
Hearings and Regulatory Committee

OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of Hearings and Regulatory Committee held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Tuesday 15 April 2025 at 10:00 am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Deputy Mayor David Allan	
Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Justin Tamihana	<i>via A/V Link</i>
Councillors	Councillor Sam Jennings	
	His Worship the Mayor Bernie Wanden	

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Daniel Haigh	Group Manager Community Infrastructure
	Justine Moore	Principal Advisor - Infrastructure
	Carolyn Dick	Strategic Planning Manager
	Grayson Rowse	Principal Democracy Advisor
Meeting Secretary	Alice Petersen	Democracy Support Officer

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Late Items

There were no late items.

3 Declaration of Interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution Number HARCC/2025/1

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Mayor Wanden:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Hearings and Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday, 9 October 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 Reports for Decision

6.1 Proposed Local Waters Combined Bylaw - Hearing of Submissions

The purpose of this report was to summarise the submissions received during consultation on the Proposed Local Waters Combined Bylaw 2025 (the Bylaw), and to provide the platform for the Hearings and Regulatory Committee (the Committee) in its deliberation on those submissions; and subsequent recommendation to Council on the final form of the Bylaw.

The Chair spoke briefly about the process for the day and acknowledged the Manawatū Estuary Management Team had not been able to attend to speak today.

Resolution Number HARCC/2025/2

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Mayor Wanden:

That Report 25/92 Proposed Local Waters Combined Bylaw - Hearing of Submissions be received.

That this matter or decision is recognised as significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

That the Committee considers the feedback from submitters and officers on the Proposed Local Waters Combined Bylaw.

CARRIED

The committee heard from submitters as follows:

Charles Rudd submission (#12) spoke to submission raising concerns on stormwater systems, enforcement and Lake Horowhenua pollution.

Vivienne Bold submission (#13) spoke to her submission raising concerns on waste and storm water infrastructure and environmental pollution.

Martin O'Malley submission (#17) spoke to his submission raising concerns on cost to café/pubs/restaurants with trade waste charges and asset management.

Officers responded to questions throughout the speakers and then took questions from the committee. Clarifying management of food/hospitality businesses trade waste, purpose to formalise process by registering and consenting. Officers outlined at a high level the process of consenting for businesses highlighting the difference between smaller lower risk food/hospitality businesses and larger commercial business like manufacturers or larger food businesses.

Discussion around the timeframe of consents with officers recommending that the change to 'two to five years' allow for greater operational flexibility for low-risk compliant businesses as their consent timeframe can be extended to five years.

Resolution Number HARCC/2025/3

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Mayor Wanden:

That the Committee recommends Council amend A6.1(a) to:

"Protect and Prevent Damage to Local Waters and the Associated Environment.

To manage, protect and prevent damage or misuse to Local Waters Services and the associated land, structures, infrastructure and associated environment. "

CARRIED

Resolution Number HARCC/2025/4

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Jennings:

That the Committee recommends Council adds of the following Explanatory Note after E4.4:

"Explanatory Note: For clarity any business that produces trade waste but whose waste does not enter the Council Controlled Wastewater or Stormwater Networks, either via pipes, tankered waste operator, or other method, will not be required to hold a Trade Waste Consent but will still be required to register."

CARRIED

Resolution Number HARCC/2025/5

MOVED by Cr Tamihana, seconded Cr Jennings:

That the Committee recommends Council amend E3.4 to:

With the exception of Tankered Waste, no person may discharge any Trade Waste in a way that causes that Trade Waste to be discharged off the Premises to land or water outside the premises unless the activity is consented by the Regional Council.

CARRIED

Resolution Number HARCC/2025/6

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Mayor Wanden:

That the Committee recommends Council amend E4.15 to “The period for which a trade waste Consent is granted to be two to five years from the date of grant.”

That the Committee recommends Council remove E4.16 from the proposed bylaw.

CARRIED

Resolution Number HARCC/2025/7

MOVED by Cr Tamihana, seconded Cr Allan:

That the Committee recommends Council amend the purpose of the Local Waters Combined Bylaw to include reference to Te Mana o te Wai; by substituting the purpose with:

“The overall purpose of the Bylaw is to facilitate an integrated approach to Local Waters management in the Horowhenua District that recognises the interdependencies between each component and promotes their sustainable use and management and recognition of Te Mana o Te Wai. The following purposes are relevant to the four water services (water supply, wastewater, trade waste and stormwater) managed under this Bylaw.”

CARRIED

Resolution Number HARCC/2025/8

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Tamihana:

- E. That the Committee recommends Council adopt the Proposed Local Waters Combined Bylaw 2025 incorporating the changes recommended by this Committee.

CARRIED

11.22 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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DATE:

CHAIRPERSON: