

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA
ON TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2025 AT 10:00 AM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke, Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Mr Chris Olsen, Cr Benita Cairns

IN ATTENDANCE: **Malcolm Alexander** (Interim Chief Executive), **Gary Borg** (Pouwhakarae – Pūtea/Tautāwhi Rangapū | Group Manager Finance and Corporate Support), **Hinetaakoha Viriaere** (Pouwhakarae Whakamahere me te Waeture | Group Manager Planning & Regulatory), **Te Aroha Cook** (Kaiarataki Whakaoranga I Recovery Manager & Acting Group Manager - Community Services and Development), **Juanita Savage** (Chief of Operations) **Langley Cavers** (Acting Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure), **Hinemoa Hubbard** (Kaiurungi Mana Arahi | Governance Officer), **Hira Campbell** (Transport Asset Manager), **Duane Culshaw** (Pouahurea Māori | Māori Relationships Manager), **Kate Standing** (Executive Principal)

1 KARAKIA

A karakia was held before the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Nil.

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

To be declared as the agenda progresses.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/135

Moved: Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke

Seconded: Cr Benita Cairns

That the minutes and confidential minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 April 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 ASSETS & INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP - UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/136

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

The Committee receives the report.

CARRIED

The Acting Group Manager - Assets & Infrastructure introduced the report.

The committee queried the contents of the discharge from the Water Treatment Plant. The Acting Group Manager clarified that the discharge consists of solids removed during the water treatment process.

The committee sought clarification on how Council manages leaks within its own infrastructure and discussed past work undertaken 6-8 years ago involving pipe lining to reduce leakage.

8.2 WALKING AND CYCLING STRATEGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/137

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Cr Benita Cairns

The Committee receives the report, endorses the strategy and refers it to Council for adoption.

CARRIED

The Transport Asset Manager advised that the initiative was introduced under the previous Labour Government to enhance safety for walkers and cyclist. Discussions with NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) indicated that having the strategy prepared would ensure readiness should funding become available.

The Committee questioned how walking and cycling compares in priority to resilience and flood relief. It was suggested that future ratepayer surveys could gauge public views on the walking and cycling network to inform resource allocation.

8.3 PLANNING AND REGULATORY REPORT - MAY UPDATE 2025**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/138**

Moved: Mr Chris Olsen

Seconded: Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke

The Committee receives the report titled 'Planning and Regulatory Report – May Update 2025', and note the directives therein.

CARRIED

The Group Manager – Planning and Regulatory introduced the report, noting:

- A correction in Table 7 under Dog Control section: the term should read “dogs rehomed,” correcting a typographical error.
- The number of cyclone-affected commercial properties with yellow placards had reduced from 33 to 32, and residential properties from 76 to 68.
- The number of yellow placarded homes from the June weather event had decreased from 104 to 84.

The Committee:

- Sought clarification on when a yellow-stickered property transitions to a renovation site status. The Interim Chief Executive responded that this occurs once the yellow placard is removed.
- Expressed concerns about the ongoing risk to Council where residents remain in yellow-stickered homes, and queried how Council is managing this risk.
- Requested more granular data on placarded properties, particularly concerning those near threshold for a placard status change (e.g., borderline red/white/green). There was interest in receiving improved reporting at the individual property level, and clarity on what actions are taken if property owners fail to complete the necessary repairs to facilitate placard changes.
- Suggested that a risk heading be included in future reports.

The Recovery manager noted that white placards are generally assigned to outbuildings such as sheds and other non-residential structures.

The Meeting closed with a karakia by the Chair, Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke at 11:45am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Infrastructure and Regulatory Committee Meeting held on 1 July 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON