

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE HELD AT BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL
11 JUNE 2026**

Present

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

Absent

Kaiwhakahaere Tumahai (Ngāti Waewae)

In attendance

Simon Pickford (BDC) Matt Smith (WCRC), Darryl Lew (WCRC), J. Armstrong (TTPP Project Manager), Carissa du Plessis (BDC), Doug Bray (WCRC) Gina Hogarth (BDC), Chu Zhao (WCRC), Simon Bastion (BDC), Joanne Soderlund (GDC), Chris Cameron (WCRC) Paul Zaanen (BDC), Michael McEnaney (GDC)

Welcome

Chair Williams welcomed attendees

Apologies

No Apologies were received

Conflict of Interest Declaration

None raised

Confirm minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 May 2026

Moved (Mayor Russell/ Cr Webb)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2026 are confirmed.

Carried

Matters arising from previous meetings

None raised

Information and Implications of Climate Change Modelling in TTPP

C. Cameron presented information requested by Committee members about climate change scenarios.

Committee members questioned the accuracy of climate change science and Mr Cameron responded that they are not predictions just possible scenarios. Any change in climate change scenarios will still likely fall within the range of current scenarios and the warming anticipated under RCP 8.5 by 2100 may be delayed but could still occur by 2125.

Cr. Maitland asked if changes would be made in TTPP flood and coastal hazard overlays around September. Mrs Armstrong responded that the IPCC would not publish updated scenarios until 2028, when she would anticipate a global discussion will occur. New Zealand is only likely to make any legislative changes following the global debate.

Moved (Mayor Russell/ Chair Williams)

1. *That the Committee note the information.*

Carried

Financial Implications of Mediation Deferment and Plan Changes

Mrs Armstrong presented this paper which included reference to Cl13 (2) of the Order in Council and explained the funding arrangements if a party to the TTPP Committee requested the inclusion of an item which has only or predominantly a localized impact, into a plan change initiated by TTPP Committee. This would be at the party's expense.

The estimated costs of a small plan change and costs incurred as a result of the deferment to the start of the appeals Mediation schedule were presented.

Mrs Armstrong also noted the costs for mediation meetings originally scheduled for May and June 2026, but now deferred to the 2027 financial year, would now fall in the 2027 financial year further increasing any budget exceedance expected for that year.

Moved (Cr Cassin/Mayor Russell)

1. *That the Committee receive the report*

Carried

Variation 3 Update and Process Forward

Mrs Armstrong explained that Variation 3 had originally been incorrectly referred to as Plan Change 1, and that a paper on this topic was delivered to the 11 May 2026 TTPP Committee meeting. Matters in the variation, while individually relatively minor, are adding unnecessary cost and delay to development not intended to be caught in the resource consent process.

Approval from the Minister for RMA Reform to undertake the variation is being awaited, and Mrs Armstrong explained that once the approval is received, consultation on Variation 3 would begin.

It is hoped that a paper seeking to notify the variation could be presented to TTPP Committee at their 11 August meeting.

Chair Williams commented that it may be worth holding an additional meeting to expedite the Variation 3 process, if a paper cannot be brought to the August meeting.

Moved (P. Madgwick / Cr. Gibson)

1. *That the Committee receive the report.*
2. *That the draft Variation 3 be approved for consultation.*
3. *That as soon as staff receive the approval of the Minister for RMA Reform to proceed with Variation 3 for Te Tai o Poutini Plan under the provisions of the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Act 2025, that statutory consultation as outlined in this report be undertaken.*

Carried

Appeals Mediation and Hearings Process Update

Mrs Armstrong noted that the Positions Subcommittee set the positions for topics or appeals in May.

Appeals points have been withdrawn by two appellants and direct discussions to progress draft consent documents are currently occurring with five other parties. A number of parties have also provided further particulars on their appeals, and it is hoped this will enable further direct discussions ahead of mediation meetings.

Following the deferral of the start date for mediation meetings the Commissioner has approved a slightly earlier commencement of mediation of 30 June. Mrs Armstrong explained that this allows a mediation meeting for five small topics to go ahead as originally scheduled, leaving only three meetings to be rescheduled later this year and early in 2027.

Moved (Mayor Gibson / Cr Webb)

1. *That the Committee receive the report.*

Carried

Financial Report to 30 April 2026

Mrs Armstrong took the financial report as read. There were no questions raised

Moved (Mayor Russell / Chair Williams)

2. *That the Committee receive the report.*

Carried

Chair Williams thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting ended at 10.01 am.



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NEXT MEETING

Chairman

October 15, 2026

Date