

**Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy  
Hearings Panel  
OPEN MINUTES**

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**Date:** Monday 12 August 2019  
**Time:** 9.30am  
**Venue:** Committee Room 1, Level 2, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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**Present**

Members  
Councillor Phil Clearwater  
Councillor Yani Johanson  
Councillor Sara Templeton

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The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

## 1. Apologies

### **Committee Resolved BLHP/2019/00013**

That the apology from Councillor Galloway be accepted.

Councillor Clearwater/Councillor Templeton

**Carried**

## 2. Election of Chairperson

### **Committee Resolved BLHP/2019/00014**

It was **decided** that Councillor Johanson be appointed Chairperson of the Hearings Panel.

Councillor Templeton/Councillor Clearwater

**Carried**

## 3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

## 4. Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy

### **Staff Recommendations**

That the Hearings Panel:

1. Receive the summary of submissions report
2. Consider all submissions received during the public consultation process.
3. Recommend that the Council adopt the final Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy.

## 5. Submissions Received on the Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy

### **Committee Resolved BLHP/2019/00015**

That the Hearings Panel:

1. Accepts the written submissions (including any late submissions) received on the Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy.

Councillor Clearwater/Councillor Templeton

**Carried**

## 6. Hearing of Submissions

The Hearings Panel received presentations from the following submitters:

- Dr Alistair Humphrey, Community and Public Health – Canterbury District Health Board
- Andrew Dark, Aqualinc Research Limited
- Peter Tuffley, Beckenham Neighbourhood Association Inc
- Alisdair Hutchison, Ōpāwaho/Heathcote River Network Inc
- Karina Hay, Christchurch Coastal Residents' United

The Hearings Panel adjourned at 10:54am and reconvened at 11am, receiving presentations from the following submitters:

- Pam Richardson, Banks Peninsula Community Board
- Rachel Teen (on behalf of Vicky Southworth)
- Mike Mora and Ross McFarlane, Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board
- Karolin Potter, Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board
- Yvette Couch-Lewis, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke
- Matthew Ross (on behalf of Rik Tainui, Ōnuku Rūnanga)

The Hearings Panel adjourned at 12:02pm and reconvened at 1pm, receiving presentations from the following submitters:

- David Hawke
- Linda Stewart, Coastal-Burwood Community Board

## 7. Hearings Panel Consideration and Deliberation

The Hearings Panel considered the written and heard submissions received through the consultation and hearings process and proceeded to deliberate on the Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy.

### Staff Recommendations

That the Hearings Panel:

1. If it wishes to consider the privileged legal advice recommending changes to the Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy, does so in public excluded.
2. Recommends that the Council adopts the Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy with the changes recommended in Attachment B to the Staff Report and in the publicly excluded legal advice, as the Council's Te Wai Ora o Tāne Integrated Water Strategy to replace the following three Council water-related strategies:
  - a. Water Supply Strategy 2009-2039, adopted by the Council in 2009
  - b. Surface Water Strategy 2009-2019, adopted by the Council in 2009

- c. Wastewater Strategy 2013, adopted by the Council in 2013
3. Delegates to the Chair of the Hearings Panel the authority to approve the Hearings Panel Report to the Council.
4. Authorises staff in relation to the proposed Integrated Water Strategy to be recommended to the Council as an attachment to the Hearings Panel Report, to make any typographical changes, correct minor errors and omissions, and add photographic content and captions as appropriate to creating the public-facing version of the Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy for adoption.

### **Committee Resolved BLHP/2019/00016**

#### **Resolution to Exclude the Public for Part of Deliberations**

The Hearings Panel resolved at 1:26pm that the public be excluded from part of their deliberations to follow. Reason for passing this resolution: good reason to withhold exists under section 7. Specific grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution: Section 48(1)(a)

Note: Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows: “(4) Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof): (a) Shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and (b) Shall form part of the minutes of the local authority.”

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. The particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

<b>General subject of matter to be considered</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Subclause and reason under the Act</b>	<b>Plain English reason</b>	<b>When reports can be released</b>
Part of deliberations on proposed Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy	S7(2)(g)	Maintain legal professional privilege	Providing privileged legal advice	Upon the Chief Executive being satisfied that there are no longer grounds for withholding the information under the Act.

Councillor Johanson/Councillor Templeton

**Carried**

The public were readmitted to the meeting at 1:47pm.

The Hearings Panel adjourned at 3:15pm to 11am on Thursday, 15 August 2019 in Committee Room 2 on Level 2 of the Civic Offices at 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

**The Hearings Panel reconvened at 11am on Thursday, 15 August 2019 in Committee Room 2**

An apology was recorded from Councillor Galloway.

The Panel continued to deliberate on the Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy, and the following notes were made from the discussions.

An adjournment was taken from 12.31pm to 1.18pm.

**Notes:**

1. Check with staff whether the Council currently has a weed management plan in place for our waterways, prior to the Hearings Panel Report being presented to Council.
2. The Panel notes a number of submitters have mentioned their concern in regard to the lack of rainwater reuse requirements, including education and incentives, and that this be further considered as part of the review of the Water Supply, Wastewater and Stormwater Bylaw 2014.
3. Request an informal review on the low level of response to the engagement that was undertaken around the Draft Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy.

**Hearings Panel Recommendation to the Council**

Following its consideration of the written and heard submissions and deliberations on the Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy, the Hearings Panel made the following recommendations:

**Committee Resolved BLHP/2019/00017**

That the Hearings Panel:

A. Recommends that the Council:

1. Adopts the Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy with the changes indicated by the tracked changes in Minutes Attachment A, as the Council's Integrated Water Strategy to replace the following three Council water-related strategies:
  - a. Water Supply Strategy 2009-2039, adopted by the Council in 2009
  - b. Surface Water Strategy 2009-2019, adopted by the Council in 2009
  - c. Wastewater Strategy 2013, adopted by the Council in 2013

B. Delegates to the Chair of the Hearings Panel the authority to approve:

1. Any additional changes to the Draft Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy in the form that it will be recommended to the Council that reflect the Panel's deliberations that the Draft Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy should:
  - a. Incorporate best practice management on aquatic weed species (in section 7.3.4 of the Strategy).

- b. Include that different parts of the Council work together on integrated water management.
  - c. Consider the use of ways to display information in regard to the progress of the Integrated Water Strategy and associated targets.
  - d. Include in Section 7.8 (6) “As part of the Water Supply Implementation Plan consideration of incentives for rainwater reuse.”
  - e. Make reference to, in the Purpose of the Strategy, the four well-beings under the Local Government Act 2002.
2. The Hearings Panel Report to the Council.
- C. Authorises staff in relation to the proposed Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy to be recommended to the Council as an attachment to the Hearings Panel Report, to make any typographical changes, correct minor errors and omissions, and add photographic content and captions as appropriate to creating the public-facing version of the Te Wai Ora o Tāne Draft Integrated Water Strategy for adoption.

Councillor Johanson/Councillor Clearwater

**Carried**

**Attachments**

- A Draft Integrated Water Strategy - changes at 15 August 2019 [⇒](#)

**Meeting concluded at 2.17pm.**