

WHAITUA KĀPITI COMMITTEE HUI – 29 April 2024

The Whaitua Kāpiti Committee was convened at 9.30 A.M on 29 April 2024, at the Southward Car Museum, Paraparaumu.

Committee members present:

Mana Whenua House

Dr. Aroha Spinks – Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki
Naomi Solomon – Ngāti Toa Rangatira
Sharlene Maoate-Davis – Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai
Shane Parata – Ngāti Toa Rangatira
Caleb Royal - – Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki

Kāwanatanga House

Jenny Rowan (*Taurite*) – Kāpiti Coast community representative
Jocelyn Prvanov – Kāpiti Coast District Councillor
Kerry Walker – Kāpiti Coast community representative
Pātaka Moore – Kāpiti Coast community representative
Penny Gaylor – Greater Wellington Regional Councillor
Monique Leith, Kāpiti Coast community representative

Committee member apologies:

Caleb Royal (*Taurite*) – Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki, Mana Whenua House
Dr. Mahina-a-rangi Baker – Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, Mana Whenua House
Shane Parata – Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Mana Whenua House

Facilitator:

Dr. Kathie Irwin

Additional attendees:

Mana Whenua House

Claire Gibb – Mana Whenua House Co-ordinator
Torrey McDonnell - Planner, GWRC Contractor (Incite)
Dr. Russell Death, Freshwater Scientist

Kāwanatanga House

Michele Frank – Catchment Manager Kāpiti, Catchment, GWRC

Nicola Patrick – Director Catchment, GWRC

Helli Ward - Senior Advisor Integration & Insights, GWRC

Chloë Nannestad – Policy Advisor, GWRC

Adele Dawson – Senior Planner, Incite

Tim Stoddart – Senior Planner, Incite

Claire Rewi – Partnership Manager, GWRC

Rita O’Brien – Stormwater & Coastal Engineer, Kāpiti Coast District Council

Simon Scott, Kāpiti Coast District Council

Theresa Murray – transcription

Agenda:

9:00am – Gather at venue, tea and coffee.

9:30 am – Start

Karakia, Mihi and Welcome

- Acknowledgement of the hard work of the WIP and section 32 content writers, and mihi to continued commitment to Te Mana o te Wai.
- Discuss timeframes for implementation of Recommendations.
- Houses call for individual caucuses to discuss (no notes).

Item 1: Timeframes discussion:

- Noting differences in the two worldviews- in te ao Māori, advice is the same as input. If you ask for advice, you’d better take it, or don’t ask again. A really big difference in the understanding of that.
- Mana Whenua House note that their suggested timeframes for implementing the WIP recommendations are mostly focussed on start times; the intent is to put the foot on the throttle, starting in a timeframe that everyone has committed to. Further note that where there have been gaps in information, such as data on dissolved oxygen, we (mana whenua) have been able to move really quickly on that and mobilise teams to get that monitoring underway; action plans could be the same. We think it is reasonable to achieve most of these outcomes by the 2040 mark.
- Kāwanatanga House agrees with this approach; equally keen to apply pressure and stay with the urgency for action.

- Kaimahi: we are keen for action too; restructure at GWRC means that the WIP sits with a team who can start actioning things right away. What we need to figure out is how do WE get it done together. It would be great to find out from mana whenua what they'd like implementation to look like too.
- Note that many of the recommendations set to start by the end of 2024 fall under the oversight committee; many of these are continuations or expansions of work that is already underway (e.g., the recommendation around use of the maramataka for planting).
- Note that there are still many gaps in the scientific data, and these will have to be carefully addressed, especially where information comes from personal experience or mātauranga that is not documented.
- Discussion about the section 32 content and how it was missing mātauranga Māori. Not tikanga to put this information in reports, so have to figure out how to weave the knowledge together better.
- Concern about losing momentum; waiting for full information to arrive may mean we never get started. However, important to signal that the monitoring will be set up and data gathered to address those concerns.
- Discussion: community and iwi lived experience of degradation of fresh water means that support for change will be there even with data gaps.
- Note that plan change process is around two-three years; however, that there is a lot that can be done without the plan change process.
- Discussion of Dec 2024 timeframe for NPS-FM 2020 implementation and feasibility of meeting this deadline. WIP will be a call to action, community voices have power and might put pressure on regulating authorities. Wonder what Councils need to make change – this process takes a lot of time and we're expecting more time to pass before anything happens, we're risking further degradation.
- Discussed a feeling of frustration with the process and the possibility of putting resources and time into planting and education instead. Committee keen to understand pressures on the councils and what the councils need to do this work so that they can help advocate for it. Everyone involved in this process wants the same outcomes – healthy wai.
- Decision: stay with the Tiriti House Model into the plan change process and then work with the information gaps.

Lunch break.

Item 2: Kaimahi report back on WIP updates from caucus and caucus decision making::

- Decision: to remove any reference to future dam-building for renewable energy purposes due to earthquake risk and environmental damage caused by dams.
- Decision: intent that proposed mahinga kai monitoring sites become the new monitoring sites for all attributes, but that this will be further worked through in the plan change process. Note that some of the existing sites are not the most suitable sites due to encroaching sea water. Note that mana whenua are interested in carrying out monitoring of all attributes at these sites in future.

- Decision: agree to keep ecosystem metabolism attribute at “maintain or improve” due to lack of national-level information and guidance on this attribute.
- Decision: accept existing three sites in Natural Resources Plan for human contact value and recommend to develop these further to capture community use of the wai.
- Decision: default of 80% of MALF for all waterways be set for environmental flows; with an additional 35% of MALF for mahinga kai, and additional 35% of MALF for climate change.
- Decision: Confirmed wording for wastewater treatment plant recommendation – to honour cultural approach from mana whenua, recommendation is to investigate relocation or alternative discharge locations.
- Decision: confirm wording for Recommendation 8; one amendment to recognise papakāinga.
- Decision: process for WIP finalisation is via email, with Taurite to sign off. One email sent to everyone.
- Decision: kaimahi to strengthen wording and possibly add a recommendation/clause for protection of aquifers.
- Decision: kaimahi to revise WIP and Section 32 to better recognise mātauranga Māori.
- Decision: technical experts to be added to the WIP via references throughout, and a bibliography.