



**greater WELLINGTON**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL  
Te Pane Matua Taiao

**Report 19.163**

29/04/2019  
File: CCAB-12-398

**Confirmed Minutes of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga River Floodplain Management Plan Hearing Subcommittee hearing held in the Masterton Sporthouse, on Monday, 29 April 2019 at 7pm, and reconvened on Tuesday, 30 April 2019 at 8.30am, and further reconvened in the Choice Room, GWRC Masterton, on Wednesday, 22 May 2019 at 5.30pm.**

**Monday, 29 April 2019**

**Present**

Bob Francis (Chair), Stephanie Gundersen-Reid, Kate Hepburn, David Holmes, and Cr Staples.

**Public Business**

**1 Apologies**

*There were no apologies.*

**2 Conflict of Interest declarations**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**3 Process for considering submission on the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga Floodplain Management Plan**

**Report 19.159**

File: CCAB-12-384

*Moved*

*(Cr Staples/ Mr Holmes)*

*That the Hearing Subcommittee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

#### 4 **Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga Floodplain Management Plan Hearing Subcommittee Report**

**Report 19.160**

File: CCAB-12-383

*Moved*

*(Ms Gundersen-Reid/ Ms Hepburn)*

*That the Hearing Subcommittee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Considers the submissions received on the proposed Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**Noted:** The Hearing Subcommittee agreed to consider further recommendations following its deliberations on the submissions.

#### 5 **Hearing of oral submitters**

Oral submitters were heard in the following order:

<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Submission No.</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Finish Time</b>
Scott Abbott	53	7:00pm	7:08pm
Mike Ashby	11	7:09pm	7:19pm
Duncan Stuart	49	7:22pm	7:30pm
Alan and Megan Flynn (TWL)	15	7:35pm	7:45pm

The Chair advised that the hearing would adjourn and reconvene at 8:30am on Tuesday, 30 April 2019. The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

### **Tuesday, 30 April 2019**

The hearing reconvened at 8:30am at the Masterton Sporthouse, 101 Chapel Street, Masterton.

**Present**

Bob Francis (Chair), Stephanie Gundersen-Reid, Kate Hepburn, David Holmes, and Cr Staples.

### **Apologies**

*There were no apologies.*

### **Hearing of oral submitters (continued)**

Oral submitters were heard in the following order:

<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Submission No.</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Finish Time</b>
Graham Dick	17	08:30am	08:36am
Ron Shaw (Wai voice)	35	08:40am	08:48am
Jill Greathead	23	08:52am	09:02am
Michael Hewison	58	09:05am	09:15am
Graeme Tulloch	9	09:18am	09:25am
Ross Cottle	9	09:26am	09:30am

The hearing adjourned at 9:40am and reconvened at 10:20am.

<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Submission No.</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Finish Time</b>
Sally Walker	30	10:20am	10:31am
Forest and Bird (Tom Kay)	16	10:32am	10:40am
Andrew Dodd	34	10:50am	11:06am
Richard Butler	20	11:13am	11:20am
CDC – Mayor John Booth and CE Jane Davis	61	11:25am	11:35am
Ron Garrod	57	11:45am	11:54am

The hearing adjourned at 12:03pm and reconvened at 12:58pm.

<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Submission No.</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Finish Time</b>
Sustainable Wairarapa (Ian Gunn)	25	12:58pm	1:17pm
Fish and Game (Phil Teal)	54	1:18pm	1:36pm
Chris Peterson	14	1:45pm	1:55pm

### **Deliberations**

The Hearing Subcommittee commenced deliberations and considered all written and oral feedback provided. Further clarification of issues was provided by officers.

The Chair advised that the hearing would adjourn and then reconvene in the Choice Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Wednesday 22 May, at 5:30pm. The meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.

## **Wednesday, 22 May 2019**

The hearing reconvened at 5:30pm Wednesday, 22 May 2019, at the Choice Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton.

### **Present**

Bob Francis (Chair), Stephanie Gundersen-Reid, Kate Hepburn, David Holmes, and Adrienne Staples.

### **Apologies**

*There were no apologies.*

### **Deliberations (continued)**

The Hearing Subcommittee continued deliberations and considered all written and oral feedback provided. Further clarification of issues was provided by officers.

The Hearing Subcommittee then revisited Report 19.160 (see item 4) to address recommendation 4.

*Moved*

*(Mr Francis/ Cr Staples)*

*That the Hearing Subcommittee:*

- 1. Receives the draft independent audit report on the draft Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga River Floodplain Management Plan and recommends that all recommendations within the audit report are undertaken.*
- 2. Notes that the independent audit report is yet to be completed, and agrees that the hydrology information should be provided to the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga River Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee for consideration before it approves the the finalisation of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga River Floodplain Management Plan for adoption by Council.*
- 3. Resolves to provide the information from the independent audit in draft form to the community as part of the process of finalisation of the audit report.*
- 4. Recommends that the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga River Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee approves the finalisation of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga River Floodplain Management Plan for adoption by Council subject to its consideration of the independent audit hydrology information, and adoption of the following changes to the draft Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga River Floodplain Management Plan:*

- *That the the Carterton District Council's LTP community outcomes listed in Section 2.4 of the Floodplain Management Plan be updated.*
- *That amendments to the explanation of Stage 1 of the Flood Management Plan be made to clarify that some further work is required to be undertaken on the hydraulic model that may impact on the flood hazard extent. [The updating and refining of the model will form part of the Stage 1 urban Waipoua implementation process in collaboration with the community.]*
- *Updates to flood hazard maps resulting from implementing the recommendations of the independent audit are finalised prior to the completion of the review of the Wairarapa Combined District Plan (WCDP).*
- *That the major project response for the Urban Waipoua and the Flood Management Plan be amended to focus on the Stage 1 (Investigations and Option Consideration) work that will be undertaken in conjunction with the local community to further understand the risk of flooding in the urban reach, update and finalise flood hazard maps, investigate the condition of existing assets (such as stopbanks), and develop preferred options.*
- *That the details regarding Stages 2-5 of the implementation of the Reach 13, including cost estimates, provided in the proposed Floodplain Management Plan be deleted.*
- *That Section 4.3 of the Floodplain Management Plan be amended to include a map illustrating the extent of the Te Kāuru catchment in relation to the wider Wellington Region.*
- *That during implementation the Floodplain Management Plan provides pest management support from the Council for a period of up to five years after the buffer is planted, with a review after two years. This is proposed in response to submissions which expressed concern at the original two year time frame.*
- *That an amendment be made to the South Masterton Stopbank major project response wording in the Floodplain Management Plan, noting that strategic land purchase opportunities could potentially form part of the South Masterton Stopbank major project response to be developed in consultation with willing landowners, and this would coincide with the long-term aspiration of developing an appealing gateway to Masterton with recreational access on the river margins.*
- *That a recognition statement specifically recognising the partnership with iwi in developing the Floodplain Management Plan be added to the front section of the Floodplain Management Plan.*
- *Recommends that the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga River Floodplain Management Plan include the formation of an Waipoua Urban River Management Group as part of the Te Kāuru governance structure*

5. *Endorses the proposed Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga River Floodplain Management Plan, subject to minor editorial changes as approved by the Subcommittee Chair.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**Noted:** The Hearing Subcommittee thanked submitters for making their submissions. Officers were commended for their work on the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga River Floodplain Management Plan.

The hearing closed at 7:40pm.

Bob Francis  
(Chair)

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