



MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE HELD ONLINE AT 11.30 AM ON 17 FEBRUARY 2026

Present

Kaiwhakahaere F. Tumahai (Ngāti Waewae) (Chairman), Mayor T. Gibson (GDC), Mayor H. Lash (WDC), Mayor C. Russell (BDC), Cr A. Cassin (WCRC), Kaiwhakahaere P. Madgwick (Makaawhio), Cr L. Webb (BDC), Cr A. Gibson (GDC), Cr G. Maitland (WDC), Cr C. Smith (WCRC)

In attendance

Matt Smith (WCRC), Darryl Lew (WCRC), J. Armstrong (TTPP Project Manager), Alice Balme (Wynn Williams), Joanne Soderlund (GDC), Michael McEnaney (GDC), Carissa du Plessis (BDC), Simon Pickford (BDC), Barbara Phillips (WDC), Olivia Anderson (WDC), Philippa Lynch (Poutini Environmental), Chu Zhao (WCRC).

Welcome

Apologies

Rex Williams (Chairman)

Appointing the TTPP Positions Subcommittee and Delegating Authority to Settle at Appeals.

Cr Maitland asked if the committee member can engage with appellants on their appeals outside of the formal process.

A. Balme answered that once they understand the committee's position, then staff will try to engage with the individual appellants and representatives to attempt to resolve points where that's possible without the need for formal mediations.

Cr Gibson asked what happens if the committee members are approached by the people in the system.

A. Balme answered that the committee members can hear their concerns but have to work through the formal process to resolve things.

A. Balme provided detailed explanation of five options for position setting on Page 5 of the agenda, with staff recommending Option 2. A. Balme noted that a subcommittee was being recommended because it would only require a quorum of two.

Mayor Lash preferred Option 3, because it provides an inclusive and transparent directional position setting for the committee and also enables any perceived or actual conflict to be raised, discussed, and mitigated openly.

Cr Smith disagreed with Mayor Lash, he said Option 2 provides better security around the issue of conflict.



Cr Gibson agreed with Mayor Lash.

Kaiwhakahaere Madgwick disagreed with Cr Smith and A. Balme. He noted that Option 3 serves their interests well, as their legal advice from Ngāi Tahu indicated this approach was viable and commonly used in other regions. In addition, Option 3 allows the individuals to decide on the recusals, it gives the committee more scope, and Option 2 is too limiting and more strictly applied.

Moved (Kaiwhakahaere Madgwick / Mayor Lash)

1. *Receive this report*
2. *Approve Position setting Option 3:
To appoint all of the members to the Positions Subcommittee and deal with any conflicts of interest for members whose organisations have lodged or joined an appeal on a topic by way of recusals meeting by meeting.*

Carried

Cr Gibson, Mayor Gibson, Mayor Russell, Cr Maitland, Kaiwhakahaere Tumahai, Cr L. Webb agreed.

Against Cr Cassin & Cr Smith.

A. Balme then explained the second decision required regarding administrative delegation for mediation settlement authority. This delegation would allow designated individuals to sign mediation agreements on behalf of the committee, provided the agreements align with positions set by the committee. She clarified this was purely administrative and would not involve changing the committee's established positions.

A. Balme noted that the Recommendation 3 has been revised from the previous meeting and clarified that the person who exercises the delegation needs to be available to attend the mediation for the topic, not for the whole TTPP.

Moved (Kaiwhakahaere Madgwick / Mayor Lash)

3. *Delegate the authority to make decisions to settle any Environment Court appeals on the TTPP to the TTPP Project Manager and legal counsel (acting severally) provided such decisions align with the position set on behalf of the TTPP Committee. The Positions Subcommittee may also delegate this authority on a topic-by-topic basis to a TTPP Committee member who is not a party to the appeals on that topic, subject to the same constraints.*

Carried

Meeting ended at 12.36 pm.