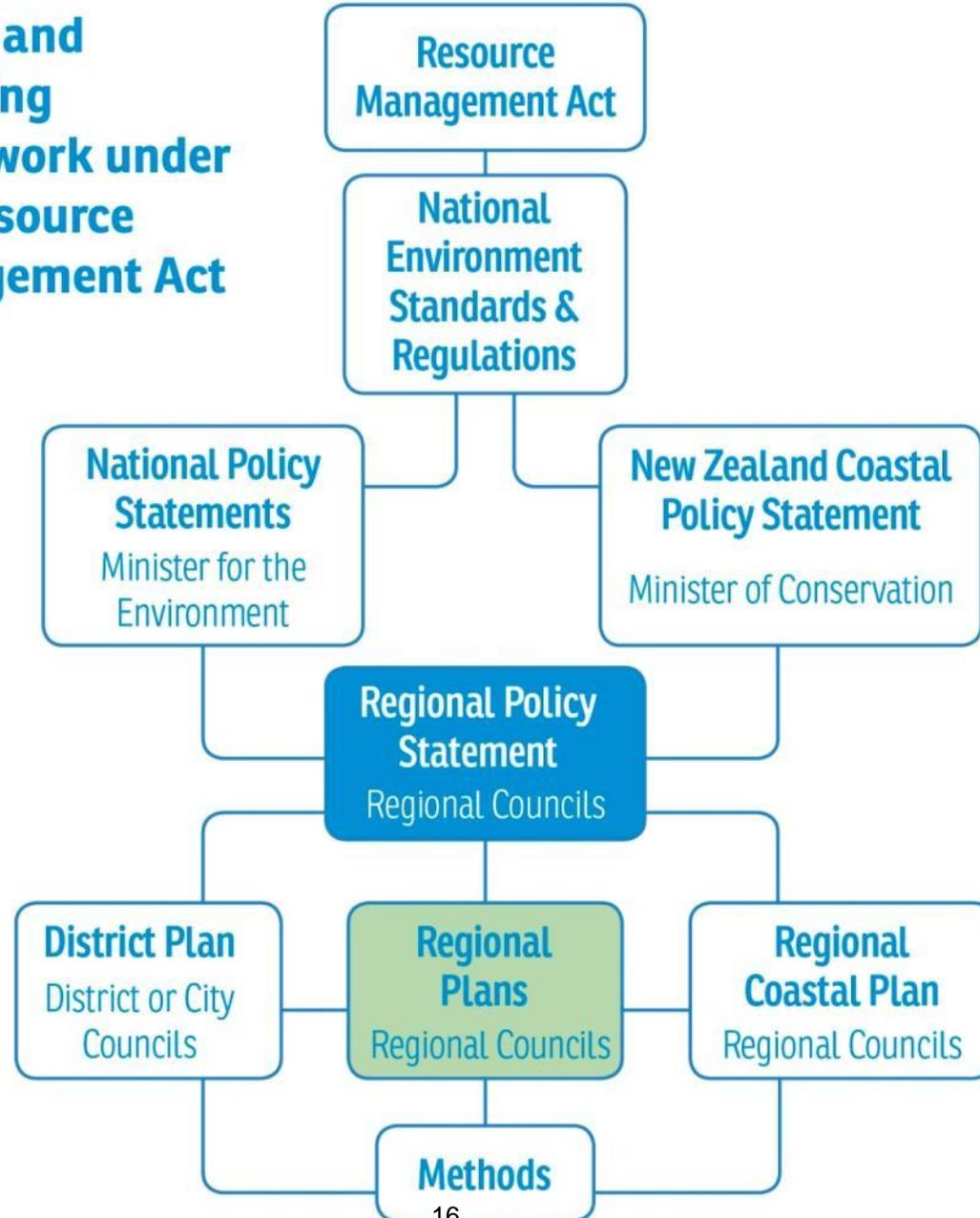
# Te Mana o te Wai

## Hierarchy of Obligations



A lens through  
which to view all  
matters and  
decisions relating  
to freshwater

**Policy and planning framework under the Resource Management Act**



New RMA coming from Govt (>2 years away)

New NES regulations from Govt

New NPS regulations from Govt

Resource Management Act

National Environment Standards & Regulations

National Policy Statements  
Minister for the Environment

New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement  
Minister of Conservation

Regional Policy Statement  
Regional Councils

District Plan  
District or City Councils

Regional Plans  
Regional Councils

Regional Coastal Plan  
Regional Councils

Methods

ECan needs to implement new NES and NPS

ECan needs to develop new RPS

ECan needs to develop new Regional Plan



# NES and NPS changes

New NES & NPS regulations	New, Significant Different or Modified regulation for Canterbury?	Status / Plans
Synthetic N Cap	New	Awaiting national guidance from Wellington. Planning information and implementation campaign for 21/22
Freshwater Farm Plans	Significantly different	
Wetlands protection	Modified	Incorporating new regulations into existing planned campaign programmes.
Intensive winter grazing	Modified	
Stock exclusion	Modified	
Land use intensification	New	Provide information to community on when consents for these activities required. Consents for these activities processed as received.
Feedlots & holding areas	New	
Fish passage	New	Currently assessing approach to implementation of these requirements
Water metering	Modified	

# Developing a new Land & Water Regional Plan

- A replacement for the current Land & Water Regional Plan needs to be notified before Dec 2024
- In addition, ECan needs to update the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) and the Coastal Plan
- High level timeline:
  - 2021: developing approach with Ngāi Tahu / establishing scope
  - 2022: establish policy approach / directions
  - 2023: limits & targets developed / plan drafted
  - 2024: formal consultation process <sup>19</sup>

# Key points

- A large amount of changes to action
- Consultation on the review of the LWRP will be tailored to meet timeframes, drawing on previous community engagement
- ECan and community need to use our time / efforts wisely
- ECan will be developing a timetable / process with industry / sector groups / zone committees on what / how / when we engage to develop new rules and how we implement these rules
- This is the status today – but things are likely to change

# Engaging with Zone Committees on Essential Freshwater

<b>When</b>	<b>Proposed update</b>
Zone Committee meetings mid May onwards	Essential Freshwater: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview &amp; update</li><li>• Engagement Framework</li></ul>
Zone Committee meetings – TBC	Strategic Approach and Plan Development
Zone Committee meetings – TBC	Te Rōpū Tuia Governance, Partnerships & Engagement: Runanga Engagement
Zone Committee meetings – TBC	NES/NPS Implementation: Progress Update

## Ashburton Zone Committee Meeting

Tuesday 27 April 2021

Timetable	
Time	Item
1:00 pm	Meeting Commences

### Order of Business

- 1 Welcome, Karakia
- 2 Apologies
  - Mayor Neil Brown
- 3 Extraordinary Business
- 4 Register of Interest ..... 1
- 5 Confirmation of Minutes ..... 2
- 6 Correspondence
  - Outward
    - o Nil
  - Inward
    - o Nil
- 7 Public Contribution
- 8 Regenerative Development ..... 5
- 9 MHV – Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Programme update ..... Verbal  
(Justin Legg and Melanie Brooks)
- 10 Essential Fresh Water Working Group (Melanie Brooks and Peter Lowe) ..... Verbal
- 11 Hinds Hekeao Biodiversity Vision update (Angela Cushnie)..... Verbal
- 12 Community Catchment Groups ..... 6
- 13 Facilitators Update ..... 7
- 14 Zone Committee Planning Workshop.....Papers circulated separately
- 15 Other Business
- 16 Close Meeting and Karakia