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Friday, 2 June 2023

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CANTERBURY MAYORAL FORUM



Name:	Canterbury Mayoral Forum
Date:	Friday, 2 June 2023
Time:	8:30 am to 12:30 pm (NZST)
Location:	Commodore Hotel, 449 Memorial Avenue, Burnside, Christchurch
Board Members:	Anne Munro, Craig Rowley, Craig Mackle, Dan Gordon, Gary Kircher, Neil Brown, Nigel Bowen (Chair), Peter Scott, Phil Mauger, Sam Broughton
Attendees:	Alex Parmley, Angela Oosthuizen, Bede Carran, David Ward, Dawn Baxendale, Hamish Dobbie, Stefanie Rixecker, Will Doughty, Maree McNeilly, Rosa Wakefield
Apologies:	Marie Black, Hamish Riach, Monique Croon, Jeff Millward, Stuart Duncan, Amanda Wall
Guests:	Councillor Ian Mackenzie (Environment Canterbury) (Item 2.3); Councillor Tutehounuku "Nuk" Korako (Environment Canterbury) (Item 4.1); Vince Barry, Regional Director Public Health Te Waipounamu National Public Health Service; Endine Dixon-Harris, Senior Advisor National Localities Team, Te Whatu Ora; Teei Kaiaruna, Principal Advisor - Design, National Localities Team, Te Whatu Ora and Analyst, Iwi Māori Partnership Boards, Service Development and Relations, Te Aka Whai Ora; Ben Clark Regional Public Service Commissioner (Item 4.5)
Notes:	Apologies: Sharon Mason, incoming Chief Executive, Selwyn District Council; Gerard Cleary, for Jeff Millward, Chief Executive, Waimakariri District Council; Councillor Iaeen Cranwell (Environment Canterbury) (Item 4.1)

1. Opening meeting

1.1 Karakia, welcome, introductions and apologies

8:30 am (5 min)

Nigel Bowen

Canterbury Mayoral Forum karakia

Ko Ngā Tiritiri o te Moana ngā maunga

Ko ngā wai huka ngā awa i rere tonu mai

Ko Ngā Pākihi Whakatekateka o Waitaha te whenua

Ko Marokura, ko Mahaanui, ko Araiteuru ngā tai

Tīhei mauri ora!

The Southern Alps stand above

The snow-fed rivers continually flow forth

The plains of Waitaha extend out

To the tides of Marokura, Mahaanui and Araiteuru

Behold, there is life!

1.2 Confirmation of agenda 8:35 am (5 min)

Nigel Bowen

1.3 Minutes from the previous meeting 8:40 am (5 min)

Nigel Bowen

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1.4 Action List 8:45 am (10 min)

Nigel Bowen

2. For discussion

2.1 Fluvial gravel management 8:55 am (25 min)

Peter Scott

Councillor Ian Mackenzie

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2.2 Resource management reform - first tranche regions 9:20 am (30 min)

Stefanie Rixecker

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2.3 Ministers' meetings debrief and next steps 9:50 am (20 min)

Nigel Bowen

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3. Morning tea

3.1 Morning tea 10:10 am (15 min)

4. For discussion

4.1 Canterbury Mayoral Forum and Ngāi Tahu relationship 10:25 am (30 min)

Peter Scott

Councillor Tutehounuku "Nuk" Korako

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4.2 Changing context for local government 10:55 am (20 min)

Hamish Riach

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4.3 Regional Policy Statement review 2023-2024 11:15 am (10 min)

Peter Scott

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4.4 Climate Change Action Planning Reference Group update 11:25 am (5 min)

Dan Gordon

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4.5 Canterbury Water Management Strategy update 11:30 am (5 min)

Peter Scott

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4.6 Te Whatu Ora Health NZ localities update 11:35 am (20 min)

Vince Barry, Regional Director Public Health Te Waipounamu National Public Health Service; Endine Dixon-Harris, Senior Advisor National Localities Team, Te Whatu Ora; Teei Kaiaruna, Principal Advisor - Design, National Localities Team, Te Whatu Ora and Analyst, Iwi Māori Partnership Boards, Service Development and Relations, Te Aka Whai Ora; Whitiri Poutawa, Relationship Manager, National Localities Team, Te Aka Whai Ora; Ben Clark Regional Public Service Commissioner

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5. For information

5.1 Affordable water reform

11:55 am (10 min)

Nigel Bowen

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5.2 Chief Executives Forum report

12:05 pm (10 min)

Hamish Riach

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6. General business

6.1 General business

12:15 pm (10 min)

7. Close Meeting

7.1 Meeting review

12:25 pm (5 min)

7.2 Closing karakia

12:30 pm (1 min)

Nigel Bowen

Kia tau te rangimarie ki runga I nga iwi o te ao

Haumi e

Hui e

Taiki e

Let peace reign on all the people of the world

Fixed

Bound as one

7.3 Close the meeting

Next meeting: Canterbury Mayoral Forum - 25 Aug 2023, 8:30 am

MINUTES (in Review)

CANTERBURY MAYORAL FORUM



Name:	Canterbury Mayoral Forum
Date:	Friday, 24 February 2023
Time:	8:45 am to 11:17 am (NZDT)
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Apologies:	Craig Mackle, Alex Parmley, Stuart Duncan
Guests/Notes:	Ben Clark, Regional Public Service Commissioner (item 2.3) Jim Palmer, Greater Christchurch Partnership Independent Chair; Richard Osborne, Waka Kotahi; Anna Elphick, Greater Christchurch Partnership secretariat (item 4.1)

1. Opening meeting

1.1 Karakia, welcome, introductions and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Members joined in karakia.
Apologies and guests were noted as above.

1.2 Confirmation of agenda

The agenda was confirmed with one item of general business:

- sustainable funding from MPI for landcare groups.

1.3 Minutes from the previous meeting

Canterbury Mayoral Forum 25 Nov 2022, the minutes were confirmed with the following changes:

Note that Anne Munro is a full member of the Forum rather than an attendee.

1.4 Action List

There are four outstanding actions, with updates noted in the paper.

Members discussed the Health NZ action, noting:

- Rob was unable to attend the dinner last night, but the secretariat continues to be in touch with his office seeking a response to the outstanding actions
- the localities team has indicated that they will be in contact with local authorities in March

- there is a new Minister of Health, and this is a topic to be discussed with her at the meeting in May
- the need to work closely with iwi on localities
- members agreed to keep the action open for tracking until the localities framework becomes available.



Action

Find out who the Ngāi Tahu lead is for health reforms.

Due Date: 30 Mar 2023
Owner: Maree McNeilly

2. For discussion

2.1 Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025

The Chair spoke to the paper, noting that we have committed to a vision and need to confirm our priorities.

Members discussed the Plan, noting:

- general support for the Plan and no need for significant change
- the renewed focus on resilience given recent events
- the plan is for Canterbury as the region
- the relevance of shared prosperity and how to support the business community
- how best to highlight the roading funding deficit
- that the Forum continue to advocate for localism and devolving decision-making to local government. Members agreed to add this to the Plan
- the mandate for councils to support social wellbeing, but the lack of resource to work in this space
- the need to broaden our thinking about health to include the work we do on parks, cycleways, swimming pools etc., and to seek recognition for the benefit of the money councils spend on these and how this saves money on health interventions
- how we might partner with central government on more complex issues like housing, which will be informed by the housing strategy
- the need to fill the void left following Covid-19 focus and funding on wellbeing initiative
- the importance of GDP for the South Island
- the value of the Forum having a positive and constructive focus.

Members agreed to add a principle around localism and devolving decision-making to local government to the vision and values section of the Plan, and to make this a key principle.

Thanks to the secretariat for collation of the plan was noted.



Decision

The Forum agreed to:

1. provide any final feedback and comments on the content of the draft Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025
2. delegate the approval of the final Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2023- 2025 to the Chair and Deputy Chair

3. note that the Chief Executives Forum will develop a detailed action plan to support the achievement of the objectives set out in the Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025.

Decision Date: 24 Feb 2023
Mover: Dan Gordon
Seconder: Marie Black
Outcome: Approved

2.2 Future for Local Government Submission

Hamish Riach spoke to the paper, noting that the submission has been drafted. Many councils are making their own submissions; this submission seeks to take the perspective of the Forum as a whole, rather than at a council level.

Members discussed whether there is consensus that the future system would be better with one level of local government rather than the two levels that currently exist. There was some support for this position but Environment Canterbury noted concern around how unitary authorities conduct environmental management in New Zealand currently, and that clarity around how to achieve separation between the functions to build and protect is needed before this approach could be supported.

Members agreed to strengthen the point around central government paying rates to include agencies such as water services agencies.

Members agreed to strengthen the language around localism in the submission, in line with the Plan for Canterbury.

The Chair noted thanks to the secretariat for drafting the submission.



Decision

The Forum agreed to:

1. provide feedback on the draft submission on the Future for Local Government review
2. subject to incorporation of feedback, approve delegation to the Chair to approve the final Mayoral Forum's submission on the Future for Local Government review.

Decision Date: 24 Feb 2023
Mover: Nigel Bowen
Seconder: Sam Broughton
Outcome: Approved

2.3 Regional Public Service Commissioner update

The Chair welcomed Ben Clark, Regional Public Service Commissioner, to the meeting. The paper was taken as read. He noted that the Regional Leadership Group met with Canterbury Labour MPs a few weeks ago to share initiatives happening around youth crime and supporting rangitahi to meet their potential. At the Chief Executives Forum public housing was noted as an area of interest and some CEs are meeting for a workshop with Kāinga Ora and a few other parties to discuss what could be done in this space. CEs will report back to the Forum when progress has been made.

Stronger Ngāi Tahu representation is being sought on RLG. Debbie Power (CE MSD) and Iona Holsted (Secretary for Education) have identified Waitaki and Queenstown as TAs to trial different ways of working with.

The Forum's difficulty in getting responses from Te Whatu Ora was noted, and that more information around the development of localities would be helpful.

**Action**

Ben to help seek clarity on the development of localities for health.

19/04 Vince Barry, regional lead Health NZ to be invited to CMF meeting in June, along with Ben

Due Date: 30 Mar 2023
Owner: Maree McNeilly

**Decision**

The Forum agreed to receive the Regional Public Service Commissioner update.

Decision Date: 24 Feb 2023
Mover: Nigel Bowen
Seconder: Anne Munro
Outcome: Approved

3. Morning tea

3.1 Morning tea

4. For discussion

4.1 Greater Christchurch Partnership

The Chair welcomed Jim Palmer, Chair Greater Christchurch Partnership, to the meeting.

Jim introduced Anna Elphick (Greater Christchurch Partnership secretariat) and Richard Osborne from Waka Kotahi. Jim spoke to the Whakawhanake Kāinga Komiti's (Urban Growth Partnership) Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan and Mass Rapid Transit Plan. Jim noted that the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan would potentially be a useful component of the regional spatial strategies that are likely to be required in the future, and that Greater Christchurch doesn't operate in isolation, with the connection to Canterbury and the South Island acknowledged and understood.

Jim noted that Greater Christchurch 2050 is about more than just urban form and transport, and that the holistic view will be considered in partnership with mana whenua.

Engagement with community started yesterday, with over 800 comments on the first day. The draft spatial plan will go out more formally later this year, and will inform the business case for mass rapid transport. He noted Minister Wood's announcement yesterday in support of the initiative.

Richard emphasised the need to view mass rapid transport as part of a wider workstream, including motorway upgrades, cycleways etc. He noted that while talking about potential routes between Hornby and Belfast it's important to look at connections to other parts of the districts, e.g. Rolleston, Rangiora.

**Decision**

The Forum agreed to note the update on the Greater Christchurch Partnership Urban Growth Programme.

Decision Date: 24 Feb 2023
Mover: Nigel Bowen
Seconder: Sam Broughton
Outcome: Approved

4.2 Canterbury Water Management Strategy update

Taken at 9.30am.

Peter Scott spoke to the paper, noting that the principles are still held in high regard but the effectiveness of the zone committee and regional planning committee structure is undergoing evaluation to ensure it continues to provide value. He noted that there is good representation across the region from mana whenua on zone committees.

Stefanie noted that zone committees are a good way to communicate into districts on essential freshwater and the regional policy statement, and that we need to consider what is needed for the future before making changes.

Members discussed the issue of gravel in rivers. A group of concerned citizens in Mackenzie District has raised this and there is concern about flooding. There are concerns about this issue in other districts also, including Ashburton and Waimakariri.

Stefanie agreed that this is an issue, and noted there are a number of aspects to this issue, including:

- that Environment Canterbury is working on a gravel strategy
- the resilience flood protection piece, sitting with Kānoa currently
- the small group of people paying river ratings for the extensive rivers in the region, and the need for a different method of funding and managing infrastructure
- that there is not enough money to deliver it all without large rates increases
- the inability to do betterment to rivers under national legislation limiting capacity for this type of work
- issues of farms and buildings in areas they shouldn't be, close to rivers, and that rivers sometimes need to break their banks

Members discussed:

- the possibility of short term action to remove gravel at no cost to the regional council, e.g. via contractors who can then use the gravel
- the need for consenting to align with environmental management requirements, and the need to have a combined approach across TAs and the regional council
- advocating to Ministers around the restrictions on betterment, noting that betterment was allowed in Kaikōura following the earthquakes there
- that where individuals are trying to take constructive action but are restricted by compliance requirements and that understanding the reason for the requirements can provide a path forward, e.g. in a Hurunui example where a farmer was unable to access across a small stream and just needed a small bit of culvert to allow the activity to proceed
- the need for a conversation around the management of slash. This is not managed by regional councils and there is an intention to have an enquiry around forestry.

Members agreed:

- the importance of continued support for co-investment in flood protection
- that this is a good time for conversations around resilience and infrastructure
- the need to come together with one voice on this complex issue, and to take a long-term view to achieve results for the region
- the need for mana whenua to be involved in this discussion.



Action

Environment Canterbury Chair to request the Environment Canterbury Rivers Committee Chair to add a discussion on gravel management issues to the

agenda for its next meeting, suggesting they hold a workshop to hear from TAs and communities.

22/03: Chair Scott has indicated that Councillor Ian Mackenzie can attend the next CMF in order to provide an update on the Committee responsible for river management matters. Maree is waiting for Nigel to confirm that Ian can attend.

Due Date: 31 Mar 2023

Owner: Peter Scott



Action

Raise issues around gravel management in rivers operationally within Environment Canterbury.

22/03: Stefanie has confirmed she and Peter will provide a brief written summary on key actions relating to gravel extractions. Chair Scott has indicated that Councillor Ian Mackenzie can attend the next CMF in order to provide an update on the Committee responsible for river management matters. Maree is waiting for Nigel to confirm that Ian can attend.

19/4 Ian Mackenzie on the agenda for the June CMF meeting

Due Date: 19 May 2023

Owner: Stefanie Rixecker



Decision

The Forum agreed to receive this report on the update on region-wide progress of Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) partners' work towards implement the CWMS for October to December 2022.

Decision Date: 24 Feb 2023

Mover: Nigel Bowen

Seconder: Anne Munro

Outcome: Approved

4.3 Chatham Islands standing invitation

The Chair spoke to the paper, noting that the preferred option is to extend a standing invitation to Monique Croon, Chatham Islands Mayor, to attend meetings.

Members agreed to support this, noting the collegial value of meeting face to face and that it would be great to have her in the room when it works for her. It was also noted that it would be good to engage with Monique to ensure the agenda is of value to her.

It was suggested the Forum writes to DIA to support the Chatham Islands Mayor attendance at Canterbury Mayoral Forum meetings.



Decision

The Forum agreed to extend a standing invitation to the Mayor of the Chatham Islands to attend Canterbury Mayoral Forum meetings.

Decision Date: 24 Feb 2023

Mover: Nigel Bowen

Seconder: Dan Gordon

Outcome: Approved

4.4 Climate Change Action Planning Reference Group update and ToR

Dan Gordon spoke to the paper, noting that this group met last week for the first time, all councils were represented and it was a good meeting. He noted small changes to the terms of reference, in particular a new paragraph seeking representation from Ngāi Tahu. Individual councils are

expected to follow their own processes with regard to engaging with rūnanga. He noted also that clarification around sharing of confidential information has been added, to ensure disclosure is clear and members are not sharing information they shouldn't be.

It was suggested that Tim Grafton from the Insurance Council meet with the Mayoral Forum to discuss issues around insurance.



Decision

The Forum agreed to approve the terms of reference for the Climate Change Action Planning Reference Group.

Decision Date: 24 Feb 2023
Mover: Nigel Bowen
Seconder: Dan Gordon
Outcome: Approved

5. For information

5.1 Three waters reform

Members discussed the reforms and agreed to send a letter summarising key issues and asking to meet. This is to be sent with haste in order to inform the Minister of Local Government's report back to the Prime Minister on three waters reforms.

Key issues are:

- that the Act has moved away from the initial principle regarding equalisation of costs, and allows differential price setting for different areas
- that with only stormwater in pipes within urban boundaries being transferred to water services entities, the value of all water in one place is eroded
- the proposal for local government to continue to carry debt – beyond the \$20m settled immediately – for five years, and therefore funding waters for that period
- unintended consequences to CCOs.



Action

Draft a letter to the Minister for Local Government on three waters issues and circulate for review.

Due Date: 1 Mar 2023
Owner: Maree McNeilly

5.2 CREDS update

Dawn, Phil and Peter left the meeting during this item.

Craig Rowley spoke to the paper, noting the value of this programme of work.

The secretariat was thanked for all the work in getting the programme to this point.



Decision

The Forum agreed to:

1. receive the final report on the Food and Fibre Innovation programme from ChristchurchNZ
2. note that the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy is now complete.

Decision Date: 24 Feb 2023

Mover: Craig Rowley
Seconder: Neil Brown
Outcome: Approved

5.3 Chief Executives Forum report

The report was taken as read.



Decision

The Forum agreed to:

1. receive the quarterly report from the Chief Executives Forum
2. note that the three-year work programme will be developed once the refreshed Plan for Canterbury is complete.

Decision Date: 24 Feb 2023
Mover: Nigel Bowen
Seconder: Marie Black
Outcome: Approved

5.4 Mayoral Forum activities and engagements

The paper was taken as read.



Decision

The Forum agreed to receive the update on Mayoral Forum activities and correspondence since the Forum's last meeting on 25 November 2022.

Decision Date: 24 Feb 2023
Mover: Nigel Bowen
Seconder: Sam Broughton
Outcome: Approved

6. General business

6.1 General business

Marie noted that funding for the Hurunui Landcare Group will run out at the end of June 2023. This group provides expert advice to farmers developing on farm plans, and enables support groups. Members agreed to support a letter to MPI seeking further funding for this group.

Members discussed whether the Auditor General could attend the next meeting to discuss audit issues. Hamish Riach advised that the Chief Executives Forum has been working with Audit NZ and the Office of the Auditor General on this, and representatives attended a CEs Forum meeting late last year, and will attend again in May. They have given assurances they will be up to date by this year's annual plan. Members agreed for the CEs to continue this conversation.



Action

Write to MPI requesting further funding for the Hurunui Landcare Group.

15/03: Maree spoke to MPI, they have advised that they are currently in discussions with the Hurunui group (and other SI Groups) to negotiate the extension of their contract and funding. The Waimakariri Landcare group funding is from the Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures, and there are also negotiations to extend this funding as well.

Given that negotiations are underway not necessary to send a letter at this time, confirmed with Hamish Dobbie

Due Date: 31 Mar 2023
Owner: Maree McNeilly

7. Close Meeting

7.1 Meeting review

Members agreed that future meetings will be changed to a meeting time of 8.30am-1pm, with lunch to follow.



Action

Update meeting times for future meetings.

Due Date: 10 Mar 2023
Owner: Rosa Wakefield

7.2 Close the meeting

Next meeting: Canterbury Mayoral Forum - 2 Jun 2023, 8:30 am

Lunch to follow

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Date: 2 June 2023

Presented by: Peter Scott, Chair Environment Canterbury

Fluvial gravel management

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to update the Canterbury Mayoral Forum on matters relating to the management of gravel in rivers.

Recommendation

That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

- 1. note the information provided in the paper to support the discussion on matters relating to the management of gravel in rivers in Waitaha / Canterbury.**

Key points

2. The sustainable management of gravel from rivers is critical for natural hazard management and sustainable community development. Its effects however need to be managed to ensure cultural and environmental values are not compromised.
3. Environment Canterbury is currently reviewing how gravel is managed through a review of the Gravel Management Strategy (GMS) 2012.
4. In a small number of rivers there are significant issues with gravel build-up. Others have a manageable sustainable supply and in some, there is degradation through natural processes or historic over-extraction.
5. There are several permission pathways for gravel to be taken. The gravel authorisation pathway has been successful in encouraging extraction in certain areas. Haulage distance and multiple permissions from other agencies are a barrier to taking gravel from some areas.
6. Since May 2021 65 consents and 162 gravel authorisations have been granted which authorised approximately 4,500,000 m³ to be removed from Canterbury rivers.
7. A comprehensive range of information on gravel extraction is available at: www.ecan.govt.nz/gravel

Emerging Issues

8. Significant change in the regulatory framework has led to additional requirements in the decision-making process for extraction permissions over the last decade. This includes changes to the Regional Plan, National Policy Statements, National Environmental Standards, District Plans and other agency (DOC / LINZ) involvement.
9. District Plan reviews are introducing requirements for resource consents from district councils in many of the gravel supplying rivers within our region, leading to the requirement for multiple/duplicate permissions to extract gravel from both Environment Canterbury and district councils.
10. There is a perception amongst some that gravel extraction is exacerbating coastal erosion. Whilst this could be the case in some rivers and adjacent coasts, this is not the case everywhere.
11. An overall request to cease extraction has been received from Te Taumutu Rūnanga, with other Rūnanga expressing their concern over the extraction framework. To some extent it is thought these concerns can be reduced through staff communicating the detailed process undertaken in issuing permissions.
12. Gravel extraction contractors are becoming increasingly frustrated at the perceived level of complexity and duplication of permissions required to undertake this activity.
13. The review of the GMS is behind schedule. The intent of the review is to update overall river gravel management by Environment Canterbury. The review will enable an action plan to consider if changes to permissions are appropriate as well as other initiatives that would be valued by partners and stakeholders.

Background

Role of gravel extraction in protecting our communities

14. Some rivers, or reaches of rivers, may have gravel building up (being deposited), while others may have natural or man-made removal of gravel (degradation). Where gravel builds up, it may reduce the flood carrying capacity of the river and increase the risk of floods. Degradation may cause erosion and undermine the stability of banks and berm vegetation, adjacent properties, or infrastructure.
15. Environment Canterbury monitors gravel bed levels within many Canterbury rivers by ground-level surveys. This includes both aerial (LIDAR) and cross section techniques. Site visits are undertaken where survey information is not available or may be out of date to supplement this survey data. Knowing gravel levels is important to assess whether we are meeting the flood protection levels agreed with our communities and to provide technical advice on gravel availability to potential extractors.
16. River slope is a very important factor in gravel deposition. Some rivers that go from steep to flatter act as large-scale natural gravel traps (large volumes of deposited gravel).

Examples include the Waimakariri and North Branch Ashburton / Hakatere rivers. Gravel doesn't reach the coast on the Waimakariri, but the upper river is a conveyor belt that brings an average of 300,000 cubic metres of gravel per year into the lower reaches. Gravel also builds up throughout 'Blands Reach' on the North Branch Ashburton / Hakatere River, where some areas of the river are now perched above the height of surrounding farmland.

17. By contrast, many other Canterbury rivers where the coastline is eroding are naturally adjusting to a shorter and steeper slope to the coast. These rivers tend to be naturally degrading in their lower reaches, even without gravel extraction. An example of this is the Main Stem of the Ashburton / Hakatere River.
18. Environment Canterbury relies on the gravel industry to keep costs to the community down for flood management. A difficulty lies in the ability to marry flood protection improvements directly with where extraction is sought by the industry taking into account gravel quality and the haul distance for the extractor from the river to the customer. Where demand for gravel is low, Environment Canterbury has been trying encourage extraction by waiving permission fees. However, the proportion of cost that lies within gravel fees is relatively very low compared to the total cost of the extraction activity, so as a motivator for change the waiving of fees has limited effect. The Ashburton/Hakatere River Rating District has set aside \$100,000 of its annual maintenance budget to accelerate the removal of gravel.

Gravel Management Strategy (GMS) Review

19. The GMS provides the framework for managing the extraction of gravel from rivers across Canterbury. This was Environment Canterbury's first GMS, adopted by Council in 2012.
20. River-based gravel extraction is an important tool for flood management. Mana whenua and industry groups are seeking changes to current practices. There is no legislative requirement for a GMS review, however, key gravel management issues continue to evolve. A review is currently underway and anticipated to be complete within the next financial year.
21. A summary of the approach for the review is summarised in Figure 1:

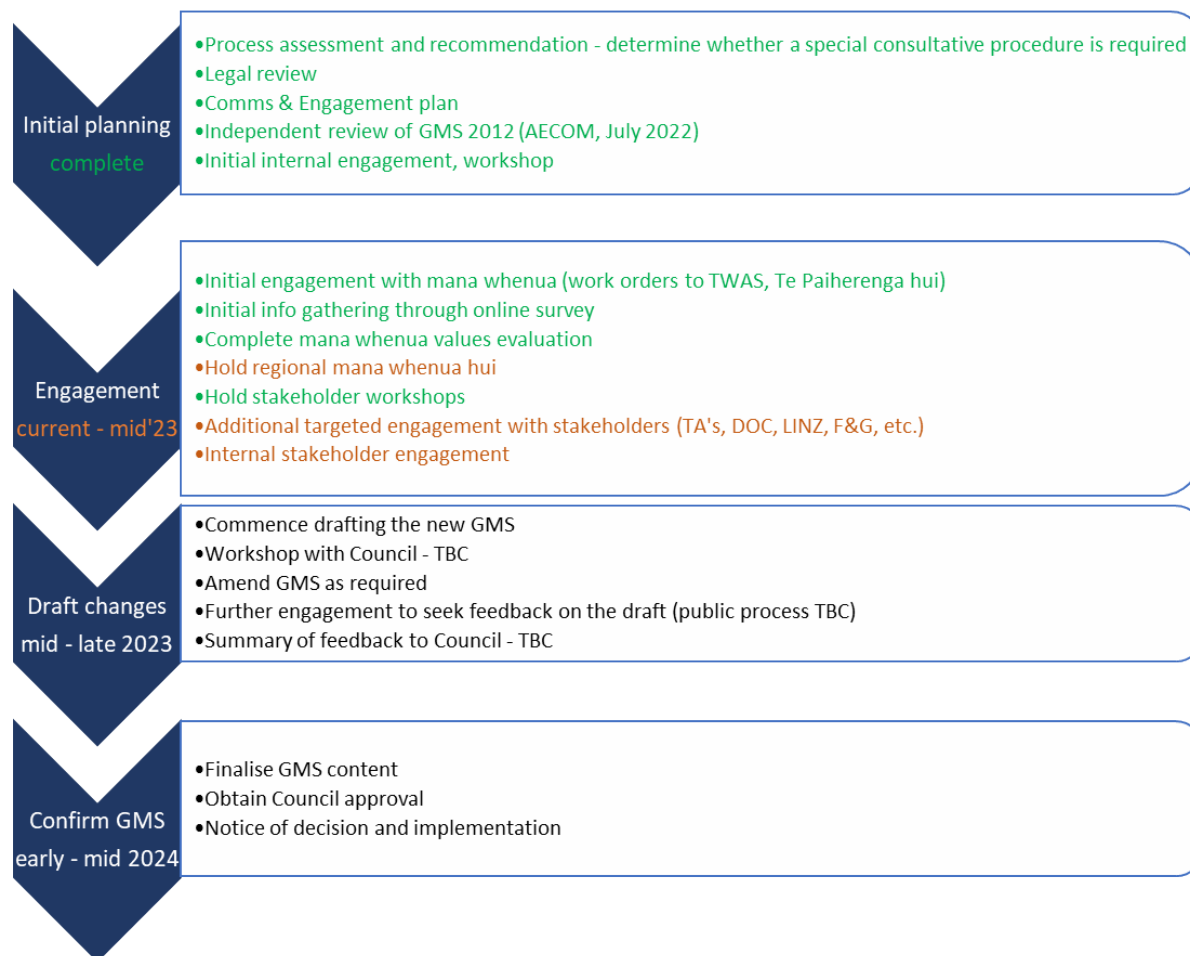


Figure 1: Summary of the proposed GMS review

Environment Canterbury river-based gravel extraction permissions pathways

22. The Resource Management Act (1991) is the primary document that assigns the responsibility to regional councils to manage the disturbance of riverbeds. This is done through provisions and rules in regional plans:

- a. small volumes (i.e., limits vary for each river from 5 cubic metres per year = a small tipper truck to 50 cubic metres per year = a large tipper truck) of gravel can be extracted under a permitted activity rule
- b. where moderate or larger volumes (i.e., >50 cubic metres per year) of gravel are sought, permission from Environment Canterbury to extract gravel from waterways is required.

23. The Land and Water Regional Plan provides two pathways to obtain permission - gravel authorisations and resource consents. The gravel authorisation process is used when Environment Canterbury has identified gravel extraction is required for flood

management purposes. The resource consent process is used when gravel extraction is sought by an applicant for other purposes. The Waimakariri River has a separate plan relating to river-based gravel extraction.

24. The driver to establish a second pathway via gravel authorisations, as an alternative to resource consents, was to enable Environment Canterbury to better use gravel extraction, undertaken by contractors, as a tool in protecting communities from flooding and erosion. It continues to be a key tool to delivering Environment Canterbury's flood and erosion protection responsibilities. The criteria (Figure 1) set for the Gravel Authorisation process has therefore been created with gravel management and flood protection in mind. This doesn't negate the need to consider potential cultural, social and environment impacts under both pathways.
25. Ngāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnanga are tangata whenua for the awa of Waitaha. These rūnanga have kaitiaki responsibilities: the stewardship is expressed through actions to protect natural resources to ensure the mauri or life-force of rivers, streams and wetlands are restored and protected. The values of Papatipu Rūnanga must be incorporated into gravel management with engagement opportunities occurring at all levels of the planning process (Figure 2). Recent engagement with Rūnanga has reaffirmed concerns with the impacts of gravel extraction on the coastal environment and erosion, access to and impacts on mahinga kai, harvesting a natural resource for private use and mauri of the awa.
26. In processing and preparing regional policy statements, regional plans, consent and gravel authorisations (permissions), Environment Canterbury assesses a vast array of potential environmental effects. These include braided river ecosystems, gravel allocation, natural character, native birds, fish spawning habitat and discharges. Land ownership, site rehabilitation, or a reasonable need for gravel are also considered when processing permission applications. It would be fair to say that the extent of assessment regarding these impacts has significantly improved throughout the lifetime of the RMA, as a result of rūnanga involvement, increased planning and permission complexity and as our understanding of the potential impacts on the river environment evolve. Mana whenua has many engagement touchpoints throughout the planning and permissions pathways (Figure 2).

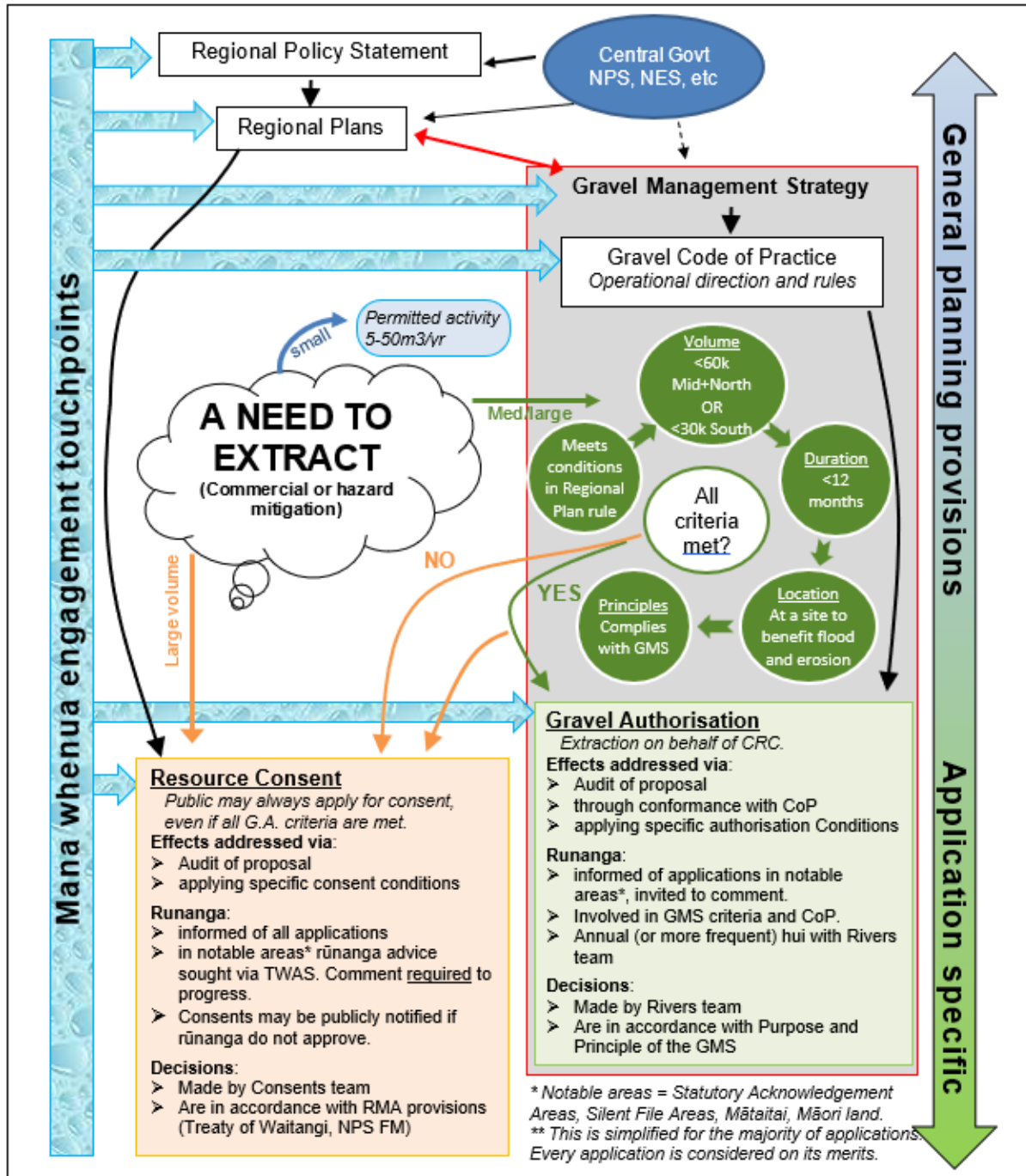


Figure 2: Planning and permissions process and mana whenua engagement touchpoints.

27. In the 10 years since the GMS was adopted, there has been roughly an equal number of consents and gravel authorisations issued. In the past year, there have been three times as many gravel authorisations issued compared to consents. Gravel authorisations are always for 12 months or less, where 75-90% of consents have been issued for durations from 12 months to 5 years as outlined in the Gravel Management Strategy 2012 (GMS requires Waimakariri consents to be maximum 5 years, all other rivers to have 12-month durations). A few longer-term consents include allowance for incidental gravel extraction, for example small quantities needed to maintain bridge waterways or irrigation intake channels.

- 28. An issue which is frustrating the gravel industry is the need for multiple and/or duplicate permissions to take gravel from both Environment Canterbury and district councils. Examples include the recently notified Proposed Timaru District Plan and Proposed Waimakariri District Plan that have introduced resource consent requirements in most of the braided and gravel supplying rivers within their regions.
- 29. Gravel extractors also require permission to operate from landowners. Ownership can range from land administered by Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) and Department of Conservation Te Papa Arawhai (DOC) on behalf of the Crown, Council owned, privately owned and or/occupied through common law rights *ad medium filum aquae* (AMF).
- 30. Gravel extractors may need to apply for a licence or concession from LINZ and DOC respectively. Each of these processes can add to the cost, complexity, and delay in obtaining the required permissions to extract gravel from riverbeds. An agreement has been reached with LINZ that gravel extraction undertaken on Environment Canterbury’s behalf for flood protection (through the Gravel Authorisation process), does not require a separate licence.

Table 1: Summary of gravel extraction permissions, May 2022 - May 2023

Area	Consents	Gravel Authorisations	Main rivers with Gravel Authorisations (number)
North	16	12	Ashley River (5), Hapuku (1), Kowai (3), Kowhai (1), Waimangarara (5), Waiau (1)
Waimakariri	4	4	Eyre (4)
Central	0	34	Ashburton (12), Hinds (6), Rakaia (2), Selwyn (13)
South	8	38	Hae Hae Te Moana (3), Orari (5), Otaio (6), Pareora (5), Tengawai (4)
Total	28	88	

The community aggregate requirements

- 31. Whilst the regional council is primarily tasked with assessing the impacts of river-based gravel extraction, there are wider community interests in having the required resources for road maintenance and development.
- 32. Canterbury has relatively plentiful access to river and land-based gravels making it one of the most inexpensive areas in New Zealand for road construction and concrete supply. Approximately 16% of extracted gravel in Canterbury is sourced from rivers, with the remaining coming from land-based quarries.
- 33. Gravel is a high volume, low value commodity with cost of transport representing a significant proportion of the overall supply costs. The proximity of the gravel source is key to keep project costs down, and also reduces the transport-related carbon emissions. In rural areas where there might not be a consistent demand for gravel in one

area, river-based gravel extraction is likely to be a more economically viable option (rather than setting up land-based quarries).

34. Most of the aggregate extracted in New Zealand is used for roading (61%), followed by building (14%).
35. Long-term increases in gravel demand will be driven predominately by population growth. We did see a pulse in demand for gravel near Ōtautahi Christchurch and Kaikōura following their earthquake events. Future natural disasters may also cause short-medium term pulses in demand.

River Gravel Extraction and Potential Effects on Coastal Erosion

36. Gravel extraction from rivers has the potential to exacerbate coastal erosion, but the possible impacts must be viewed within the wider geomorphic context of river and coastal processes.
37. Sediment from rivers only makes up some of the sediment inputs to the coast. Cliff erosion and beach sediments arriving alongshore from other parts of the coast are significant contributors too.
38. Gravel extraction will not completely cut off the supply of gravel to the coast and any qualitative assessment of potential effects on coastal stability will depend on an accurate knowledge of bedload supply from rivers and how that compares to extracted volumes; the location of the extraction site (including distance from the coast); the cumulative effects of other extractions; and the contribution of river sediment input to the overall coastal sediment budget.
39. With our current state of knowledge, we consider that generally, extraction of river gravel beyond 5km of the coast is unlikely to have a significant effect on bedload delivery to the coast.
40. Quantifying any long-term river and coastal response to a decrease in river sediment supply is extremely challenging. Coastal modelling would help but only with accurate estimates of sediment inputs.

Cost, compliance and communication

41. Review of the GMS is being funded through existing Environment Canterbury budgets. Costs associated with Gravel Authorisations, Resources Consents, Compliance Monitoring and User Pays provisions are set out in the Fees and Charges policy of Environment Canterbury's Long-Term Plan.
42. Environment Canterbury included in our recent Business Case to Central Government for co-investment in flood protection the provision to accelerate gravel extraction. Possible land purchase options are also being actively pursued in order to provide additional storage areas once gravel is removed from the river.

43. A comprehensive Communication and Engagement Plan has been prepared for the GMS review.
44. Gravel extraction is a standard reporting item in Rivers Rating Districts that are particularly affected by gravel aggradation.
45. A Gravel Liaison Committee meets at least annually to provide advice and guidance gravel related matters. South Canterbury also has its own industry group (informally known as the 'MOU') which meets when required to discuss gravel issues.

Next steps

46. GMS engagement continues as outlined in Figure 1. We actively encourage engagement in this important process. Depending on the outcome, subsequent changes to the Long-Term Plan and other key planning documents may be considered if appropriate.

Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Date: 2 June 2023

Presented by: Dr Stefanie Rixecker, Environment Canterbury

Resource management reform – first tranche regions

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide CMF members with information on ‘first tranche’ proposals and to facilitate a discussion on benefits, risks and opportunities of participation and next steps.

Recommendation

That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. **note the information in this paper and identify any next steps required in response.**

Background

2. The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) is in the process of reforming Aotearoa’s resource management system. The Resource Management Act (1991) is proposed to be repealed and replaced with three new pieces of legislation – the Spatial Planning Act, the Natural and Built Environment Act and the Climate Adaptation Act.
3. Bills for the Spatial Planning Act and Natural and Built Environment Act were introduced to Parliament in 2022 and referred to the Environment Committee for consideration. A public hearing of submissions was held in early 2023, and the Committee is due to file its report and recommendations in June.
4. The Climate Adaptation Bill is slated for introduction to Parliament in the fourth quarter of this year.

Overview of structure and planning processes

5. Both the Spatial Planning Bill and Natural and Built Environment Bill propose new processes and structural arrangements for development of regional planning documents. An overview is provided in Attachment 1. Key details include:
 - a. Each region is to form a Regional Planning Committee. The Committee must include at least two persons appointed by 1 or more Māori appointing bodies, and each local authority may appoint at least one member. In the case of the Regional Spatial Strategy, the Committee must include a member appointed by central government.

- b. Local authorities, iwi and hapū must reach agreement on the size and composition of the Committee. Where agreement cannot be reached, the Local Government Commission makes the final decision guided by criteria in the Bills.
- c. The Committee is responsible for preparation of a draft Regional Spatial Strategy and draft Natural and Built Environment Plan. Committees have flexibility to determine the form and process for consultation on the Regional Spatial Strategy. For the Natural and Built Environment Plan, public submissions must be invited, and the Committee must appoint an independent hearing panel to hear submissions and make recommendations. The Committee makes the final decision on whether to accept or reject the hearing panel's recommendations with submitters able to appeal the decision to the High Court or Environment Court.
- d. Local authorities, in consultation with iwi and hapū, must appoint a Host Local Authority. The Host Local Authority is responsible for providing administrative support and managing the Committee's finances. A secretariat will provide support and technical assistance to the Committee, with funding and resources provided by local authorities.

First Tranche Proposals

Overview

6. The Ministry is now turning its attention to implementation of the future resource management system. Full transition is expected to take between 7 – 10 years, with regions transitioning in tranches at different times.
7. The 'first tranche' will include up to three regions with potential candidates identified through a scoping exercise led by the Ministry for the Environment. The exercise will explore each region's readiness to transition, with local government, iwi and hapū expected to work together to prepare a 'regional response'. Matters explored include barriers, risks, costs and benefits of being a first tranche region, processes, logistics and the type and level of support required from central government.
8. Once the scoping exercise has been completed, the Ministry will confirm regions within each tranche. At this stage we understand the Ministry has allocated a total of \$300,000 to support the scoping exercise, but details on further funding to support plan development remains unclear.

Timelines for first tranche regions

9. First tranche regions are expected to commence preparatory work in late 2023 / early 2024, with a key objective being confirmation of the Regional Planning Committee. Development of the first Regional Spatial Strategy would commence in 2025 following gazettal of the first National Planning Framework (see Attachment 2 for RM reform timelines).

10. Transition will occur in parallel with the delivery of existing local government and central government work programmes. Attachment 3 provides an overview of existing local government commitments out to 2026.

Engagement with iwi and hapū on first tranche proposals

11. Ahead of the scoping exercise, the Ministry is engaging with Treaty partners to understand their views on being included in a first tranche region. Conversations with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu are underway and any invitation to participate in the scoping exercise is expected to occur once these discussions are complete.

Focus of discussion

12. There is an opportunity for CMF members to have a strategic discussion on the role of the CMF in the first-tranche process, how best to engage with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu through the process, and the benefits, costs, risk and opportunities of participation.
13. The questions below have been provided to prompt discussion on matters to take into account when considering the first tranche process.

Discussion prompts

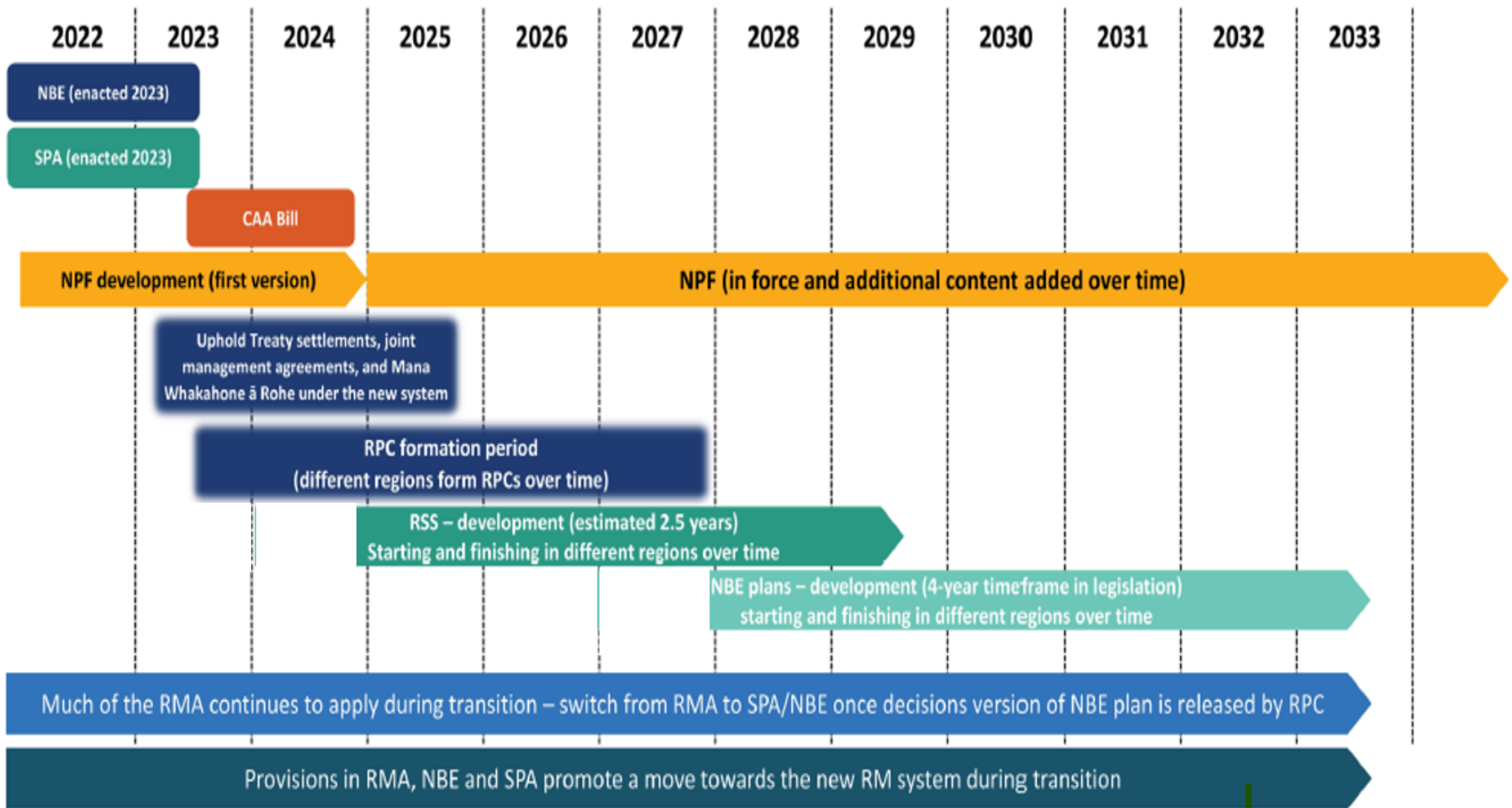
14. What role should the CMF play in this process? (e.g. facilitating discussion, co-ordinating regional response, engaging with Ministry officials)
15. Where are the opportunities for a te Tiriti-based partnership through this process? How do we best engage with and support Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and ngā Rūnanga through the process? Is this question for the CMF to raise with the Kaiwhakahaere (Chair) of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu?
16. What are the benefits and risks of going first? (e.g. financial and legal risks associated with untested legislation?)
17. What are the resourcing and capacity implications? How will this impact on the delivery of existing commitments?
18. What are the financial impacts? How much will each local authority need to contribute? How should we individually and collectively fold these considerations into Long Term Plan discussions?
19. Will being a first tranche region help or hinder the delivery of positive outcomes for Waitaha / Canterbury?
20. What uncertainties need to be taken into account? (e.g. change in Government? incomplete legislative framework and national direction?).
21. Are there any other partners or parties the CMF should engage with?(e.g. ngā Rūnanga, Chief Executives Forum?)

22. What steps should be taken to progress the role of the CMF in first-tranche discussions? (e.g. should all CMF members seek endorsement and a formal resolution from their constituent councils to participate in first tranche discussions?)

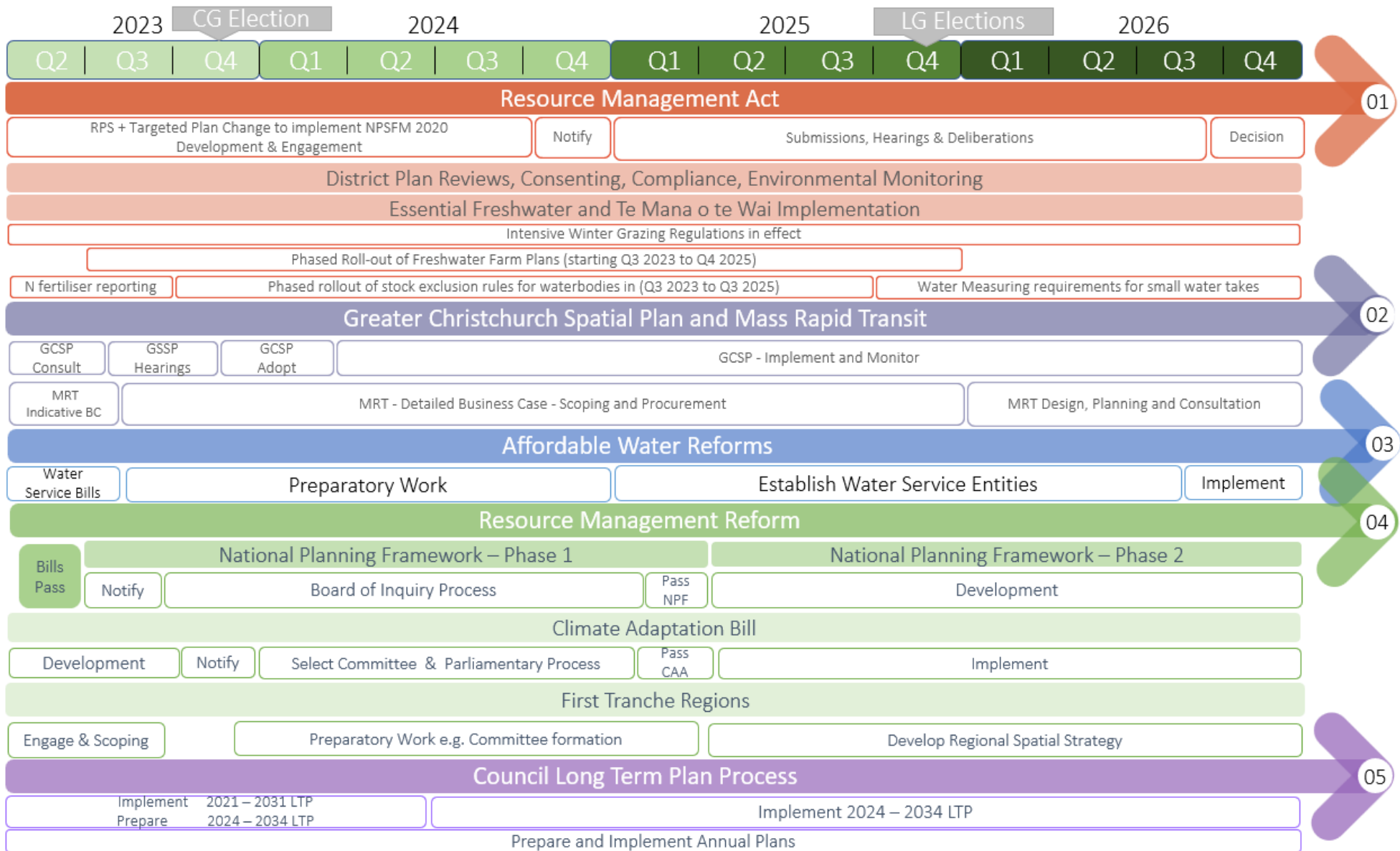
Attachments

- Attachment 1 - Overview of structure and processes for development of the Natural and Built Environment Plan
- Attachment 2 - Timelines for transition to the future resource management system
- Attachment 3 - Timelines for current local government and central government and work programmes

Attachment 2 –Timelines for transition to the future resource management system



Attachment 3 – Timelines for existing central government and local government work programmes



Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Date: 2 June 2023

Presented by: Nigel Bowen, Chair

Ministers' meetings debrief and next steps

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide a summary of the nine meetings held with Government Ministers in Wellington on 11 May and discuss next steps arising from them.

Recommendation

That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. **note the key points from each meeting with Government Ministers as set out in the attachment to the paper and confirm next steps.**

Background

2. At the August 2022 Mayoral Forum dinner, Minister Woods offered to facilitate a visit to Wellington for the Forum to meet with her ministerial colleagues. Meetings with nine ministers were subsequently confirmed for Thursday 11 May 2023.
3. The meetings were an opportunity to present the refreshed Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025, discuss issues of mutual interest and priority, and build on established, and create new, relationships with a range of ministers.

Meetings

4. The Forum met with the following ministers over the course of the day:
 - Jo Luxton, Associate Minister of Agriculture
 - Dr Ayesha Verrall, Minister of Health; Minister of Research, Science and Innovation
 - Michael Wood, Minister of Transport; Minister of Immigration
 - Dr Megan Woods, Minister of Housing; Minister for Energy
 - James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change
 - Grant Robertson, Minister of Finance
 - David Parker, Minister for the Environment
 - Barbara Edmonds, Minister of Economic Development

- Kieran McAnulty, Minister of Local Government; Minister for Emergency Management; Minister for Rural Communities.
5. Ministers noted the value of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum and its influential one strong voice for Canterbury and that this one voice, gives the Forums views and perspectives considerable weight with central government.
 6. The Ministers expressed their appreciation for the Forum taking the time to visit them and build on the relationship with Government face-to-face. They noted it was very easy for them to simply travel a couple of floors to meet with the Forum instead of waiting until they were next in Canterbury to do so, and encouraged the Forum to visit again.
 7. Mayoral Forum members appreciated the opportunity to meet with a number of Ministers on the one day, particularly as a number of issues raised sit across many portfolios.
 8. Summaries of the key points from each meeting are summarised in attachment 1.

Next steps

9. Key actions arising from the meetings are:
 - invite the Minister of Climate Change to Canterbury to continue discussions (*underway*)
 - Te Whatu Ora to engage with the Forum about the locality process (*see agenda item 4.6*)
 - discuss further whether Waitaha/Canterbury may wish to volunteer to be part of tranche 1 for resource management reform implementation (*see agenda item 2.2*).
10. Given comments from Ministers noting the value of the Forum making the trip to meet with them, the Forum may also wish to consider whether to make this trip a regular event (i.e. annually).
11. Members may wish to consider whether there are other actions they wish to pursue as a result of the visit.

Attachment

- Summary of key discussion points from each meeting

Attachment 1: Summary of meetings, 11 May 2023

Minister meeting	Key discussion points
Hon Jo Luxton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pastoral sector is under prolonged stress – weather events, climate change, new/refreshed environmental legislation and regulations • increased investment in science, research and innovation needed to support added value for agriculture • need a productive Canterbury while reducing the pastoral sector’s environmental footprint • farmers want to innovate but cost is a barrier to be able to access the technology needed; more public good science needed so it filters down to farmers • farming communities feel regularly criticised and that their efforts and innovation go unacknowledged by wider society • it is critical that we have thriving rural communities • it may be time for a national conversation on genetic engineering and how this could support better environmental outcomes for the sector • it would be advantageous to have a national plan for food security and water storage • alternative fuels, such as hydrogen, could play a role in significantly reducing tractor and truck emissions • a catchment-based approach to freshwater management is needed • wilding pines are an ongoing issue for many parts of Canterbury, government assistance is needed • a further conversation about the impact of fanworm in and around Lyttelton Harbour is needed
Hon Ayesha Verrall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • councils invest heavily in health already • the winter health plan is intended to be more convenient and efficient for the health system, with a focus on prevention • still early days for the locality process; will be an iterative process to determine boundaries and plans. By mid-2025 it is expected that all boundaries and plans will be in place • Forum members feel the locality process is muddled and unclear, and wish to be brought into the process early • a partnership approach with local government is a necessity in the locality process • Te Whatu Ora can come and present on localities to the Mayoral Forum (2 June) • Iwi-Māori Partnership Boards will be the first engagement step for localities in the region

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Whatu Ora is looking at 60-80 localities across the country in total, around 20-30,000 people within each • locality plans are intended to reflect all voices in a community • community health should not be separated from the hospital side of health • possibility of land purchase in Wigram to support burgeoning aerospace hub • the government wants to support aerospace at Kaitorete Spit • sustained funding for CRIs (and research, science and innovation more broadly) important and the government encourages more co-location initiatives like AgResearch and Lincoln University • opportunity to consider a national conversation on genetic engineering to support innovation outcomes in the land-based sector
<p>Hon Michael Wood</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more recognition Canterbury’s contribution to the country’s economic activity is needed; the transport network plays an incredibly important role in this • opportunities to comment on the draft Government Policy Statement for transport soon • urban and rural growth a key theme in the GPS, as is a ‘build back better’ approach • ongoing increase in costs an issue that is creating pressure for central and local government • Government is keen to engage on fair allocations for transport funding – should this be by size, population, need, GDP? • flexible transport choices are a priority for the Government • transport funding for local government is unsustainable; flexibility in the system and a range of funding tools are needed, alongside a long-term funding strategy so funding isn’t so dependent on annual budgets • sustainable public transport legislation currently undergoing select committee process; 30 plus year plan for freight currently being finalised • importance of roads and road maintenance for rural areas • visa waitlists an issue for some areas, particularly the parent category • Forum is looking for a much more regional and subregional approach to immigration from the Government; Minister noted the planned GPS for immigration would include a more regional approach than in the past, and link in with the work of Regional Skills Leadership Groups
<p>Hon Megan Woods</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • housing challenges differ across the region; in urban areas the issues often relate to affordable and/or social housing, while in rural areas the issue is often the volume and type of housing • important for central and local government to work together to enable and grow affordable and appropriate housing • the government has worked on changing housing settings and enabling a different economic model

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12,000 public homes built by the Government; local government can support by helping to tell the story of why this is needed and can work closely with central government on identifying suitable land for building • there are opportunities for the Forum to grow its contacts with Kainga Ora and MHUD • local government can play a role in promoting the financial support and assistance for first home buyers • important to work together on reaching those who are struggling with housing but don't meet criteria for help with housing costs • the Forum's pursuit of a regional housing strategy is welcomed by the Government, helpful to coordinate as a starting point through the Waitaha Priorities Group • local government unsure if it can use models other than trusts to get involved in providing housing, Minister will provide some advice on this • Waimate is seeking some assistance from the government on supporting the people living in its social housing units, where housing costs for the council are high but rents for residents are low, meaning that residents can't access accommodation supplements; Minister advised she had worked with other councils on similar situations and would discuss further with Waimate • Forum wishes to partner with the Government on investment in large-scale energy projects • Minister suggested finding out more about Ngāi Tahu's efforts to solarise their marae, and the energy initiative in Hornby, Christchurch, where the local school is the wifi broadcast hub for the community • a national energy strategy is under development; a regional energy strategy for Canterbury could be done in parallel • MBIE will consult on a draft national energy strategy and is available to brief the Forum at the appropriate time
<p>Hon James Shaw</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canterbury is proactive on climate change, has collaborated on a regional risk assessment and now embarking on a partnership plan to address climate actions • four options to consider with climate change adaptation, including river protection – do nothing, adapt, defend, move • MfE to shortly release second set of guidance for councils on coastal inundation • Climate Adaptation Bill, which must be bipartisan, intended to be introduced before the general election; delayed due to cyclone • adaptation decision-making must be as localised as possible, but under a consistent structure/process • Bill will have significant financial implications, the question of who pays for what is still unanswered and will be a mix of central government, insurance, local government, private sector, etc • Bill requires local/regional adaptation plans sitting alongside regional spatial strategies • hardship will be key criteria for managed retreat decisions

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETS review will commence soon; local government will be involved • Minister would like to continue discussions; Forum to invite Minister to meet next time he is in Canterbury
<p>Hon Grant Robertson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local government has limited funding and financing tools • Government open to discussing increasing the tools available to councils so that funding is more sustainable (e.g. congestion charging, bed tax, and others) • immediate focus for government will be on cyclone recovery, but resilience across the country to such events an ongoing focus over the medium/long term. A long-term view is needed on resilience planning and infrastructure investment • Government wishes to partner with local government and iwi • a 'build back better' approach is where the Government is heading; this has been long advocated for by local government • face-to-face meeting like this is a great opportunity to discuss these issues
<p>Hon David Parker</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • freshwater farm plan process and National Policy Statement on Freshwater impacting Canterbury communities; stress on rural communities is high • Canterbury well-placed to lead out on challenges facing local government; strong voice of the Forum means weight is given to its views and perspectives • resource management legislation process through select committee has resulted in 1000-page departmental report with recommendations for change for the committee to consider • Forum members on local government steering group thanked for their hard work • Minister wishes to continue with partnership approach on resource management reform • Minister to follow up on response to letter from Forum on waste levies • discussions ongoing between MfE and regions about involvement in tranche 1 for resource management reform implementation; there will be incentives for those regions leading out on this (such as more up-front funding, and a resulting Natural and Built Environment Plan that is fit for purpose) • Canterbury to consider whether it wishes to be part of the tranche 1 process; there are advantages and disadvantages to consider
<p>Hon Barbara Edmonds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government is actively looking into co-investment proposals for flood protection across the country • climate adaptation a focus for the Government • 52,000 visas approved – higher than pre-pandemic levels • as well as immigration, teaching our own people is also important • industry transformation plans a key focus of the Government to grow and transform sectors of the economy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strategy on aerospace to be released soon • possibility of land purchase in Wigram to support burgeoning aerospace hub • important to maximise value from investment in science to grow economic development • package deal needed for the region as so much is interlinked in developing the economy – jobs, housing, resilient transport network, immigration settings etc • Mayors Taskforce for Jobs a great example of a central-local government partnership • support for researchers and innovators to access help important – local government may have a role in building awareness for availability of R&D tax credits, Kānoa funding etc. • if there are specific projects or initiatives the Forum wishes to promote, the Minister is happy to look into them
<p>Hon Kieran McAnulty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emergency management legislation delayed by climate change impacts and especially Cyclone Gabrielle, ready to introduce to Parliament now • legislation will take into account lessons learned from the 2010/11 Canterbury earthquakes up to and including the cyclone event; there will be a full select committee process to ensure all views and experiences considered • government needs to better recognise the contribution and role of local government in emergencies • Minister hopes to take lead on implementing changes following Future for Local Government review, particularly around sustainable funding of local authorities and is committed to partnership with local government on its future • various options for funding and financing – recognising that different approaches will work better in different areas • the Forum taking a unified position on the future for local government will be helpful for the process following release of the final report • need bipartisan consensus on local government’s future shape so there is certainty long term • Mayors Taskforce for Jobs a great example of a central-local government partnership • Workforce development an area where central and local government can work together in partnership • Minister considering advice on whether LTPs could be delayed due to cyclone and flooding events, and assessing impacts of affordable water reforms. Will provide advice to local government as soon as possible, noting there are very mixed views on whether or not to permit delays

Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Date: 2 June 2023

Presented by: Peter Scott, Chair Environment Canterbury

Canterbury Mayoral Forum and Ngāi Tahu relationship

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide background information to the discussion with Environment Canterbury Councillors Iaeen Cranwell and Tutehounuku “Nuk” Korako on the Mayoral Forum and Ngāi Tahu relationship.

Recommendation

That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. **note the information provided in this paper to support the Mayoral Forum discussion on its relationship with ngā Papatipu Rūnanga and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu.**

Background

2. The Canterbury Local Authorities’ Triennial Agreement 2022-2025 establishes the Canterbury Mayoral Forum (CMF) as the primary mechanism for implementing the Triennial Agreement.
3. The CMF Forum Terms of Reference (ToR) set out the objectives and principles for the CMF.
4. One of these principles is that the CMF will exercise its functions with “due regard to the tangata whenua and cultural diversity of the Canterbury community”.
5. The CMF ToR note that the “Forum has issued a standing invitation to the Kaiwhakahaere or other representative/s of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu to attend and participate in meetings of the Forum. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum has extended an invitation to the Chairs of the Papatipu Rūnanga to meet biannually with the Mayoral Forum”. The invitations have not yet been sent for this year’s meetings.

Mayoral Forum’s Plan for Canterbury

6. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum’s Plan for Canterbury, which was launched in April 2023, is a basis for conversation and partnership with Ngāi Tahu, Government, and the business, community and volunteer sectors.

7. The Mayoral Forum's vision for Waitaha / Canterbury is sustainable development with shared prosperity, resilient communities and proud identity. We also want to make sure that sustainable development meets the needs of the present, while safeguarding the wellbeing of current and future generations.
8. In this the CMF echo the guiding whakataukī of Ngāi Tahu: Mō tātou, ā, mō kā uri ā muri ake nei – for us and our children after us.
9. Building positive and enduring relationships with ngā Papatipu Rūnanga, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, the business community, central government, and our wider communities will play a key part in achieving the CMF goals this term.

Conversation and Partnership

"Local government in our small, rapidly changing country could never be easy. It is, I think, where the rubber meets the road. While so much of the so-called race debate is played out in national politics, it is at the local level that communities must resolve the real challenges of growing diversity. And they must do that not via media-driven soundbites, but face-to-face. That is much harder. It is also far more likely to produce positive outcomes."

Chief Judge Joe Williams. Chief Judge of the Māori Land Court and Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal. Keynote address for Local Government New Zealand's annual conference, 2005.

10. The Forum wants to grow its collaboration with the ten Papatipu Rūnanga within Waitaha/Canterbury as well as Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. In working alongside Ngāi Tahu, a joint understanding of what Te Tiriti partnership means within the context of the CMF will be critical for the relationships moving forward.
11. We are also keen to explore what enabling mechanisms we have to assist ngā Papatipu Rūnanga with engaging and collaborating with us on the key issues for our region and communities.

Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Date: 2 June 2023

Presented by: Hamish Riach, Chair Chief Executives Forum

Changing context for local government

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to facilitate a discussion by the Mayoral Forum on the changing context for local government in light of the upcoming release of the Future for Local Government Review and other central government reforms.

Recommendations

That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. **note the information provided in this paper to support a conversation about the changing context for local government in Aotearoa / New Zealand**
2. **confirm the high-level principles that there is general Mayoral Forum agreement on for the future direction of local government in Aotearoa / New Zealand.**

Background

2. The Review into the Future for Local Government (FfLG) encouraged us to think about opportunities to create a new system of local governance and democracy that will effectively respond to a changing New Zealand and create conditions for communities to thrive.
3. The Review into the Future for Local Government report is due to be presented to the Minister and Local Government New Zealand in June 2023.
4. As well as the FfLG report, local government is facing significant change through the Resource Management, Affordable Water and other central government reform programmes.
5. This matter was discussed at the Chief Executives Forum and we agreed that it would be worthwhile to have the discussion at this meeting as the Forum has not formed a shared opinion on the issue of future system design.
6. Timelines associated with the reforms are provided at Item 2.2 (attachment 3).

Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury

7. The Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury acknowledges the changes that are being proposed for local government through the central government reforms and the Review into the Future for Local Government.
8. Ensuring a strong local voice through the change process and in the design of the outcomes is important to ensure the success of the reforms for local communities.
9. A key priority for the Mayoral Forum for this triennium is to work collectively on how the reform processes will play out for our communities. All the reforms have a significant move towards regionalisation of activities and decision making, but it is important for our communities that local needs are factored into the reforms as well.
10. The Mayoral Forum acknowledges the strength of Canterbury, but also strongly supports the concept of localism and subsidiarity so that the function of governance and decision-making is devolved to the level of government closest to the affected communities.

Future for Local Government submissions

11. Key points from the Canterbury Mayoral Forum submission on the FfLG interim report noted:
 - support for the concept of localism and subsidiarity in that the function of governance and decision making should be devolved to the level of government closest to its affected communities
 - the criticality of a genuine central and local government partnership focussed on mutual respect and trust
 - support for a Tiriti-based partnership for local government
 - any redesign of local government must consider the roles and functions of the different levels of local government.
12. A summary of points raised in some of the Canterbury councils' submissions with respect to system design include:
 - a new integrated model of government that is more than just local government, local governance or local democracy is needed
 - a single preferred local government structure, preference for a unitary council model with flexibility to adapt to local needs and preferences – one council noted that Canterbury is too complex and diverse to be adequately reflected using a unitary model, another noted that focusing on one model may not lead to outcomes sought
 - clarity needed on allocation of local government roles and functions – some councils noted that these should be determined on the principle of subsidiarity

- cannot be done in isolation, needs to take a holistic look at how local, central government and mana whenua work together
- whatever changes are proposed critical to engage with communities.

Focus of discussion

13. The Forum has not formed a shared opinion on the issue of future system design.
14. This matter will have the potential to attract media coverage, particularly closer to the release of the Review Panel's report. We have an opportunity now to discuss and agree on an approach to this significant issue in advance of the release of the FfLG Review Panel's report back to the Minister in June 2023.
15. It appears that current system design options are based on existing systems and models of local governance in Aotearoa, rather than seeking to make the most of the transformative opportunities contemplated by the FfLG process and potentially driven by budgets and rating bases, rather than considering outcomes for ratepayers and the environment.
16. Having this discussion will enhance the opportunity for us to present a coherent and joined-up approach, on those matters that we agree on, to future conversations with central government about reform processes, including outcomes from the FfLG review.

Discussion prompts

17. This matter was discussed at the Chief Executives Forum meeting in May and it was based on the following discussion prompt questions:
 - what areas or principles do we agree on around what should be delivered at a local level?
 - what areas or principles do we *not* agree on around what should be delivered at a local level?
 - how can we use the Canterbury Mayoral Forum as a platform to progress these ideas?
18. The Chief Executives Forum identified possible principles for Forum members to discuss and determine if there is regional agreement. These related not just to the FfLG review, but also all central government current reforms. The principles identified included:
 - focus on function, rather than form
 - strengthening the partnership and increasing collaboration with iwi
 - ensure local voice / local placemaking
 - balance between economic and local representation
 - capacity of the sector

- significance and importance of coherent government.

Next steps

19. Subject to the discussion prompted by this paper, the Chief Executives Forum will note the high-level principles that there is general Mayoral Forum agreement on for local government in Aotearoa/New Zealand and circulate to members.
20. The agreed high-level principles will form part of a Mayoral Forum press release that will be drafted in response to the publication of the Review into the Future for Local Government report.
21. The agreed principles will also form the basis of the Forum's engagement on the next steps following the release of the FfLG report.

Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Date: 2 June 2023

Presented by: Peter Scott, Chair Environment Canterbury

Regional Policy Statement review 2023-2024

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to inform the Mayoral Forum of the upcoming Regional Policy Statement Review and explain how territorial authorities can engage in the process.

Recommendation

That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. receives the update on the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement review.

Background

2. In accordance with the triennial agreement¹ when considering a major policy initiative or proposal that may have implications the parties to the agreement, we give early notification to the affected parties and share the information with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum and the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum.
3. The agreement applies to the Regional Policy Statement, which directs some of the activities of territorial authorities (TAs), as well as those of the regional council. The Resource Management Act (RMA) and the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM), require the Regional Council to publicly notify a freshwater planning instrument by 31 December 2024 to give effect to the NPS-FM. The NPS-FM requires the Regional Council to engage with tangata whenua “to the extent they wish to engage” in the development of a freshwater instrument.

Regional Policy Statement review

4. Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga Waitaha and Environment Canterbury have agreed to work together, in partnership, on the development of the Regional Policy Statement.
5. Working with Papatipu Rūnanga, we intend to notify a new Canterbury Regional Policy Statement (CRPS), accompanied by targeted changes to the Canterbury Land and

¹ s15 Local Government Act 2002

Water Regional Plan (CLWRP), in late 2024. A broad timeline is provided at attachment 1.

6. This will provide updated high level regional policy direction for Canterbury and would incorporate the requirements for setting Visions and identifying Freshwater Management Units within the timeframe required by the NPS for Freshwater Management, as well as:
 - guidance on what Te Mana o te Wai means in a Waitaha / Canterbury context
 - issues, objectives, policies and method direction for freshwater, the coastal environment, air, land and soil, infrastructure, climate change, hazards, biodiversity and urban development
 - responsibilities for natural hazards and biodiversity.
7. We will be seeking input and feedback from the Canterbury TAs as we work toward notification. The engagement proposed with TAs is outlined in attachment 2.
8. Currently we work with TAs to help implement the CRPS through district and city planning processes. This has led to robust outcomes for issues in Canterbury such as natural hazards management, urban development and biodiversity protection. We welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with you to further our collective management of the region's resources.

Cost, compliance and communication

Financial implications

9. Key costs are covered by Environment Canterbury. However, TAs may incur staff and councillor costs associated with the review. These costs would need to be covered by TAs however we anticipate this will be able to be covered under existing budgets.

Risk assessment and legal compliance

10. The timeline we are working to is short. Therefore, this limits the window of opportunity the community has for input, so it is important that your organisation and community provide aspirations and input when the opportunity is presented. Our engagement programme aims to enable consultation to the fullest amount possible given the timeline.

Significance and engagement

11. Environment Canterbury has a structure agreed to with the Waitaha / Canterbury iwi to enable their participation and ability to make decisions in relation to this planning process.

12. We consider territorial authorities to be a key stakeholder, and this process will be significant for your planning processes in the future, therefore we encourage your organisations to engage with us.

Attachments

- RPS review: Roadmap to December 2024
- RPS engagement with territorial authorities

Attachment 1: RPS review: Roadmap to December 2024

A broad timeline is as follows:

- May-July 2023: engage with mandated Rūnanga personnel and stakeholders to develop visions and objectives
- August 2023: Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga Waitaha and Environment Canterbury agree the direction for developing draft visions
- September – November 2023: policy direction development and engage with mandated Rūnanga personnel and stakeholders on targeted changes to the CLWRP.
- December 2023: Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga Waitaha and Environment Canterbury adopt the visions and policy direction January-March 2024: stakeholder engagement and drafting with mandated Rūnanga personnel
- March-June 2024: drafting with mandated Rūnanga personnel
- July 2024: Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga Waitaha and Environment Canterbury adopt draft plan to be shared with limited stakeholder list
- August-October 2024: formal consultation with key stakeholders (“Schedule 1” consultation) and response to that consultation
- November 2024: Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga Waitaha and Environment Canterbury adopt draft plan
- December 2024: notification

Attachment 2: RPS engagement with territorial authorities

Engagement is generally proposed to be managed through the Canterbury Planning Managers Forum, with a series of face to face and online meetings.

Engagement 1 – May to August 2023

Scope:

- Role of the RPS
- Programme Scope
- Issue identification
- Freshwater Management Unit preferences
- TA priorities

Engagement 2 – September to October 2023

Scope:

- Vision and outcomes
- Policy direction
- Next steps

Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Date: 2 June 2023

Presented by: Mayor Dan Gordon, Chair, Climate Change Action Planning Reference Group

Canterbury Climate Change Action Planning Reference Group update

Purpose

1. To provide an update on regional collaboration on climate action planning and seek approval of the draft vision and principles for the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan.

Recommendation

That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

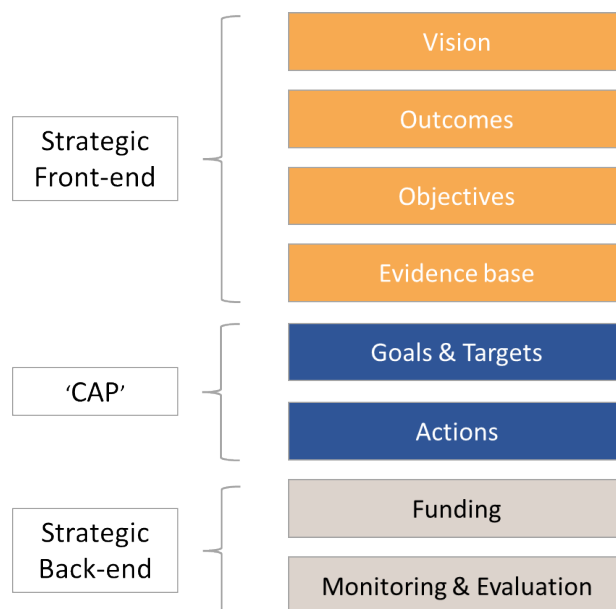
- 1. approve the draft vision and principles for the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan (see Attachment 1).**

Background

2. All Canterbury councils acknowledge climate change as a significant and long-term challenge and that we all share a role in driving solutions and adapting. Councils are at different stages in strategy development and action planning and have differing levels of individual resource availability to implement action.
3. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum endorsed a scope and approach for regional collaboration on climate action planning, as proposed by the Climate Change Working Group (CCWG), and the development of a Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan in November 2022.
4. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum (CMF) also agreed to the formation of a councillor reference group to support and provide governance-level input into the Partnership Plan's development and ensure urgent and collective action to mitigate and adapt to climate change is taken across Canterbury.
5. The Reference Group is chaired by Mayor Dan Gordon (Waimakariri) and supported by the convenor of the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group (Dr Tim Davie). Membership also includes a member of the Chief Executives Forum (Hamish Dobbie – Chief Executive Hurunui District Council; Chair Policy Forum).
6. The Partnership Plan is due to be finalised in line with Long-Term Plan timeframes, by June 2024, and will be brought to the Chief Executives and Mayoral Forums for final approval and endorsement in mid-2024.

Canterbury Climate Change Partnership Plan

- Over the last months the CCWG and Reference Group have worked on the strategic front-end of the agreed climate action planning framework based on internationally recognised best practice¹ (Figure 1). The strategic front-end includes vision, outcomes, objectives and the needed evidence base to support climate action.



- The Reference Group subsequently agreed on a vision for climate action in Canterbury, which outlines our collective purpose and guiding star and agreed on principles by which climate action planning in Canterbury will be approached. The vision and principles have been endorsed by the Reference Group and are attached (see Attachment 1) for the Canterbury Mayoral Forum’s approval.
- The vision and principles will be followed by strategic outcomes and objectives, laying out climate actions we want to achieve in partnership and the Working Group is nearing completion on the drafting of those for the Reference Group’s endorsement.
- The CCWG is also now working on the goals, targets and actions as well as a Communications & Engagement Plan to discuss with the Reference Group over the coming months. As these deliverables are currently being developed, they will be brought to Canterbury Mayoral Forum meetings for endorsement later in 2023.
- As well as goals, targets and actions, and a Communications and Engagement Plan, further deliverables of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan will include a Funding Plan, and Monitoring & Evaluation Plan. All deliverables will be developed based on the below timeline, in line with Long-Term Plan planning timeframes.

¹ [C40 Climate Action Planning Framework](#)

Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan deliverables	Timeframe
Vision, outcomes & objectives for Canterbury	Dec 2022 – June 2023
Goals, targets & actions	April – Oct 2023
Communications & Engagement	April 2023 – June 2024
Funding Plan; and Monitoring & Evaluation Plan	June – Nov 2023

Funding climate action

12. The agreed approach for implementing the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan is to incorporate climate actions into councils' long-term plans. Incorporating climate actions into councils' long-term plans recognises local government funding processes and ensures actions are funded.
13. There may be some collective actions that cannot easily be incorporated into LTPs (e.g. a collective fund for community climate action, regional behavior change campaign) and may sit under different implementation and funding mechanisms. To identify wider climate funding and finance opportunities, Environment Canterbury, partly on behalf of the CCWG, is currently undertaking a Climate Action Funding and Finance scan to understand the current and future landscape for climate action finance.
14. Once the actions for inclusion in the Partnership Plan have been identified, these can be costed, and action-specific funding options can be established for inclusion in the Funding Plan.

Communications & Engagement

15. To ensure regional agreement and consistent messaging around the Partnership Plan, the CCWG secretariat is developing briefing information and materials for CCWG and Reference Group representatives to share with their own councils over the next months.

Working with papatipu rūnanga

16. The CCWG and Reference Group is conscious of the limited capacity of Papatipu Rūnanga to engage with local government on climate action planning.
17. The Reference Group discussed Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRoNT) representation on the Reference Group and included in their Terms of Reference (approved by the CMF at their February meeting) that representation is being sought. Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu has raised the question with the Canterbury Papatipu Rūnanga Chairs' Collective. Environment Canterbury staff, on behalf of the Reference Group, continue to liaise with TRoNT on this and are waiting to hear back on discussions.
18. Individual councils are expected to follow their own processes to engage with local Rūnanga on district climate action planning.

19. For most Rūnanga, climate change is a key issue with multiple risks to biodiversity, water, infrastructure services, energy, prosperity, physical health, prosperity, equity, sense of community, historic heritage, knowledge and self-governance.²

Next steps

20. The Climate Action Planning Reference Group is meeting at the end of June to discuss goals and actions for the Partnership Plan.
21. Strategic outcomes and objectives, and goals, targets and actions of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan are intended to be brought to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum for endorsement at their August meeting.

Attachments

- Attachment 1: draft strategic framework

² [Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment – Integrated Framework Te Tūtei o Te Hau: Surveillance of the Wind](#)

DRAFT Strategic Framework for the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan

Prepared by the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group and the Climate Change Action Planning Reference Group, May 2023

Vision

Our collective purpose and guiding star for climate action in Canterbury

A thriving, climate resilient, low emissions Canterbury

Principles

The values by which we will approach climate action in Canterbury



Treaty based

Solutions focused



Collaborative

Fair



Bold



Informed



Intergenerational

Inclusive

Outcomes & Strategic objectives (tbc)

Goals, Targets & Actions (tbc)

Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Date: 2 June 2023

Presented by: Chair Peter Scott, Environment Canterbury

Canterbury Water Management Strategy update

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide the Canterbury Mayoral Forum with an update on region-wide progress of Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) partners' work towards implementing the CWMS for January to March 2023.

Recommendation

That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. **receive the report on the region-wide progress of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy for January to March 2023.**

Update on region-wide progress towards implementing the CWMS

Zone and Regional committee updates

2. Zone Committee Northern¹ and Southern² Forums were held at the end of March at Rāpaki and Waihao Marae. The purpose of these forums was to provide committees with an introduction to the partnership approach being developed by Environment Canterbury and Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga to achieve a review of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement. Participants were asked for feedback on how zone committees should be involved and on community engagement.
3. Committees were also provided a recap of the CWMS approach and of the committees' progress and discussed some of the challenges and successes of freshwater management. Following further Environment Canterbury and Papatipu Rūnanga discussions, the next round of committee forums will focus on next steps in the development of the Regional Policy Statement.

¹ Kaikōura, Waimakariri, Christchurch West Melton, Banks Peninsula and Selwyn Waihora Zone Committees. Hurunui District Council was also invited to attend.

² Ashburton, Ōrāri Temuka Ōpihi Pareora, Lower Waitaki and Upper Waitaki Zone Committees

4. Hurunui District Council continues to lead the establishment of a new Hurunui Water and Land Committee in conjunction with Environment Canterbury, and Kaikōura and Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga.
5. Zone committees continue to focus on implementing actions on the ground to support the delivery of the CWMS Targets and goals. Attachment 1 provides a summary of the last three months' progress of zone committee projects.

RMA planning and implementation

6. Environment Canterbury continues to work through the final appeal on Plan Change 7, made to the High Court on points of law. Three appeals have been withdrawn by the appellants, and one has been resolved. Provisions not under appeal can now be treated as operative. Further information can be found on the Environment Canterbury [website](#)³.

Key regional projects/campaigns

7. The CWMS is implemented throughout the Canterbury region by the CWMS partners through a range of statutory and non-statutory obligations and working with a number of agencies and community groups.
8. This section of the update provides information on the delivery of actions by CWMS partners to meet the 2025 goals under 10 Targets, although not all 10 Target areas are intended to be covered each quarter. Progress against the CWMS Targets is reported on Environment Canterbury's [website](#)⁴.
9. The Supreme Court has now heard Cloud Ocean Water's appeal (22 - 23 March) concerning water bottling and the link between take and use in consenting. The Court has reserved its decision.
10. The [Rangiora Reach Master Plan](#)⁵ aims to deliver a cohesive landscape plan that will guide future development and management of a section of the Ashley River/Rakahuri. The Master Plan is supported by Ngāi Tūāhuriri, Waimakariri District Council, Environment Canterbury, and key community groups such as the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group. It is the culmination of two years of conversation, consultation, feedback, workshops, and hui with community and stakeholders to ensure the multiple values of this area are equally considered, including flood protection functions, amenities, and natural and recreational values. This plan supports progress towards the Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Target, and the Natural Character of Braided Rivers Target.

³ <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/plans-strategies-and-bylaws/canterbury-land-and-water-regional-plan/change-7/>

⁴ <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/water/measuring-cwms-progress/>

⁵ <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/document/download?uri=4744483>

11. Key agencies, organisations and landowners continue to work together to directly address the health of the **Ōtūwharekai / Ashburton Lakes** which supports progress towards the Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Target.
12. The Ōtūwharekai Working Group co-hosted a [Pop Up Community Day](#)⁶ with the Ashburton Water Zone Committee on Saturday, 25 February 2023 at Te Puna a Taka / Lake Clearwater to highlight the action underway by working group members to improve environmental outcomes. The event was well-attended by hut-holders, local people, and councillors including Ashburton Mayor Neil Brown. Forest and Bird NZ also took part and hosted a stall. A [video of the event](#)⁷ has been created and shared.
13. The working group held an online hui in March focused on new stream monitoring science from the Department of Conservation and NIWA.
14. The **Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour Programme** is a partnership between Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Environment Canterbury, Christchurch City Council, and Lyttelton Port Company to action the Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour Catchment Management Plan, to improve the environmental and cultural values of Whakaraupō / Lyttelton Harbour (supporting progress towards the Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Target).
15. The Whaka-Ora Collaboration Agreement was recently re-signed by the five partners at Te Wheke Marae (at Rāpaki) for another three years. Significant milestones include:
 - Kaimahi for Nature programme operating at Living Springs and Rāpaki has maintained 15 kilometres of fences, created 11 kilometres of tracks, installed over 35,000 plants, and removed 3,000 predators.
 - Working with University of Canterbury and Frontiers Abroad to develop an environmental monitoring programme.
16. The **Te Mōkihi Programme** is a partnership between Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua, Te Rūnanga o Moeraki, Te Rūnanga o Waihao, Environment Canterbury, the Department of Conservation, Land Information NZ, Mackenzie District Council, and Waitaki District Council, focused on improving environmental, cultural, social, and economic outcomes in Te Manahuna / Mackenzie Basin (supporting progress towards the Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Target).
17. The Rūnanga-led project to undertake a stocktake of land parcels in Te Manahuna administered by agencies for use in both the Tūrangawaewae and Grazing Licence projects has been completed. The information is being consolidated for presentation to Ngā Rūnanga for review and confirmation of next steps.

⁶ <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/news-and-events/zone-news/ashburton/strong-turnout-to-otuwharekai-pop-up-event/>

⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/EnvironmentCanterbury/videos/3569304419959446>

18. The **Whakaora Te Waihora Programme** is an operational programme of the Te Waihora Co-Governance Group (members are Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Environment Canterbury, Selwyn District Council, Christchurch City Council, and the Department of Conservation) to restore and rejuvenate the mana, mauri and ecosystem of Te Waihora / Lake Ellesmere (supporting progress towards the Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity and Kaitiakitanga Targets). A key project is:
- **Whakaora Te Waikēkēwai** is a project led by Te Taumutu Rūnanga and funded by the Government's Freshwater Improvement Fund and Environment Canterbury to restore the mid-lower reaches of Te Waikēkēwai / Waikēkēwai Stream. Key milestones include:
 - landowner agreements to support the planting of over 50,000 riparian and wetland plants for Te Repo o Papatahōra – a wetland adjacent to the Ngāti Moki marae is being developed.
 - a completed draft wetland design for Te Repo o Papatahōra approved by mana whenua.
 - the Weed Strikeforce (delivered by the Department of Conservation and funded by Environment Canterbury) continues to make significance progress to control willows and woody weeds around the lakeshore of Te Waihora, facilitating natural regeneration of wetland vegetation.

Update on a new planning framework

19. Environment Canterbury continues to review its planning framework to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020. Environment Canterbury is firstly undertaking a review of its Regional Policy Statement (notification in 2024), and targeted changes to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan, with a view to reviewing its entire plan framework by 2028, creating an integrated planning framework to manage the region's resources.
20. Environment Canterbury has agreed with Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga to work together in the development of a planning framework by way of a Protocol under the Tuia Relationship Agreement to provide joint strategic direction. Te Rōpū Tuia, the governance group comprising all Environment Canterbury Councillors and the Chair (or nominee) of each Papatipu Rūnanga, will act as the partnership body for the governance oversight of the pre-notification phase of the regional planning programme.
21. Environment Canterbury, in discussion with Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga, agreed to adopt the Protocol at Te Rōpū Tuia hui in December 2022 to provide joint strategic direction on Council's regional planning programme. At its hui in March, Te Rōpū Tuia provided staff with direction on the scope and timeframes for the planning framework review.

22. Consultation with the community has commenced, with meetings with zone committees at Rāpaki and Waihao Marae in late March as discussed in paragraphs 2 and 3. Community engagement is expected to continue throughout 2023 and into early 2024. Further information is provided at item 4.3 and on the Environment Canterbury [website](#)⁸.

Central government policy

23. Environment Canterbury has been engaging with Ministry for the Environment (MfE) in developing Source Water Risk Management Area delineation guidelines to support the implementation of the amended **National Environmental Standards for Sources of Human Drinking Water** (NES-DW). MfE had anticipated a gazettal date in mid-May for the amended NES-DW, however, this has been pushed back to August 2023.
24. On 13 April 2023, the Government announced changes to the three waters reform (rebranded to 'affordable water reform') increasing the number of water services entities from four to 10. There will now be two entities within the Ngāi Tahu Takiwā; Canterbury-West Coast; and Otago-Southland. The 10 entity boundaries are roughly along the lines of regional councils. The increase in the number of entities will enable all councils to be represented on their entity's regional representative group. The timetable for roll out has been extended with entities going live sequentially from early 2025 with this process to be completed by 1 July 2026.
25. In preparation for the water services entities, over the last quarter regional councils that sit within the Ngāi Tahu Takiwā (Environment Canterbury, Otago Regional Council, Environment Southland, West Coast Regional Council and Marlborough District Council (as a unitary authority)) agreed to support a project to develop aligned good practice for compliance monitoring and enforcement relating to wastewater, stormwater and water takes. The project involves engaging an external compliance expert to collate existing standard operating procedures and compliance guidance from each council, identify common practices and gaps and make recommendations for alignment.

Essential Freshwater implementation

26. Alongside reviewing the regional land and water planning framework, Environment Canterbury continues to develop its approach to implementing the new requirements of the Essential Freshwater package and provides regular updates on the [Environment Canterbury website](#)⁹. This includes developing campaigns (including key messages, factsheets and resources) for wetland protection, synthetic nitrogen cap and intensive winter grazing to help landowners understand the requirements of the Essential Freshwater National Environmental Standards.
27. Dairy farmers are now required to report their annual synthetic nitrogen fertiliser use to Environment Canterbury by 31 July annually. Farmers can submit these data via the

⁸ <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/plans-strategies-and-bylaws/regional/>

⁹ <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/water/essential-freshwater-package>

National Online Reporting tool or via the Ballance and Ravensdown external reporting tool. Environment Canterbury's [Synthetic Nitrogen Cap webpage](#)¹⁰ has been updated with a FAQ section and a downloadable tool for farmers to calculate their nitrogen use. As of December 2022, a total of 47% of dairy farmers undertook this reporting for the last financial year (2021/2022). Educational communications have been issued to farmers reporting over 200kg/ha as a follow up.

28. From 1 November 2022, new national rules around winter grazing came into force. Under these rules, Canterbury farmers who cannot meet the Permitted Activity rules need to apply for resource consent for intensive winter grazing (IWG) by 1 May 2023. A suite of information for farmers around IWG is now available at the [Environment Canterbury website](#)¹¹. Environment Canterbury's focus this quarter is providing information at farmer drop-in sessions and industry workshops, attending field days and events.
29. The Ministry for the Environment has indicated that Freshwater Farm Regulations (part of Essential Freshwater Package) will be gazetted in the coming months with implementation expected to occur in a staged manner nationally between 2023-2025 with implementation in Canterbury likely to be 2025. Environment Canterbury staff have begun planning the regional implementation approach to ensure a smooth transition from Canterbury Farm Environment Plans to national Freshwater Farm Plans.

Attachments

- Attachment 1: Zone Committee Action Plan overview January to March 2023

¹⁰ <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/farmers-hub>

¹¹ <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/farmers-hub/essential-freshwater-package-farmers-guide/intensive-winter-grazing/>

Attachment 1: Zone Committee Action Plan overview January to March 2023

Regional Committee		
Target	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
	To be developed once Committee established	TBC
Kaikōura Zone Committee		
Target	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<p>Natural Character of Braided Rivers Target</p> <p>Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Target</p> <p>Kaitiakitanga Target</p>	<p>Supporting “ki uta ki tai” projects and identifying future projects</p> <p>Enhance biodiversity, and improve amenity and recreation values</p> <p>Facilitate understanding of catchment systems within our zone, build community knowledge and connection to these systems and increase public participation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee recommended the remaining Action Plan Budget fund go towards the Support for Wetlands and Riparian Restoration Projects for the maintenance of native plantings and control of brush weeds on several Environment Canterbury managed projects. This will enable the completion of several projects which will then be handed over to the respective landowners. • The Committee supported the ‘Wetlands’ farm tour on 16-17 March with Landcare Trust and the ‘Managing Wetlands as farm assets’ project. The event was attended by industry groups including Fonterra, DairyNZ, NZ Beef & Lamb and Environment Canterbury enabling opportunities for collaborative discussions. • Weed control works have been undertaken as part of the Hāpuku Catchment Collective project supported by the Zone Committee Action Plan Budget. To date works have been undertaken across four properties covering approximately 3ha. • The Committee supported the Waikōau Stream and Beach Clean-up for Seaweek 2023 by providing gear and supplies to enable two local school (St Joseph’s and Kaikōura Suburban School) beach clean-up outings. Collectively the schools picked up over 120kg of rubbish.
Hurunui Waiau Zone Committee		
Target	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
	To be developed once Water & Land Committee established	TBC

Waimakariri Zone Committee		
Target	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<p>Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Target</p> <p>Drinking Water Target</p> <p>Natural Character of Braided Rivers Target</p> <p>Recreation and Amenity Opportunities Target</p> <p>Kaitiakitanga Target</p>	<p>Improved monitoring of water resources</p> <p>Biodiversity improvements</p> <p>Braided Rivers</p> <p>Recreation resources</p> <p>Mahinga kai improvements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At its January meeting the Zone Committee received an update on the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, including the visioning workshop supported by the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee through the CWMS Action Plan Budget for 2021/22. This update also covered the current and future priorities of the Trust in 2023/24. • The February briefing session for the committee included a demonstration of the GW50 nitrate analyser (Lincoln Agritech) which is an option this and other zone committees, or groups, could look at hiring/purchasing to support education and awareness of local communities on drinking water testing. • At its March meeting the Zone Committee received an update from Waimakariri Irrigation Limited (WIL) on current biodiversity projects on both shareholder and non-shareholder farms where the extension of biodiversity/planting corridors provide additional benefits to a particular catchment. All consents have now been secured for a large-scale water storage development by WIL and the construction contract details were finalised in early March. A shareholder vote will be held in early April to confirm if the proposal will proceed. • The Zone Committee received a report on the Ashley Rakahuri Estuary Shorebird monitoring project undertaken by Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group over the 2022/203 summer season. This project was supported by the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee through the CWMS Action Plan Budget for 2021/22. The committee received reports from both Waimakariri District Council and Environment Canterbury on their weed control programmes for the coming year. This was in response to positive community feedback about the improvement in the state of the Kaiapoi Lakes since chemical weed control had been halted by the Councils. • The committee received an update from the Waimakariri Landcare Trust on the Next Generation Farming project funded by MPI, Environment Canterbury, Waimakariri Irrigation Limited, and Ballance. This project seeks to identify, test, and share on-farm practices to address environmental concerns. One of the key milestones being advanced is Integrated Farm Plans (IFPs). In the previous quarter, six were completed. Nine more will be completed by the end of next quarter.

Christchurch-West Melton		
Target	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<p>Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Target</p> <p>Kaitiakitanga Target</p>	<p>Enhance mahinga kai</p> <p>Engage community</p> <p>Enhance ecosystem health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banks Peninsula and Christchurch West Melton Zone Committees and Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour Programme are having a joint erosion and sediment control workshop in April with CCC and ECan staff and community groups. The focus is to progress the identification of erosion and sediment sources and application of practical solutions for the Port Hills and Whakaraupō, along with prioritising advocacy options. • Committee members are presenting to Christchurch City Council on their recommendation for an independent audit of all aspects of the effectiveness of erosion and sediment control. • The committee is supporting a project to remove litter from the Avon River, protect springs in Cashmere Stream catchment and to educate tamariki about tuna and stormwater. • The Committee is developing this year’s Stormwater Superhero awareness campaign and awards programmes. • The committee has been on a Waka on Avon tour and visit to the Ōtākaro Orchard which has the first commercial green-blue roof in Aotearoa, and a raingarden. • Committee members continue to take part in Community Waterways Partnership which is agreeing on an awareness and behaviour change focus on litter in waterways for the coming 1-3 years, with sediment identified as the next topic to focus on. The Partnership will also be providing input on the draft Healthy Waterways Action Plan being developed by CCC.
Banks Peninsula Zone Committee		
Target	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<p>Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Target</p> <p>Kaitiakitanga Target</p>	<p>Enhance ecosystem health</p> <p>Engage community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banks Peninsula and Christchurch West Melton Zone Committees and Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour Programme are having a joint erosion and sediment control workshop in April with CCC and ECan staff and community groups. The focus is to progress the identification of erosion and sediment sources and application of practical solutions for the Port Hills and Whakaraupō, along with prioritising advocacy options. • The Committee had a display at the Little River Show about mahinga kai, climate change and fish passage. • The committee held a meeting in March about water quality for recreation on Banks Peninsula with community members from Whakaraupō and Environment Canterbury

		scientists. The committee will continue supporting the progress of improved signage, communication and once the sources of faecal contamination are identified, help progress solutions.
Selwyn-Waihora Zone Committee		
Target	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Target Drinking Water Target Natural Character of Braided Rivers Target Recreation and Amenity opportunities Target Kaitiakitanga Target	Raising awareness of private drinking water supply risks Healthy Waikirikiri/Selwyn River Enhance mahinga kai, recreation and amenity values Catchment nutrient targets and water quality outcomes Healthy Te Waihora	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Zone Committee has focussed on identifying initiatives to fund which support the delivery of their Action Plan priorities. As a result, presentations were received from the Boat Creek Community Group, Te Ara Kākāriki Greenway Canterbury Trust, and Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Incorporated. The presentations highlighted the work each are doing with their communities on projects to improve environmental outcomes. Four initiatives were also presented to the Zone Committee for their consideration, and these were subsequently recommended for funding by the Zone Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boat Creek Reserve Native Restoration - An ecological restoration and enhancement project supported by the Committee last financial year. Te Ara Kākāriki (TAK) Kids Discovery Plant-out Day - at Te Motu o Ahuriri, a site located alongside the Huritini / Halswell River between TAK's Te Pae o Ahuriri site and the Ahuriri Lagoon. Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Incorporated (ESAI) Project Tinaku by supporting funding for coordination to enable the project to continue its work to protect and enhance remaining remnants of native biodiversity within the Ellesmere area and to improve water quality in lowland waterways that feed into Te Waihora / Lake Ellesmere and Muriwai / Coopers through multiple restoration projects. ESAI Corbetts Road Wetland Restoration Project - The Zone Committee is supporting the restoration of a wetland at one of ESAI's Project Tinaku sites. The purpose of the proposed planting is to restore the natural biodiversity of the unique wetland and its abutting dryland terrace, to filter runoff from adjoining paddocks, and to uptake nutrients from the groundwater seepage. Additionally, the planting aims to improve habitat for native wildlife and increase mahinga kai values. The wetland restoration site is located on the lower reaches of the Waikirikiri / Selwyn River.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following concerns raised by the community in November 2022 about nitrate levels in community drinking water supplies and need for more nitrate testing; the Committee is currently considering how the Committee can support and/or facilitate the testing of community drinking water supplies. • The Zone Committee is considering funding a project in the upper catchment of the Waikirikiri / Selwyn River, focusing on the establishment of a biodiversity corridor.
Ashburton Zone Committee		
Target	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<p>Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Target</p> <p>Recreation and Amenity opportunities Target</p> <p>Kaitiakitanga Target</p>	<p>Focus on Ōtūwharekai / Ashburton Lakes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ashburton Water Zone Committee and the Ōtūwharekai Working Group co-hosted a pop-up information day at Te Puna-a-Taka / Lake Clearwater on February 25th to provide an opportunity for people to learn more about the work underway to restore the area’s lakes. The event highlighted on-the-ground actions underway by the Ōtūwharekai Working Group (made up of Papatipu Rūnanga with connection to the area, councils, crown agencies and landowners) and other organisations to restore and enhance this special location. These actions include nutrient reductions on-farm, additional science investigations, the removal of long-drop toilets at the settlement, and biodiversity surveys. Hut-holders, farmers, and conservation groups were among those who attended. They put their questions to the groups and agencies involved with the Ōtūwharekai Working Group and the Ashburton Water Zone Committee.
Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Committee		
Target	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<p>Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Target</p>	<p>Protecting, enhancing and restoring mahinga kai and tuhituhi nehera sites.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline data is being sought for Te Ahi Tarakihi Creek project for the purposes of a future restoration plan. • Kakahu Phosphorus Management Project: Implementation of bank battering and sediment traps; community engagement – including supporting the farming community on freshwater issues and the new national direction and implementation of PC 7; and water testing. • Catchment Collective South Canterbury is being supported to:

<p>Kaitiakitanga Target</p>	<p>We commit to raising awareness of te mana o te wai and te mana o te awa in a rural, urban and industrial context.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide training and advice on future Freshwater Farm Environment Plans • provide training on how to better engage with local Rūnanga (initially through Te Tiriti o Waitangi training) • purchasing of eDNA kits to get baseline data on the aquatic biodiversity within the catchment streams.
<p>Upper Waitaki Zone Committee</p>		
<p>Target</p>	<p>Focus of the Action Plan</p>	<p>Highlights of practical work underway</p>
<p>Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Target</p> <p>Recreation and Amenity opportunities Target</p> <p>Kaitiakitanga Target</p>	<p>Gaining insight into cultural values and areas of significance relating to mahinga kai</p> <p>Engaging with schools and youth to illustrate the importance of mahinga kai and the local history</p> <p>Increasing engagement with Ngāi Tahu regarding enhancement of Nohoanga sites</p> <p>Hosting hāngī for stakeholders and local schools.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With several new representatives on the Committee, the 17 February Zone Committee workshop focused on a CWMS induction session and addressed projects to support through the committee's 2022/23 Action Plan Budget. The committee also considered its work programme for 2023 with the Love Our Lakes campaign and the Twizel River Reserve confirmed as priorities. • The Love Our Lakes campaign has been successfully supported over the summer (from November 2022 - March 2023). This year the focus moved from encouraging responsible toilet use to asking visitors to reduce rubbish by packing waste-free picnics and taking rubbish with them. • On-the-ground channels included the committee's local networks (material distribution, online sharing, events), promotional material tote bags, car stickers and dog poo bags used at events (Meridian Swim Ruataniwha, and the Twizel Salmon and Wine Festival). • Online and traditional media channels included print advertising, radio advertising (140 'spots'), social media, Environment Canterbury website, and a competition. Social media posts gained over 1100 engagements. Facebook boosted posts were worthwhile as they are low cost and target people visiting the area (one boosted post reached 21,900 people). The Love Our Lakes webpage and news stories gained over 1030 views.

Lower Waitaki Zone Committee		
Target	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<p>Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Target</p> <p>Recreation and Amenity opportunities Target</p> <p>Kaitiakitanga Target</p>	<p>Working alongside landowners, rūnaka, communities, councils and others towards ecosystem health and biodiversity targets</p> <p>Educating, motivating and inspiring communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In February the Zone Committee received <i>Waitaki Valley Biodiversity Education and Community Nursery Project 2022 Review</i> report from the Hakataramea Sustainability Collective (HSC). HSC received \$17,500 from the Zone Committee Action Plan budget for this project in the 2021/22 financial year. HSC outlined their plans for this project and requested further funding. <p>The Waitaki Valley Biodiversity Education and Community Nursery project is aimed at increasing biodiversity in the local area through an action-based education program delivered through the Waitaki Valley School (WVS) and coordinated by HSC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The integrated education program combines a mix of hands-on learning modules, the development of a community native nursery and activities of preparing, planting, and protecting local areas of biodiversity. • This project aims to combat the decline of biodiversity within the local region by increasing community awareness, enabling, and inspiring our community to understand, restore and protect biodiversity and through the propagation and planting of native species thriving in the area.

Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Date: 2 June 2023

Presented by: Nigel Bowen, Chair

Te Whatu Ora Health NZ localities update

Purpose

1. The purpose of this item is to provide an update from Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand on localities.

Recommendation

That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. **note the update from Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand on localities.**

Background

2. Following a meeting with the then Chair of Te Whatu Ora in August 2022, the Forum has consistently been seeking an update on health localities from the organisation.
3. Ben Clark, Regional Public Service Commissioner has followed up with Te Whatu Ora on the Forum's behalf and Vince Barry and other Te Whatu team members will be in attendance today to discuss this item.

Localities

4. To support the discussion today Te Whatu Ora has provided three attachments:
 - Localities – A new approach to healthcare in New Zealand
 - Localities – Local Government and health working together for better wellbeing
 - Localities – presentation to local government.

Attachments

- Attachment 1: Localities – A new approach to healthcare in New Zealand
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Localities: A New Approach to Healthcare in New Zealand

Localities are changing New Zealand's healthcare system by prioritising community-based planning, promoting wellness, empowering local voices, and enhancing collaboration across health and wellbeing organisations.

Localities, a new approach to healthcare in New Zealand, prioritizes community-based planning and empowers local voices. By promoting wellness and enhancing collaboration across health and wellbeing organizations, it aims to improve the delivery of services in communities across the country.

Place-based planning allows for a tailored response to the unique needs and aspirations of each community, engaging them to identify top health and wellbeing priorities. This builds relationships across local organizations and providers for seamless care and connects with other sectors to address wider determinants of health.

The locality approach recognizes the interconnectedness of environmental, lifestyle, and socioeconomic factors in population health. Addressing these alongside healthcare services is crucial to achieving better health outcomes.

A locality is a geographical area that is home to a community with their own specific health and social needs and aspirations. The system will plan and arrange services to meet those needs, giving iwi, mana whenua, hāpori Māori, and communities a strong voice in deciding what's needed in their local area. This will enable different health and wellbeing organisations to work together better, improving people's experiences of healthcare.

The geographic boundaries for the localities will be determined through a national process that includes consultation with communities, Iwi Māori Partnership Boards, and local authorities. Each locality plan will detail hauora (health and wellbeing) priorities and aspirations of whānau Māori and the community in each locality, shaping the services provided. By July 2024, every community in Aotearoa will be part of a locality.

There are twelve areas that have started implementing the locality approach. These first localities are building and testing new models of working to inform how the locality approach will be rolled out across the motu.

The first locality areas are:

- Te Hiku o Te Ika
- Ōtara/Papatoetoe
- Hauraki
- Eastern Bay of Plenty
- Tairāwahiti
- Taupō / Turangi
- Wairoa
- Whanganui
- Horowhenua
- Porirua
- West Coast
- Hokonui

The broader rollout of localities will balance momentum with ensuring the right planning, purchasing, and monitoring of health services are in place.

The implementation of localities across New Zealand is enabling a stronger focus on population health and supporting communities in achieving healthy futures for whānau. By giving communities a greater say in local service design and delivery, joined up care and support services, and services delivered closer to home, localities are improving the healthcare experience for all.

Frequently asked questions

Q: How can local authorities contribute to a shared vision of wellbeing for a locality?

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A: Locality boundaries will be collectively determined with communities, mana whenua, and local authorities, taking into consideration service delivery coverage areas and natural patient flows; Iwi Māori Partnership Board areas and iwi rohe; local government boundaries; natural communities and population size.

Q: What is the role of Iwi Māori Partnership Boards in localities?

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Empowering Communities: Local Government and Health Working Together for Better Wellbeing

Local government plays a critical role in improving the health and wellbeing outcomes for people in Aotearoa, and the new national approach called localities aims to support and enable communities to stay well and get different health and wellbeing organizations working better together to improve people's experiences of healthcare.

A locality is a geographical area that is home to a community with specific health and social needs, and the system will plan and arrange services to meet them. The locality approach will support whānau to stay well in their communities by addressing a whole range of different things that can impact a person's hauora, including the circumstances in which people are born, grow up, live, learn, work, and age.

Localities will focus on addressing wider determinants of health and joining health and social care services in local networks, so people get coordinated care. The locality model brings everyone together with a shared vision and a joint approach to solutions that go beyond health and that weave together mātauranga Māori, western and new ways of working.

Local government is a key partner in the locality approach through support to determine local boundaries, and through collective action to support community priorities. The locality approach allows us to understand the community vision of hauora and work collectively to make a greater difference to the wider determinants of health. By working together better, and being guided by community voice, we can build healthier, happier, and more vibrant communities.

While the word 'reform' has become part of our vernacular in health and local government, we believe that it presents a powerful opportunity for us to come together to ensure the health needs and wellbeing aspirations of local whānau and communities are met. The locality approach is an energizing and inspiring way for local government and health to work together better to create a brighter future for all.

Nāu te rourou, Nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.

With your basket, and my basket, the people will live.

You can check out what some of the first localities are doing on their websites here:

[Toirāwhiti](#)

[Te Tara o te Whai](#)

[Hokonui](#)

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LOCALITIES

Place-based planning for health
and wellbeing services

May 2023

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Localities in the context of the health system reform



Whakapapa of localities

- In November 2016 the Waitangi Tribunal Health Services and Outcomes Inquiry (WAI 2575) began listening to all claims concerning grievances relating to health services and outcomes of national significance for Māori.
- In 2018 The Health and Disability System Review was charged with taking a system-wide approach to what needs to change to ensure our future system achieves better and more equitable health and wellbeing outcomes for all.

WAI 2575

The Waitangi Tribunal found the Crown had breached the Treaty of Waitangi by failing to design and administer the primary health care system to actively address persistent Māori health inequities and by failing to give effect to the guarantee of tino rangatiratanga as per Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Health & Disability review

Health services need to be planned more strategically with meaningful engagement with communities and better connections to other agencies with responsibilities that impact social and cultural determinants of health.

In 2021 the decision was made to reform the health system and put greater emphasis on **primary healthcare** and **ensuring fairer access for all New Zealanders.**

02

Localities



Localities

Place-based planning for
health and wellbeing services

What is a locality?

Localities are a key new feature of Aotearoa's reformed health care system. The objective of localities is to enable local communities and whānau to influence the design, funding, and delivery of their local health care services. This will be done by creating a locality plan that determines hauora priorities for those communities which influences how health dollars are spent.

Te Whatu Ora and Te Aka Whai Ora are leading the implementation of the localities framework and will support communities by:

Locally led. Centrally supported

Te Whatu Ora will support all people living in localities to say what they need to live well in and thrive in their communities. Iwi Māori Partnership Boards (IMPBs) will ensure whānau Māori living in a locality are supported to say what they need.

Coming to a community near you

By mid 2024, every community in New Zealand will be part of a locality.

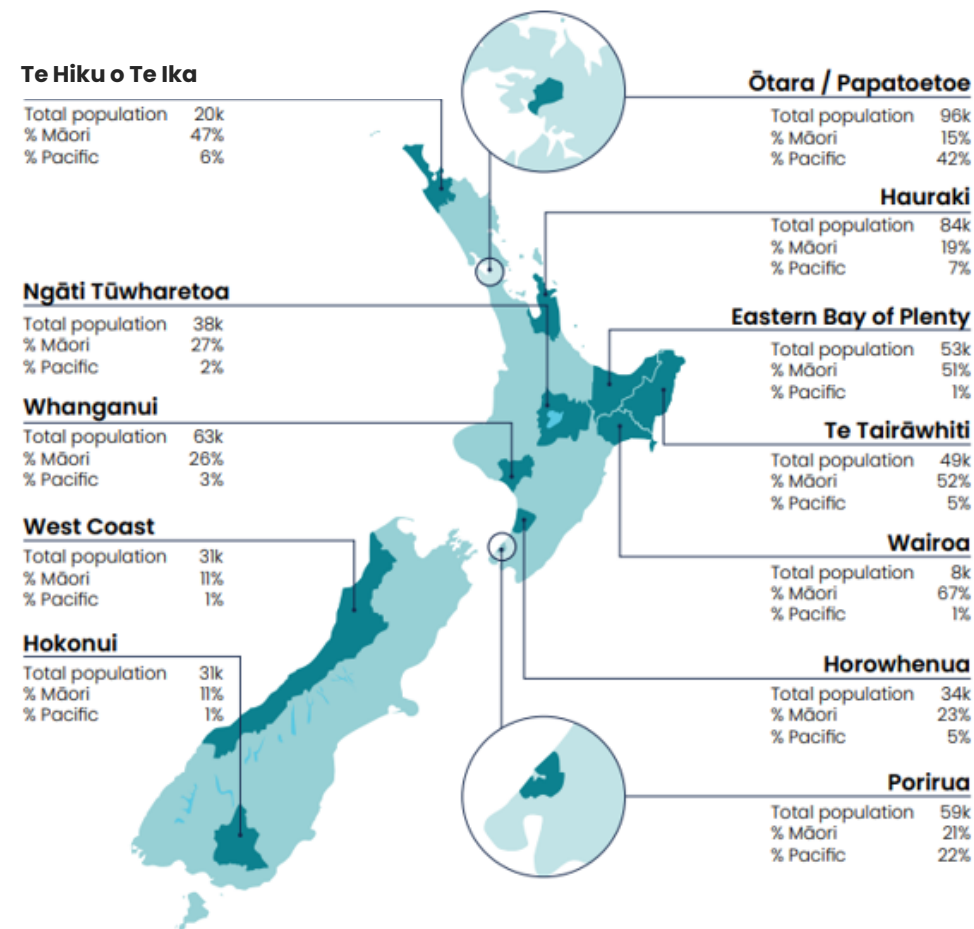
Te Whatu Ora & Te Aka Whai Ora support Localities by:

- **Partnering** with Iwi Māori Partnership Boards (IMPBs) and engaging local governments to determine geographic areas for localities by mid-2024;
- Working with local stakeholders and mana whenua to **establish Locality Partnership Groups** in each geographic region;
- **Providing resources and data** to Locality Partnership Groups to enable the development of comprehensive locality plans;
- **Collaborating** with Hauora Māori service providers, local healthcare, and Pacific service providers to enhance the coordination, accessibility, and responsiveness of services;
- **Aligning** provision of hospital and specialist services with local provider networks to contribute toward fulfilment of locality plan priorities;
- **Engaging** other national and local government agencies to direct investments toward the priorities identified in locality plans.

The first localities

The first localities are focused on building the future of the locality approach. The first twelve areas to start implementing the locality approach are:

- Tihei Wairoa (Wairoa)
- Whanganui
- Horowhenua
- Te Wahi Tiaki Tātou (Porirua)
- Takiwa Poutini (West Coast)
- Hokonui (Southland)
- Tairāwhiti (Gisborne)
- Taikorihi (Te Hiku o Te Ika)
- Le Afio/aga o Aotearoa (Ōtara / Papatoetoe)
- Te Tara o Te Whai (Hauraki)
- Toirāwhiti (Eastern Bay of Plenty)
- Pae Ora Ki Tūwharetoa (Central North Island)



03

Role of local government

Boundary determination and
community hauora



Establish localities under Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act

Pae Ora

The Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022 marks a significant milestone in our journey towards empowered and thriving communities in Aotearoa. We recognise the pivotal roles of Iwi Māori Partnership Boards (IMPBs) and local authorities in supporting the success of localities both now and into the future.



Prototyping a locality development process



Determining locality boundaries

Provisional locality boundaries

To determine a locality Te Whatu Ora and Te Aka Whai Ora must consult relevant local authorities and Iwi Māori Partnership Boards (IMPBs). We want your help to determine where lines should be drawn taking into consideration natural communities, population size, IMPB areas, local government boundaries and service delivery coverage areas and natural patient flows.



Boundary determination steps



STEP ONE – Iwi Māori Partnership Board recommendations

Iwi Māori Partnership Board makes recommendations to Te Aka Whai Ora and Te Whatu Ora for initial locality boundaries in their rohe.



STEP TWO – Local authority engagement

Te Whatu Ora will engage local authorities in that Iwi Māori Partnership Board area on initial locality boundaries.



STEP THREE – Provisional locality boundary proposed

Te Whatu Ora and Te Aka Whai Ora Boards agree on provisional boundaries.



STEP FOUR – Community and whānau voice

Whānau Māori and the community will be asked whether the provisional locality boundary makes sense to them to ensure their collective voices inform the process. The area needs to have a local feel for the people that live there.



STEP FIVE – Working locality boundaries agreed

Taking into consideration the Iwi Māori Partnership Boards' recommendations, local authority and community views, Te Whatu Ora and Te Aka Whai Ora agree and publish the working locality boundaries to meet the requirements of the Pae Ora Act.

04

Where to from here

Next steps in engaging with local government

We want to get to know you

We are meeting with local councils across the motu

We have started with the councils that have an established IMPB and locality in their region, presenting at Mayoral forums, holding local workshops and sharing with Local Government NZ

From here, you can expect to receive a copy of the provisional locality boundary for your area. Have a look and tell us if that feels right to you.

We also want to connect you to your locality. We look forward to seeing what we can do together.

The positive influence of local government

Pae Ora emphasizes the importance of your vision and leadership in the community you serve.

Together, we can drive dynamic system change that results in thriving communities.

**Nā to rourou, nā taku
rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.**
With your basket, and my
basket, the health and
wellbeing of the people will
thrive.

For more information check out
[Localities webpage](#)

Ngā Mihi | Thank you

Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Date: 2 June 2023

Presented by: Nigel Bowen

Affordable water reforms

There is no paper for this item.

Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Date: 2 June 2023

Presented by: Hamish Riach, Chair, Chief Executives Forum

Chief Executives Forum report

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to report on the work of the regional forums since February 2023.

Recommendation

That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. receive the quarterly report from the Chief Executives Forum
2. note updates on work under way or completed on the Mayoral Forum's key actions in the Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025.

Regional forums activity since June 2022

2. Since the Mayoral Forum's February meeting:
 - the Chief Executives Forum met on 1 May 2023
 - the Corporate and Operations Forums met on 13 March 2023
 - the Communications and Engagement and Policy Forums met on 17 March
 - the Economic Development Forum met on 31 March.

Chief Executives Forum

3. The Forum held its regular quarterly meeting on 1 May. Key agenda items included:
 - discussion with the Office of the Auditor-General on challenges with audits and the plans the OAG has in place to ensure a smoother audit process for the upcoming Long-Term Plans
 - discussion on the changing context for local government in light of the Future for Local Government review and other central government reforms (see item 4.2)
 - development of the workplan to track and report on progress with the action areas in the Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury (see below)
 - approval of a staged approach to develop a regional housing strategy (see below)

- approval of an approach to better inform the Mayoral Forum’s advocacy on skills and immigration (see below)
 - discussion with Michael Brewster, National Transition Unit’s (former) Entity D Chief Executive on three waters transition processes
 - an update from the Regional Public Service Commissioner
 - updates on March 2023 meetings of the Corporate, Operations, Communications and Engagement, Policy, and Economic Development Forums
 - an update on the CWMS strategy
 - discussion on the draft Mayoral Forum agenda for the June meeting.
4. The Chief Executives Forum will next meet on 31 July.
 5. The next meetings of the regional forums will be in mid to late June.

Regional housing strategy

6. The Chief Executives Forum agreed that the first stage in developing the strategy is to undertake an Investment Logic Mapping (ILM) process to clearly identify and articulate the issues(s) that a regional housing strategy would address. This is proposed to be a facilitated process and include representatives from councils, central government and iwi.
7. Alongside the ILM, a stocktake will be undertaken identifying the current housing strategies that have been developed or are in development. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is currently undertaking a desktop stocktake and the secretariat will work with them to ensure there is no duplication of effort.
8. Following the ILM and stocktake, development of the regional housing strategy will be fully scoped. It is expected that this first stage of work will be completed in the third quarter of 2023.

Skills and immigration

9. The Mayoral Forum’s Plan for Canterbury action “Advocate with the Government for immigration and skills policies that work for Canterbury” will be strengthened with the development of a strong evidence base to support the Forum to advocate successfully in this space.
10. The Chief Executives Forum agreed an approach to develop an evidence base, which will be led by the Economic Development Forum. The approach will include completing a data collection process to get a clear picture on the current state of the labour market in the region, drawing on existing labour market data alongside work being undertaken in some territorial authorities (such as the North Canterbury business survey).
11. Consideration is being given to building on the work of Venture Timaru to understand how economic growth will impact on the number of workers needed and explore

scenarios for future business growth for the region to plan for the changing labour market. This work is not yet scoped or funded.

Triennium strategic workplan

12. The Plan for Canterbury highlights nine specific actions against the three priority issues of sustainable environmental management, shared prosperity, and climate change mitigation and adaptation. A strategic work plan has been developed to monitor progress on the actions and will be updated with high-level commentary and reported quarterly to the Mayoral Forum (see attachment 1).
13. To support the strategic workplan, the Chief Executives Forum has developed a workstream tracker to track and report on progress of the range of initiatives under way that sit under each of the Plan for Canterbury's action areas. The workstream tracker also tracks progress against key projects and programmes from the regional forums. Outstanding items from the 2019-2022 three-year work programme have been carried across to the workstream tracker. The workstream tracker will be updated and reported quarterly to the Chief Executives Forum.
14. The strategic work plan and workstream tracker are both living documents with the ability for additional items to be added as issues for regional collaboration arise.

Attachment

- Strategic workplan

Canterbury Mayoral Forum strategic workplan 2023-2025

Updated 24 May 2023

#	Workstream	Plan for Canterbury priority	Key updates	Outcomes
1	Strongly advocate with Government on the regional councils' business case for permanent co-investment from the Government on flood protection.	Climate change	Raised with Ministers at Wellington meeting 11 May	Government provides permanent co-investment for flood protection
2	Advocate with the Government for immigration and skills policies that work for Canterbury.	Shared prosperity	Raised with Ministers at Wellington meeting 11 May Economic Development Forum members undertaking Canterbury wide business survey to gather detailed evidence	Government adopts a more regional approach to immigration policies
3	Seek to partner and collaborate with central government to develop an integrated approach to transport funding in Canterbury in order to increase in the level of funding available for Canterbury transport network.	Shared prosperity	Raised with Ministers at Wellington meeting 11 May	Future funding/investment distribution reflects the contribution of Waitaha/Canterbury to NZ's GDP
4	Continue oversight of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.	Sustainable environment	Updates provided to Chief Executives and Mayoral Forums	CWMS remains fit for purpose and the region retains a shared understanding of water management issues
5	Continue to support the Biodiversity Champions this term as the key conduit to facilitate work across the region on the revitalisation of the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy, the development of a regional biodiversity monitoring framework and implementation of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity	Sustainable environment	First meeting of Biodiversity Champions proposed for June 2023	A new (refreshed/updated) Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy, including the regional biodiversity monitoring framework.
6	Continue to encourage, support and advocate for research and investment in diversifying and adding value to our agricultural production.	Shared prosperity	Raised with Ministers at Wellington meeting 11 May	Investment in research and technology for the pastoral sector reflects the sector's importance to Canterbury and New Zealand's economy
7	Develop a regional housing strategy that will identify the range of housing issues affecting communities across the region and a pathway forward to improve them.	Shared prosperity	Draft EOI prepared seeking consultant to undertake initial problem definition workshop. Stocktake of other local/regional housing strategies underway	The Forum has clarity on housing issues affecting communities in Waitaha/Canterbury and understands pathways for improvement
8	Support the work of the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee on preparing for major natural hazard incidents, including an Alpine Fault rupture.	Shared prosperity	Raised with Ministers at Wellington meeting 11 May	The Forum has supported enhancement of Canterbury's capacity to deliver effective and sustainable emergency management response and recovery activities.
9	Oversee a Canterbury-wide climate change partnership plan, which will confirm a collaborative vision for regional adaptation planning, an 'urgency assessment' to support prioritising climate actions, and a funding plan laying out a regional/aligned approach for accessing finance for climate actions in Canterbury.	Climate change	Vision and high level principles provided to June Mayoral Forum meeting for approval	Completion of the Climate Change partnership plan and agreement on action planning

Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Date: 2 June 2023

Presented by: Secretariat

Mayoral Forum activities and engagements – March to May 2023

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide a summary of activities, engagements and correspondence since the last Mayoral Forum meeting on 24 February.

Recommendation

That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. **receive the update on Mayoral Forum activities and correspondence since the Forum's last meeting on 24 February 2023.**

Background

2. A number of activities, meetings, submissions and correspondence occur between Mayoral Forum meetings. Meeting notes, correspondence and copies of submissions are currently circulated to members throughout the quarter between meetings. This paper compiles these in one place for the Mayoral Forums' convenience.

Meetings and engagements

3. The Chair represented the Forum at the Environment Committee's hearing on the Natural and Built Environment and Spatial Planning Bills on 10 March. This was streamed live on the Parliament website.
4. The Mayoral Forum met with nine government ministers on 11 May 2023. Discussion topics at these meetings are summarised in item 2.1 on this agenda.

Correspondence

5. Between March and May 2023 the Mayoral Forum wrote to:
 - the Prime Minister and Minister of Local Government about the Government's planned refocus of the three waters reform and the ongoing concerns the Forum wished to see addressed
 - the Minister for the Environment about waste levies
 - the National Party leader inviting him to a working dinner with the Forum on 1 June

- Canterbury-based National Party MPs inviting them to a working dinner with the Forum on 1 June
 - the Mayor of the Chatham Islands offering a standing invitation to Mayoral Forum meetings
 - Canterbury-based Labour Party MPs inviting them to lunch with the Forum on 2 June
 - thank-you letters to each of the nine ministers the Forum met with on 11 May
 - the Act Party leader and Canterbury-based MP inviting them to a working dinner with the Forum on 24 August
 - Minister James Shaw inviting him to the August Mayoral Forum meeting
 - the Green Party leaders and Canterbury-based MP inviting them to lunch with the Forum on 25 August.
6. The correspondence is provided at attachment 1.

Submissions

7. During this period the Mayoral Forum made a submission on the Future for Local Government Review draft report. A copy of this submission is on the Canterbury Mayoral Forum website: www.canterburymayors.org.nz.

Attachments

- Correspondence

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27 February 2023

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Tēnā kōrua

Review of Three Waters Reform

The Mayors of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum welcomes the Government's intention to refocus the three waters reform and work with local government to tackle this challenge. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you both in person.

As we have noted with you previously, we still strongly believe that this reform should be slowed down or paused until the future for local government review is completed.

In light of the statement to refocus the three waters reform, the Forum would like to draw to your attention the very serious concerns that we have with respect to the significant shift by officials and the Water Services Legislation Bill from the case for change originally set out by the previous Minister of Local Government.

We believe that the current approach by the National Transition Unit and specific sections of the Water Services Legislation Bill are inconsistent with the case for change. The Mayoral Forum did not make a submission on the Water Services Legislation Bill, however we do share the concerns raised below and would expect these matters, along with many others, to be addressed in your review.

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Affordability

The future affordability issue in the case for change was predicated on charging a flat price across an entity (geographical averaging) such that all communities received the same level of service despite the differences in cost of delivery to some communities.

The National Transition Unit are now saying that the Water Service Entities will continue to charge for water services on the current basis used by territorial authorities and the legislation contemplates that the Chief Executive Office of a Water Services Entity may charge a flat price. There is no change in affordability for communities where water services are less affordable.

Reference: Water Services Legislation Bill s331 and s334

Debt funding

The case for change was based on the Water Service Entities being able to leverage larger amounts of debt at lower cost than territorial authorities. The National Transition Unit is now saying that territorial authorities will be left with a significant proportion of debt for up to 5 years and will be left with the risk should the Water Service Entity default. Much was made of removing the debt from the territorial authorities' balance sheets thereby freeing up our ability to debt fund capital works other than Three Waters. The approach taken by the National Transition Unit leaves debt with the territorial authorities.

Reference: *Debt Settlement Funding Strategy & Options*

Stormwater

The premise of the case for change was that the Water Service Entities would take total responsibility for all three water services. The legislation now proposes that as far as storm water is concerned the Water Service Entities will only be responsible for what is in pipes/drains in urban areas (excluding the road corridor). This is just a small fraction of the stormwater systems, and introduces significant complexity in both demarcation and management. As the Water Services Entities are appropriating all the territorial authority staff and assets, territorial authorities will have no ability to manage the stormwater systems they are left with going forward.

Reference: Water Services Entities Act 2022 s6 Interpretation

Reference: Water Services Legislation Bill s5 Section 6 amended (Interpretation)

Council Controlled Organisations

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum is extremely concerned about the catch-all approach to council controlled organisations. There are a number of council controlled organisations that operate in the civil construction business, or are involved in business wider than water services, such as CityCare in Christchurch and Whitestone Contracting in the Waitaki District.

We would expect that the definition is intended to capture the asset managing and asset owning organisations (for example, Watercare and Wellington Water), and not the actual construction and maintenance activities. We would hope that your review of the reform would provide clarity on this issue.

Reference: Water Services Legislation Bill Part Schedule 1, Part 2 (45)

We look forward to working with you and your team to continue to refocus the three waters reform to ensure that our communities continue to have access to safe, reliable and affordable water services.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Nigel Bowen
Mayor, Timaru District Council
Chair, Canterbury Mayoral Forum

16 March 2023

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Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment
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Tēnā koe Minister

Levies on waste from closed landfills

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum is writing to you to request exemptions for councils from paying levies on relocating waste from closed landfills, particularly where it is necessary for climate change risk and adaptation.

Councils are not creating new waste through this activity. Instead, we are relocating waste from closed landfills, many of which were often located in environmentally sensitive areas such as coastal areas and riverbeds (both at risk of erosion during adverse weather events), to appropriately located and designed landfills.

The purpose of the levy is to discourage generation of new waste – we do not believe it was intended to capture moving waste from old or closed landfills to newer, more appropriately sited landfills.

We note that the Climate Change Response Act 2019 exempts all closed landfill contents being transferred and disposed to an operating landfill from incurring emissions trading scheme charges. It would be consistent if this policy approach also applied to waste levies.

The Forum acknowledges the importance of understanding the scale of past damage from landfills and the best approaches for remediating it. Many of the closed landfills councils are moving waste from were closed prior to the 2008 Waste Minimisation Act, or were landfills inherited by local authorities after the 1989 local government reforms. We are acutely aware of the hazards some of these sites pose, and the need for appropriate remediation.

As noted above, legacy waste from closed landfills sits outside the purposes of the levy. There is little ability to minimise this waste, outside of councils trying to recover any material that might be diverted (such as metals), but that would entirely rely upon no asbestos contamination or any heavy metals being present.

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For a large majority of these closed landfills, there may be little organic matter contained within them because organic waste was often dealt with through other mechanisms at that time. Farmers had offal pits for any dead animals, people often composted, and organic waste was not as a big an issue as in recent times. Hence, the risk of presenting leachate or carbon emissions is reduced. However, there are likely to be other contaminants, and hazardous chemicals may be present in the landfills, which requires much of that waste going to class one landfills (such as Redruth in Timaru or Kate Valley in the Hurunui district).

Exempting councils from paying levies on relocated waste will enable councils to spend this money on addressing the various issues relating to closed landfills and contaminated sites, which we consider a far better use of public money. For example, waiving the levy for relocating waste from the closed Peel Forest landfill, which was exposed after flooding in late 2019, could result in a 10 percent reduction in the cost of relocating the waste – for 20,000 cubic metres that could exceed \$1 million (depending on the weight).

Another example is relocation of the waste from the Hampden closed landfill in the Waitaki District. This landfill is in need of remediation due to the risk of coastal erosion, and the council has committed to its remediation to avoid a potential environmental disaster. The financial impact for the council to relocate the waste to an operating landfill in the region will be approximately a \$3 million waste levy. It would obviously be better to use council funds to remediate the closed landfill site.

The Forum appreciates that councils can make an application under the current Waste Minimisation Act to have the levy waived as long as 'exceptional circumstances' are met. For the reasons outlined above, we consider an exemption for climate change risk and adaptation reasons, along with 'exceptional circumstances' is a better approach and would allow us to concentrate on spending our funds remediating these old sites.

We request that the exemption be applied immediately to those councils remediating closed landfill sites, particularly for climate change risk and adaptation reasons, and considered as a permanent exemption in the new legislation under development to replace the Litter Act 1979 and the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.

The Forum looks forward to your response on this important issue.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Nigel Bowen
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16 March 2023

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Tēnā koe Christopher

Invitation to attend working dinner with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum

On behalf of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, I would like to invite you and your Canterbury-based MPs to attend our next working dinner on the evening of Thursday 1 June.

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum comprises the mayors of the ten territorial authorities in Canterbury and the Chair of the Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury), supported by our chief executives. The purpose of the Forum is to promote collaboration across the region and increase the effectiveness of local government in meeting the needs of Canterbury's communities.

The Mayoral Forum is very interested to meet with you and your team to learn more about your party's policies in the lead-up to the general election later this year, and discuss with you the Forum's key priority objectives and actions for this local government term.

We are currently in the process of finalising our strategy for the term. This includes the following three priority areas that will guide our work:

- sustainable environmental management of our habitats (land, air, water and ecosystems) – focusing on land use and freshwater management
- shared prosperity for all our communities – focusing on building on our economic strengths and developing emerging sectors, growing, attracting and retaining a skilled workforce, improving the transport network and coordinating strategies for housing our communities
- climate change mitigation and adaptation – reducing our carbon footprint, building community resilience and making our infrastructure as strong as it can be.

We have three immediate priority actions to support this:

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- advocate for permanent co-investment in flood protection to protect local and national assets and contribute to more sustainable regional economies
- advocate for immigration and skills policies that work for Canterbury
- seek to partner and collaborate with government to develop an integrated approach to transport funding in Canterbury in order to increase the level of funding available for Canterbury transport networks.

We would like to discuss these with you, and how these align with your party's policies and intended objectives. In addition to National's Canterbury-based MPs, we would welcome any of your leadership team that may also wish to attend the dinner.

Details of the dinner are below:

Date: Thursday 1 June

Location: Commodore Hotel, 449 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch

Time: drinks at the bar at 6.30, followed by dinner at 7pm

The Forum looks forward to hearing from you. Please contact our secretariat to advise if you are able to attend, including those who will be attending with you - Maree McNeilly, 027 381 8924, secretariat@canterburmayors.org.nz.

Ngā mihi



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Kia ora Gerry

Dinner Invitation - Canterbury Mayoral Forum 1 June 2023

I would be delighted if you could join the Canterbury Mayoral Forum at our working dinner on Thursday 1 June at the Commodore Hotel. The dinner will be an opportunity to meet with Forum members and discuss the Mayoral Forum's refreshed Plan for Canterbury and the upcoming election.

Unfortunately Christopher Luxon has a prior commitment, however Chris Bishop has accepted the invitation to attend the dinner, and we have also extended invitations to the other Canterbury-based National Party Members of Parliament.

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum has just launched its updated Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025. At the first meeting of the triennium we agreed that the Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2020-2022 was fundamentally sound, so have made minor changes to the vision (to incorporate social prosperity alongside economic prosperity) and narrowed the focus to three priority issues.

I have attached a copy of the summary of the Plan¹ which highlights our three priority areas:

¹ the full Plan can be found at [Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025 - Canterbury Mayoral Forum \(canterburymayors.org.nz\)](https://www.canterburymayors.org.nz)

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- **climate change mitigation and adaptation** – reducing our carbon footprint, working together on climate action planning, building community resilience and making our infrastructure as strong as it can be.

Each priority issue has specific actions that will be monitored and reported on over the three-year period of the Plan for Canterbury.

Our three immediate priorities are:

- advocating with Government for permanent co-investment in flood protection to protect local and national assets and contribute to more sustainable regional economies
- advocating with the Government for immigration and skills policies that work for Canterbury
- seeking to collaborate with Government to develop an integrated approach to transport funding and increase the level of funding available for Canterbury transport networks.

We look forward to meeting with you and your colleagues at dinner on 1 June.

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Can you please confirm with our secretariat whether you will be able to attend (and any dietary requirements). Please contact Maree McNeilly via email at secretariat@canterburymayors.org.nz, or by phone on 027 381 8924.

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Kia ora Jacqui

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Kia ora Monique

Standing invitation to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum

On behalf of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, I would like to invite you to attend our quarterly meetings and working dinners.

Our meetings are held on a Friday morning, following the working dinner on the Thursday evening, where we often have a guest speaker. The collegial value of face-to-face meetings and opportunity for building relationships is one of the most valuable aspects of the Forum, and we would welcome your participation.

Members of the Forum are supported at the dinner and meetings by their Chief Executives. Please advise us if you would like Owen to attend with you; he would be very welcome.

Our remaining meetings for 2023 will be held on 2 June, 25 August and 24 November. The meetings are held in person at the Commodore Hotel in Christchurch, starting at 8.30 and concluding at 1pm, followed by lunch. The working dinner is from 6.30-9.30pm the evening before.

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Ngā mihi

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Kia ora Jo

Meeting with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Thank you for meeting with us on 11 May. We appreciate you stepping in for Minister O'Connor to discuss the Plan for Canterbury with us and how we can work in partnership with the Government on our shared aspirations for the pastoral sector.

As you know, our focus is on supporting communities to thrive in rural areas. Agriculture is the backbone of our region, and we must all continue to recognise and value the work of the sector and its contribution to the country's economic development.

Given the range of tertiary education institutes, agritech businesses, and Crown Research Institutes based in the region, we see a greater role for investment in research, science and innovation to support Canterbury to be productive while reducing agriculture's environmental footprint. As also discussed with you, we raised with a number of ministers the possibility of beginning a national conversation about the use of genetic modification technology given the impact it could have on reducing agricultural emissions and improving the sustainability of the pastoral sector. We would certainly support the Government initiating this conversation.

Thank you once again for taking the time to meet with us. We look forward to continuing to work with the Government on these important issues. The Forum also hopes you will be able to make the CMF lunch with the Canterbury-based MPs at the Commodore Hotel on Friday 2 June.

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Tēnā koe Minister

Canterbury Mayoral Forum visit to Wellington

Thank you for meeting with the Forum on 11 May. We appreciate you taking the time to discuss with us our Plan for Canterbury and how we can work in partnership with the Government on our shared aspirations for economic development.

We valued the wide-ranging discussion we had with you, covering central-local government co-investment for flood protection, immigration, training and skills, science and research investment, innovation, resilience in the transport network and opportunities to support the aerospace industry. We also appreciated the opportunity to discuss the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs as a great example of central and local government working in tandem to support communities.

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Thank you for meeting with the Forum on 11 May. We appreciate you taking the time to discuss with us our Plan for Canterbury and how we can work in partnership with the Government on our shared aspirations for our communities.

We were heartened to hear your support for working together on emergency management and the implementation of any recommendations that may fall out of the Future for Local Government Review. As you noted, central government needs to better recognise the role of local government in emergencies, and the new legislation must get things right. We look forward to engaging with the select committee submission process on the new bill once it has been introduced and referred.

We also look forward to your consideration of the Future for Local Government Review's final report. We were pleased to hear you are open to different approaches and tools for the funding and financing of local government for a more sustainable future, as what is needed may look different in different regions. We noted your comment that a unified position on how the future of local government should look will stand us in good stead once the report is published.

Thank you also for the discussion on long-term plans and whether there is an opportunity to delay developing the document for those councils that may need to. We await your advice on this.

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Tēnā koe Minister

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Thank you for meeting with the Forum on 11 May. We appreciate you taking the time to discuss with us our Plan for Canterbury and how we can work in partnership with the Government on our shared aspirations for the sustainable management of our environment.

We valued being able to discuss with you the challenges many of our communities are facing with regard to freshwater farm plans and the National Policy Statement on Freshwater. As you heard from us, communities subject to these requirements are struggling to keep up with the changes, and the impact has meant many farmers and rural communities are under significant pressure and stress.

We also appreciated talking through with you the next steps in the resource management reform process. We understand that decisions on which regions will take a lead in the implementation is still a matter for discussion, including with mana whenua. This will require careful consideration by our councils, and will be a topic of discussion at our upcoming quarterly Forum meeting in early June. Thank you also for acknowledging the work of two of our members on the resource management reform Local Government Steering Group, and the influence that our one strong voice for Canterbury has had on the resource management reform process and many other key issues over the years.

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Thank you for meeting with the Forum on 11 May. We appreciate you taking the time to discuss with us our Plan for Canterbury and how we can work in partnership with the Government on our shared aspirations for the way local government services are funded for the benefit of all our communities.

We valued the discussion with you and Minister Woods on the various tools the Government could enable local government to access to help ensure our funding is more sustainable in the long term. As you know, this is an ongoing area of concern for us, and one we will continue to work with the Government on regardless of the outcomes of the Future for Local Government Review.

We were heartened to hear that the Government wishes to work in partnership with local government and iwi on resilience planning and infrastructure needs, and that the Government is taking a build back better approach to this work. We have been advocating for such an approach for some time, and it was refreshing to learn of your support for it. We would also like to thank you for the indication you gave that the Government will be concentrated on cyclone recovery in the immediate future, but that resilience across New Zealand will continue to be a major focus in the medium term.

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Thank you for meeting with Forum members on 11 May. We appreciate you taking the time to discuss with us our Plan for Canterbury and how we can work in partnership with the Government on our shared aspirations for mitigating and adapting to climate change.

The Forum found it valuable to discuss with you our regional initiatives under way on climate change, including the development of our partnership plan on action planning, and co-investment in river flood protection schemes. Canterbury understands the impact climate change is having, and will continue to have, on the region and will continue to be proactive and collaborate to improve outcomes for our communities.

As you are aware, we ran out of time to really get into some of the bigger issues around adaptation, managed retreat and the proposed Climate Change Adaptation Bill. Thank you for offering to meet with us another time in Canterbury to continue these discussions. Our secretariat will be in touch with your office shortly to find a suitable time for this meeting.

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Thank you for meeting with the Forum on 11 May. We appreciate you taking the time to discuss with us our Plan for Canterbury and how we can work in partnership with the Government on our shared aspirations in health and research, science and innovation.

As you know from our meeting, the Forum has taken a keen interest in the localities process and wishes to engage early with you and Te Whatu Ora on the process for determining locality boundaries within our region and the locality plan process. We were heartened to hear your officials consider a partnership with local government in these processes a necessity, and look forward to understanding more about how this will work when Te Whatu Ora staff attend our next Mayoral Forum in early June.

We were also pleased to hear your share our views on the importance of ongoing investment in research, science and innovation. Increased investment in this area is critical for our region's economic development and particularly the future sustainability of our pastoral sector.

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Meeting with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Thank you for meeting with Forum members on 11 May. We appreciate you taking the time to discuss with us our Plan for Canterbury and how we can work in partnership with the Government on our shared aspirations in transport and immigration.

We found it very valuable to discuss the range of urban and rural transport challenges faced by our communities and the importance of a resilient network. It was encouraging to hear your views on creating a flexible transport system that provides a range of choices for communities, as well as the need for a long-term funding strategy for transport that is not beholden to annual budgetary processes. We were particularly pleased to hear that the Government Policy Statement on transport will have a focus on building back better.

Likewise, we appreciated the opportunity to discuss a more regional and subregional approach to immigration policy with you, as this is something we have been advocating for some time. We were heartened to hear that the proposed Government Policy Statement on immigration will reflect this.

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Kia ora Megan

Canterbury Mayoral Forum visit to Wellington

Thank you for facilitating our visit to the Beehive on 11 May. We very much appreciate the significant work by you and your team that enabled the visit to happen. Being able to share our Plan for Canterbury and discuss shared interests and priorities with nine ministers was a wonderful opportunity to advocate for our communities. The connections we made and discussions we had that day were incredibly valuable for us.

We very much enjoyed discussing housing and energy matters with you and your officials; in particular, how local and central government can work better together to improve housing outcomes, and create more opportunities for energy-related initiatives and investment.

As you are aware, Canterbury is facing a range of housing issues, which are different in urban and rural settings. Thank you for agreeing to discuss further with the Waimate District Council the situation they are in with regard to council housing residents not being able to access accommodation supplements, and to provide further advice on appropriate models for local government to operate social housing. We look forward to continuing to work with the Government on these important issues, and will remain in touch as our regional housing strategy develops.

Thank you once again for facilitating our visit. We look forward to seeing you, and your Canterbury-based colleagues, again at lunch on Friday 2 June.

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Tena koutou

Invitation to attend working dinner with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum

On behalf of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, I would like to invite you to attend our next working dinner on the evening of Thursday 24 August.

As you know, the Canterbury Mayoral Forum comprises the mayors of the ten territorial authorities in Canterbury and the Chair of the Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury), supported by our chief executives. The purpose of the Forum is to promote collaboration across the region and increase the effectiveness of local government in meeting the needs of Canterbury's communities.

The Mayoral Forum would very much appreciate meeting with you in the lead-up to the general election to learn more about the ACT Party's policies and discuss with you the Forum's key priorities for Waitaha/Canterbury.

In April we published our *Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2023-25*, which sets our strategy for this local government term¹. We have agreed three priority areas that will guide our work:

- sustainable environmental management of our habitats (land, air, water and ecosystems) – focusing on land use and freshwater management

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- climate change mitigation and adaptation – reducing our carbon footprint, building community resilience and making our infrastructure as strong as it can be.

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- seek to partner and collaborate with government to develop an integrated approach to transport funding in Canterbury in order to increase the level of funding available for Canterbury transport networks.

We would welcome a discussion with you on these priorities and how they align with those of the ACT Party.

Details of the dinner are below:

Date: Thursday 24 August

Location: Commodore Hotel, 449 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch

Time: drinks at the bar at 6.30, followed by dinner at 7pm

The Forum looks forward to hearing from you. Please contact our secretariat to advise if you are able to attend - Maree McNeilly, 027 381 8924, secretariat@canterburmayors.org.nz.

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Tēnā koe Minister

Invitation to attend August Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Further to our letter of 18 May, the Forum would like to invite you to attend our 25 August Mayoral Forum to continue the discussion on climate change from our meeting on 11 May.

The Forum is keen to carry on the conversation we had with you about adaptation, mitigation, managed retreat, the ETS Review and the policy direction of the Climate Adaptation Bill. We will also be able to provide you with an update on progress with our Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan. We would be very happy to discuss any other climate change-related matters you would like to raise with us as well.

Details of the meeting are below:

Date: Friday 25 August

Location: Commodore Hotel, 449 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch

Time: 11.30am-12.30pm.

Following the meeting, the Mayoral Forum will host a lunch. We have sent a separate letter inviting you, in your capacity as Green Party co-leader, and your colleagues Marama Davidson and Eugenie Sage, to this lunch.

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Mayoral Forum**

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communities and a better quality of life, for all.*

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Tēnā koutou

Invitation to attend lunch with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum

On behalf of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, I would like to invite you to attend lunch with the Forum on Friday 25 August.

As you know, the Canterbury Mayoral Forum comprises the mayors of the ten territorial authorities in Canterbury and the Chair of the Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury), supported by our chief executives. The purpose of the Forum is to promote collaboration across the region and increase the effectiveness of local government in meeting the needs of Canterbury's communities.

The Mayoral Forum would very much appreciate meeting with you in the lead-up to the general election to learn more about the Green Party's policies and discuss with you the Forum's key priorities for Waitaha/Canterbury.

In April we published our *Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2023-25*, which sets our strategy for this local government term¹. We have agreed three priority areas that will guide our work:

- sustainable environmental management of our habitats (land, air, water and ecosystems) – focusing on land use and freshwater management

¹ <https://www.canterburymayors.org.nz/forums/plan-for-canterbury-2023-2025/>

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- shared prosperity for all our communities – focusing on building on our economic strengths and developing emerging sectors, growing, attracting and retaining a skilled workforce, improving the transport network and coordinating strategies for housing our communities
- climate change mitigation and adaptation – reducing our carbon footprint, building community resilience and making our infrastructure as strong as it can be.

We have three immediate priority actions to support this:

- advocate for permanent co-investment in flood protection to protect local and national assets and contribute to more sustainable regional economies
- advocate for immigration and skills policies that work for Canterbury
- seek to partner and collaborate with government to develop an integrated approach to transport funding in Canterbury in order to increase the level of funding available for Canterbury transport networks.

We would welcome a discussion with you on these priorities and how they align with those of Green Party.

Details of the lunch are below:

Date: Friday 25 August

Location: Commodore Hotel, 449 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch

Time: 12.30-2pm

The Forum looks forward to hearing from you. Please contact our secretariat to advise if you are able to attend - Maree McNeilly, 027 381 8924, secretariat@canterburmayors.org.nz.

Ngā mihi



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