



# Rangitikei District Council

## Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Agenda – Tuesday 18 August 2020 – 2:00 pm

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The quorum for the Te Rōpu Ahi Kā is 7 including 1 elected member.

Council’s Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

## **1 Karakia/Welcome**

## **2 Apologies**

## **3 Extraordinary meeting**

This extraordinary meeting is called to consider the Government's three waters reform programme and to advise Council on whether to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and (if it does) to recommend projects for inclusion in the programme of works.

## **4 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Kōrero / Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes from the meeting held on 7 July 2020 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-8-2

### **Recommendation:**

That the Minutes of the Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti meeting held on 7 July 2020 {as amended/without amendment} be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

## **5 Outline of the Three waters service delivery reforms**

In July 2020, the Government announced a \$761 million funding package to provide post COVID-19 stimulus to maintain, improve three waters infrastructure, support a three-year programme of reform of local government water service delivery arrangements (reform programme), and support the establishment of Taumata Arowai, the new Waters Services Regulator.

A Joint Central/Local Government Three Waters Steering Committee has been established to provide oversight and guidance to support progress towards reform, and to assist in engaging with local government, iwi/Māori, and other water sector stakeholders on options and proposals.

The reform programme is designed to support economic recovery, and address persistent systemic issues facing the three waters sector, through a combination of:

- a) stimulating investment, to assist economic recovery through job creation, and maintain investment in water infrastructure renewals and maintenance; and
- b) reforming current water service delivery, into larger scale providers, to realise significant economic, public health, environmental, and other benefits over the medium to long term.

Initial funding from the stimulus package will be made available to those councils that agree to participate in the first stage of the reform programme, through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Funding Agreement, and approved Delivery Plan. The MoU must be signed by the end of August 2020, with the Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan submitted and approved by the end of September 2020.

The Summary Proposal and the Simpson Grierson legal advice are attached.

**Recommendation**

That the Outline of the Three waters service delivery reforms be received.

## **6 Memorandum of Understanding**

The Memorandum of Understanding is attached for consideration.

**Recommendations:**

1. That the Memorandum of Understanding for the first stage of the Government's reform programme for the three waters be received.
2. That Te Rōpu Ahi Kā EITHER recommends OR does not recommend that the Council signs the Memorandum of Understanding for the first stage of the Government's reform programme for the three waters

## **7 Projects proposed by Te Rōpu Ahi Kā for inclusion in the Council's funding agreement and delivery plan under the stimulus funding for the three waters reform programme**

The Guide to stimulus funding for the local authorities is attached. Projects need not be confined to Council's systems.

**Recommendation:**

That Te Rōpu Ahi Kā recommends to Council that the following projects are included in the Council's funding agreement and delivery plan under the stimulus funding for the three waters reform programme, subject to their being confirmed as within the scope of the stimulus funding package.

## **8 Next Meeting**

Tuesday 8 September 2020, 11.00 am

## **9 Meeting closed/Karakia**