

# Canterbury Mayoral Forum

## BOARD PACK

for

## Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Friday, 25 November 2022

8:30 am (NZDT)

Held at:

Commodore Hotel

449 Memorial Avenue, Burnside, Christchurch

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# AGENDA

## CANTERBURY MAYORAL FORUM



<b>Name:</b>	Canterbury Mayoral Forum
<b>Date:</b>	Friday, 25 November 2022
<b>Time:</b>	8:30 am to 2:30 pm (NZDT)
<b>Location:</b>	Commodore Hotel, 449 Memorial Avenue, Burnside, Christchurch
<b>Board Members:</b>	Anne Munro, Craig Rowley, Craig Mackle, Dan Gordon, Gary Kircher, Marie Black, Neil Brown, Nigel Bowen, Peter Scott, Phil Mauger, Sam Broughton
<b>Attendees:</b>	Alex Parmley, Angela Oosthuizen, Bede Carran, David Ward, Dawn Baxendale, Hamish Dobbie, Hamish Riach, Jim Harland, Stefanie Rixecker, Stuart Duncan, Will Doughty, Amanda Wall, Maree McNeilly, Rosa Wakefield
<b>Guests/Notes:</b>	Dr Tim Davie; Chair Climate Change Working Group (Item 4.2) John Hutchings, Director, Hutch Consulting; and Leigh Griffiths; General Manager Operations, Environment Canterbury (Item 4.4) Caroline Hart, Nadeine Dommissie, Jennifer Hutcheon; Ministry for the Environment (Item 4.5) Ben Clark, Regional Public Service Commissioner (Item 4.6)

### 1. Opening meeting

#### 1.1 Karakia, welcome, introductions and apologies

8:30 am (5 min)

Hamish Riach

##### 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)

Hamish Riach

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

Hamish Riach

Supporting Documents:

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**1.4 Action List** 8:45 am (5 min)

Hamish Riach

Supporting Documents:

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**2. For discussion**

**2.1 Selection of chair and deputy chair** 8:50 am (5 min)

Hamish Riach

Supporting Documents:

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**2.2 Introduction to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum** 8:55 am (30 min)

Hamish Riach

Supporting Documents:

2.2.a	CMF Introduction to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum Nov 2022.docx	24
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**2.3 Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennium Agreement** 9:25 am (15 min)

Hamish Riach

Supporting Documents:

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**2.4 Regional Forums structure and 2023 calendar** 9:40 am (5 min)

Hamish Riach

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**3. Morning tea & photos**

**3.1 Morning tea** 9:45 am (20 min)

### 3.2 Mayoral Forum and Chief Executives Forum photos 10:05 am (20 min)

#### 4. For discussion

### 4.1 Regional Strategy (Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury) 10:25 am (45 min)

Hamish Riach

Supporting Documents:

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### 4.2 Regional climate change action planning 11:10 am (10 min)

Dr Tim Davie, Chair Climate Change Working Group

Supporting Documents:

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### 4.3 Canterbury Water Management Strategy background and update 11:20 am (10 min)

Peter Scott

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### 4.4 Central government co-investment in river management for flood protection 11:30 am (15 min)

Peter Scott, John Hutchings and Leigh Griffiths

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### 4.5 Resource Management Reform 11:45 am (30 min)

Nadeine Dommissie, Jennifer Hutcheon and Caroline Hart, MfE

There is no paper for this item.

### 4.6 Regional Public Service Commissioner update 12:15 pm (15 min)

Ben Clark

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5. Lunch

<b>5.1</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	12:30 pm (60 min)
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6. For discussion

<b>6.1</b>	<b>Future for Local Government update</b>	1:30 pm (20 min)
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Hamish Riach

Supporting Documents:

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<b>6.2</b>	<b>Three Waters Reform</b>	1:50 pm (20 min)
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Chair

There is no paper for this item.

<b>6.3</b>	<b>Chief Executives Forum report</b>	2:10 pm (5 min)
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Hamish Riach

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8. General business

**8.1 General business**

2:15 pm (10 min)

9. Close Meeting

**9.1 Meeting review**

2:25 pm (5 min)

**9.2 Close the meeting**

**Next meeting:** Canterbury Mayoral Forum - 24 Feb 2023, 8:30 am



# MINUTES (in Review)

## CANTERBURY MAYORAL FORUM



<b>Name:</b>	Canterbury Mayoral Forum
<b>Date:</b>	Friday, 26 August 2022
<b>Time:</b>	8:30 am to 12:16 pm (NZST)
<b>Location:</b>	Peppers Clearwater Resort, Clearwater Avenue, Harewood, Christchurch
<b>Board Members:</b>	Sam Broughton, Craig Rowley, Craig Mackle, Dan Gordon, Gary Kircher, Graham Smith, Lianne Dalziel, Marie Black, Neil Brown, Nigel Bowen
<b>Attendees:</b>	Alex Parmley, Angela Oosthuizen, David Ward, Dawn Baxendale, Hamish Dobbie, Hamish Riach, Jeff Millward, Stefanie Rixecker, Stuart Duncan, Will Doughty, Maree McNeilly, Amanda Wall, Rosa Wakefield, Sean Tully
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jenny Hughey, Bede Carran
<b>Guests/Notes:</b>	Peter Scott, Deputy Chair, Environment Canterbury (for Jenny Hughey) Jennifer Hutcheon, Chief Advisor, Reform Implementation, and Liz Moncrieff, Director RM Reform, Ministry for the Environment Dianne McDermott, Regional Public Service Commissioner and Eamon Coulter, Director Regional Public Service  Apologies: Paul Stocks, Regional Economic Development Senior Official; Warren Gilbertson, Kānoa, MBIE

## 1. Opening meeting

### 1.1 Karakia, welcome, introductions and apologies

The chair welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the Mayoral Forum for this Triennium.

Apologies were noted from Jenny Hughey, who has Peter Scott stepping in for her, and from Bede Carran. A late apology was also received from Paul Stocks, who was to attend for item 2.6.

Members joined in karakia to start the meeting.

### 1.2 Confirmation of agenda

The agenda was confirmed with one item of general business:

- Environment Canterbury will provide an update on the Central Government Co-investment in River Management for Flood Protection report by Basil Chamberlain.

### 1.3 Minutes from the previous meeting

Canterbury Mayoral Forum 27 May 2022, the minutes were confirmed as presented.

## 1.4 Action List

The outstanding actions relate to the meeting with Rob Campbell, Chair Health NZ. The secretariat will continue to follow up with Health NZ.

## 2. For discussion

### 2.1 Resource management reform - model region discussion

The chair welcomed Liz Moncrieff and Jennifer Hutcheon to the meeting, noting that this is an opportunity to have a conversation about the Model Regions Project and get more information to inform discussions about whether this is something that Canterbury may wish to pursue.

Liz advised that MfE is still expecting legislation to be introduced in October, but there is still a lot of work required between now and then to enable this. She noted that there is an issue before the Waitangi Tribunal currently which will inform who is identified in legislation as Māori, which will impact on representation for joint committees and many other situations. The policy approach has been that iwi/hapū initiate conversation with Māori representation in the area; this is currently written into plans as mana whenua and iwi management plans recognise status. Other Māori may not be represented by iwi/hapū. This decision will determine whether further work is needed on the legislation. Time is also required for Treaty partners to consider the findings of the Tribunal.

MfE has been looking at how to work with councils and how the model region project might be managed. There is an indicative timeline of the end of 2022 for the model regions to be identified. MfE is keen to understand how well-advanced freshwater reforms are in different regions.

Members discussed their thoughts on participating in the model region project, including:

- all members noting concerns that staff are stretched and may not or do not have capacity to support this
- the strong desire for a sub-regional approach which could start with Greater Christchurch, and encouragement for MfE to ask the Minister to reconsider his approach to this
- that Greater Christchurch has a fully integrated urban spatial planning framework, different from the region – it is important to consider how this might interrelate
- the desire to have the NPS-FM processes confirmed to provide certainty around the future for farm plans
- the importance of these reforms and desire for Canterbury to be a first mover and provide leadership
- concern that the focus has been on a structural, individual reform programme without integration with civil defence, three waters, and climate change reforms
- the need for resource to be provided to those who are part of the model regions, noting that resource does not just mean finance
- the need to ensure model regions are structured well with the right people in the structure
- frustration at the process around the NPS-UD and lack of consultation or warning, and without a link to the NPS-HPL
- concern around how a dual model will operate through the transition period
- the importance for all councils to be involved collectively, and not for the work to be done by the regional council alone
- concern about resource degradation during the course of the reform
- the need for councils and communities to be informed before any decisions are made
- the struggle with the pace of reform and the need for this to be done well
- the opportunity to forge closer partnerships with rūnanga around what they want

- the need for detailed information on the reforms to be provided to councils, and whether a working group could be put in place to ensure information around options, resourcing, opportunity and impact are able to be effectively shared
- the strong position and connections of this group to be a model region.

Peter spoke to Environment Canterbury's progress on freshwater reforms, noting the close work with papatipu rūnanga on partnership. It has been made clear that Te Mana o te Wai will be river by river. He noted the framework the CWMS provides. Environment Canterbury has started a conversation with Southland, Otago and West Coast about the takiwā, noting the critical need to work with Ngāi Tahu on this.

Members noted progress on district plans.

Stefanie spoke to the group, noting:

- the power of this group, the influence it has had in leading the CWMS and supporting rural communities to make significant progress on freshwater improvement, and that strategically it makes sense for this group to be first
- the need for MfE to provide the group with insight into how we should be leaders
- the need to honour the treaty settlement with Ngāi Tahu, given our position in their takiwā, noting that every council has relationships with Ngāi Tahu and has been working on progressing those
- that Waitangi 2358 refers to Māori groups, and that Ngāi Tahu feel they are the group that represent the freshwater resource for their takiwā. If Ngāi Tahu does not agree with the tribunal decision, councils will be stuck between the Crown requiring one thing and mana whenua requiring another. The Ministry needs to ensure this does not land in a way that causes divide
- the importance of multiple key acts, including the Local Government Act, and the requirements of the Act to work with multiple iwi representatives
- disagreement with the Minister saying that these are not structural reforms of local government
- the tension between the desire for more housing and development and the reality of protecting our environment, and the need for MfE's policy design to provide clarity on how this is done, while ensuring that the three pieces of legislation and the national planning framework are aligned in terms of content
- the importance of the Climate Change Adaptation Act in terms of managed retreat
- that operationally we have been resistant to being a model region because members don't have the information they need to make an informed decision
- that the regional committee will not be the regional council, but would likely have one regional council member, along with mana whenua, and possibly a local government representative
- the need to understand who chooses members for the regional committee
- that a directorate will create regional committees and then staff will be seconded into these, and regional plans will be developed by these committees – councils in the model regions will need to know how much money central government is providing and how this is split over councils to inform their long-term plan and annual plan
- that Ngāi Tahu are tired of spending their settlement delivering on central government planning processes and will also require funding and resourcing; without this we are eroding the settlement process
- that rural communities have spent over \$120m working to resolve essential freshwater issues, resulting in one of the best outcomes in the country

- the need for clarity on timing of the model region project starting, given the requirement for essential freshwater to be done by 2024 and for GCP to complete their spatial plan in the next year
- that Environment Canterbury has been working closely with ngā rūnanga on water management and is close to having this landed
- the need for clarity on funding and resources
- the importance of partnership, strategy, outcomes, funding, and clarity of decision-making
- the importance of ongoing kōrero with Ngāi Tahu throughout this process.

Jen and Liz responded to members, including:

- asking what the scope of resourcing that is needed might look like. The chair responded that this should detail expected cost, time, people hours, and what is left for councils
- noting that the policy approach for who in Māori participates in various parts of the process has included consulting with the Freshwater Iwi Leaders Group for an iwi perspective, and Te Tai Kaha for a perspective from groups of Māori not bound together by iwi/hapū process. We need to wait for the Tribunal's decision on this, which is expected on 2 September. The Crown has already agreed to uphold settlements into the new system
- that there is an opportunity for every council to have a representative on the joint committee, and that it is up to councils to decide whether to put forward a representative. Districts that sit across regional boundaries could choose to be on one or both
- that MfE is working to establish a mechanism to provide detailed information to councils on options.
- MfE will put together a solid response to issues raised and will come back to the Forum to talk through issues and options.

The chair thanked Jen and Liz for attending.



### **MfE to respond to issues raised at August Mayoral Forum**

MfE to provide a response to issues made at the Mayoral Forum, and will arrange to meet with the Forum again, potentially at a standalone meeting before November.

10/11: MfE will be attending the Mayoral Forum on 25 November.

**Due Date:** 30 Nov 2022  
**Owner:** Maree McNeilly



### **Decision**

The Forum agreed to note the information in this paper to support the discussion with the Ministry for the Environment.

**Decision Date:** 26 Aug 2022  
**Mover:** Nigel Bowen  
**Seconder:** Neil Brown  
**Outcome:** Approved

## **2.2 2022-2025 Draft Triennium Agreement and briefings to incoming members**

Hamish Riach spoke to the paper, asking if the briefing covers what members would expect to be included.

Members discussed:

- the need to brief new members on the purpose of the Forum, and how their leadership role as member of the Forum is serving the region in a way that is separate from their

leadership role within their councils, and the importance of this group in achieving things for Waitaha / Canterbury

- how councillors sometimes struggle to understand the role of the Mayoral Forum, and the need to brief councillors as well as Forum members
- that inducting mayors to the Forum alongside council inductions doesn't necessarily fit well
- whether some CEs from might lead a local induction process (or segment of the council induction) to ensure councils understand the role of the Mayoral Forum, and of their mayor at the Mayoral Forum. It was noted that it could be helpful for this message to come from the CE of another council
- that it would be useful to have the achievements document separately to share with councillors
- that some members brief their councils following meetings. It was noted that meeting packs and a summary of meetings are shared on the Mayoral Forum website following every meeting, and that this can be shared with councillors if members wish.



### Action

Share the achievements document separately with members to share with their councils.

31 August - document emailed to Mayors & CEs

**Due Date:** 2 Sep 2022

**Owner:** Maree McNeilly



### Decision

The Forum agreed to:

1. approve the documents prepared to brief incoming members of the Mayoral Forum following local body elections on 8 October 2022
  - a. draft Triennial Agreement 2023-2025
  - b. briefing to incoming Mayoral Forum members (BIM)
  - c. record of Mayoral Forum achievements
2. note the updated Canterbury 2022: An Overview
3. note the first meeting of the incoming Mayoral Forum meeting will be held on Friday 25th November.

**Decision Date:** 26 Aug 2022

**Mover:** Craig Mackle

**Seconded:** Graham Smith

**Outcome:** Approved

## 2.3 Engagement with Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand

The paper was taken as read.

Gary noted that he hasn't heard from Rob yet but has met with Minister Little in Oamaru, and had a visit from Pasifika Director of Health from Ministry of Health to try to bring a greater Pasifika presence throughout the health system. He is also attending a meeting on locality meetings this afternoon.



### Decision

The Forum agreed to note the information in the paper on the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act and Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand.

**Decision Date:** 26 Aug 2022

**Mover:** Dan Gordon

**Seconder:** Marie Black  
**Outcome:** Approved

## 2.4 Regional Public Service Commissioner update

Taken at 10.50am.

The chair welcomed Dianne McDermott and Eamon Coulter to the meeting. Dianne spoke to the update, noting that they have visited 9 councils to discuss the five priorities. These did resonate and councils raised a range of issues to be considered. They also visited several of the rūnanga who provided additional views. They are now working through collating these views and how these can be formed into a work plan to make the biggest impact for the communities we serve, and will present these to the next Forum. Further work will then be done to look at how these connect across agencies and who will be accountable for each piece.

They are also coordinating several national strategies and looking at how these cross over the five priorities, e.g. the Oranga Tamariki action plan is providing interesting insight into system gaps around housing.

Members discussed their wish to understand what is happening for the region and whose role it will be to fulfil needs, and that councils know their communities and what they need and that it would be good to start with this. Dianne noted that there is a strong focus on local and regional consultation.

Concern about mental illness and pressure on MSD given recessionary pressures was noted, along with the need for measuring of this and response to it to be at the local level. Dianne noted that mental health is an area of focus, and the importance of other aspects of community in supporting mental wellbeing.

Members discussed the opportunity for the Regional Public Service Commissioner to be a funnel coming out of central government and provide the Forum with an opportunity to provide opinions and have impact. Dianne agreed and noted that the Regional Leadership Group does escalate issues, and that issues and needs can only come from the bottom up.

The priorities that have been identified speak to having a place of belonging, and it was noted that when this is lost family harm is escalated, and that feeling anchored in a community is key. Councils need to consider this in infrastructure planning.

Dianne advised that if members would like an update from MSD at the next meeting on the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in State Care she is happy to provide one. She noted that Ben will be back in the role next month.



### Decision

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

**Decision Date:** 26 Aug 2022  
**Mover:** Graham Smith  
**Seconder:** Neil Brown  
**Outcome:** Approved

## 2.5 Morning tea

## 2.6 Regional Economic Development Senior Regional Official

This item was not considered as Paul was unable to attend the meeting.

## 2.7 Education and training governance

Taken at 8.36am.

Dan Gordon spoke to the paper, noting that this was discussed at the previous meeting, and that the Education and Training Governance Group has achieved its purpose with the RSLG having been established. The concern that not all groups were represented at RSLG has been resolved, with Ara now involved. The RSLG co-chairs are keen to visit the Forum once or twice a year to keep members informed of work. The Education and Training Governance Group will have a final meeting and formally hand its work over to RSLG.

The chair noted that the sector and vocational education piece was explained well at Zone 5, and noted that we will continue to try to visit Ara in the next term.



## Decision

The Forum agreed to:

1. endorse the disestablishment of the Mayoral Forum's Education and Training Governance Group at the end of this local government term
2. recommend to the incoming Mayoral Forum that it invite the Regional Skills Leadership Group co-chairs to attend the Mayoral Forum annually to provide an update on key education and skills issues for the region.

<b>Decision Date:</b>	26 Aug 2022
<b>Mover:</b>	Dan Gordon
<b>Seconder:</b>	Marie Black
<b>Outcome:</b>	Approved

## 3. For discussion

### 3.1 Reflections on the 2019-22 term

Taken at 11.45am, at the conclusion of the meeting.

Members shared reflections of the term, noting:

- fellowship and collegiality
- friendship
- trust
- integrity
- global view across region
- collaboration
- the opportunity to make meaningful change as leaders of Canterbury
- the excellent support of the secretariat
- thanks and regards to outgoing members.

Lianne and Graham gave valedictory speeches.

The Forum presented gifts to Lianne, Graham and Jenny.

## 4. Lunch

### 4.1 Lunch

## 5. For information

### 5.1 Climate Change Steering Group update

Taken at 8.39am.

Dan Gordon spoke to the paper, noting that there was a desire for the regional adaptation planning work to progress more quickly, but that the Climate Change Steering Group also accepts the resource constraints within organisations.

It was noted that while the number of climate related weather events is increasing, each council is responsible for individual incidents, and this group is about the broader planning.

The need for links into central government was noted, and Dan noted the Forum's need to take the lead on communicating work being done. It was noted that there is a need for clarity around the various streams of central government reform (NEMA/civil defence reform, climate change, land use planning in RMA reform, stormwater and flood management issues relating to urban and rural environments), and that all these things need to be joined up.

The chair noted the importance of thinking through how all council work impacts on these bigger issues and encouraged members to ensure climate change considerations are noted on all papers to council.



#### Decision

The Forum agreed to note the update provided on the activities of the Climate Change Steering Group since the last Mayoral Forum meeting in May 2022.

**Decision Date:** 26 Aug 2022

**Mover:** Craig Mackle

**Seconded:** Craig Rowley

**Outcome:** Approved

### 5.2 Coordinating regional economic development

Marie Black spoke to the paper, noting that the group has considered its focus and believe it would be better to establish a working group reporting to the Chief Executives Forum. The CEs would then report to the Mayoral Forum.

Will spoke to the South Bay harbour business case, acknowledging this came out of PGF funding, and that the work started under Angela. The business case provides opportunities in marine research with universities in New Zealand and overseas, as well as supporting potential further growth of Ngāi Tahu's Whale Watch. The project will need central government funding to progress, so Kaikōura is seeking regional backing in seeking this.

It was noted that this is big not just for our community but Canterbury as a whole.



#### Action

Send video around harbour development to secretariat to share with members.

31 August - video sent to all members of Mayoral & CE Forum by secretariat

**Due Date:** 1 Sep 2022

**Owner:** Maree McNeilly



#### Decision

The Forum agreed to:

1. note that the Chief Executives Forum has established a regional economic development working group to support the Mayoral Forum



2. agree to write a letter of support from the Mayoral Forum for the Kaikōura District Council's South Bay Harbour business case.

**Decision Date:** 26 Aug 2022  
**Mover:** Marie Black  
**Seconded:** Craig Rowley  
**Outcome:** Approved

### 5.3 Canterbury Water Management Strategy update

Peter Scott spoke to the paper, noting the support from the mayors on this over the triennium. He noted the significant piece of work around Ōtūwharekai Lakes and the collaboration from all the agencies and parties involved, and the strong commitment from staff and councillors on this issue. The process was bespoke for the issue but has shown how we can step into these spaces, have these conversations, opportunity to understand what we can do when we have decent conversations with people.

Hamish Riach noted that Ashburton District Council was only able to support one specific aspect of this work, replacing long-drop toilets, but that gathering people to resolve that issue helped with momentum for the wider piece of work. It is proud of its role and the traction that has been achieved with Environment Canterbury's support.

The Ngāi Tahu legislation has been passed into law, so Environment Canterbury will now have 16 councillors around the table. There have been a range of views, but Environment Canterbury has been clear that this is about Canterbury and what works here.

The chair thanked Peter and Stefanie for their work on the Ngāi Tahu bill. Challenge to all of us on what steps our councils should take.

The regional zone committee has had some establishment issues and has not yet met. This will be addressed in the next triennium with the new council.

It was noted that farmers haven't been able to report on nitrogen cap because the portal hasn't been set up. Stefanie apologised that the regional council didn't communicate better on this and noted that MfE hasn't kept to the timetable they had promised. She noted that the regional sector is working closely with MfE, and that MfE's reach into delivery was compromising ability to deliver but that they have been given legal advice to step back.

Peter read a message from Minister Parker noting confidence that we are on the right track for the NPS-FM and his hope that we can turn around degradation of waterways.



#### Decision

The Forum agreed to:

1. receive the quarterly CWMS update report
2. notes the work underway to develop a new integrated planning framework.

**Decision Date:** 26 Aug 2022  
**Mover:** Gary Kircher  
**Seconded:** Lianne Dalziel  
**Outcome:** Approved

### 5.4 Chief Executives Forum report

Hamish Riach spoke to the paper, noting the session with the audit office at the last CEs Forum. The CEs also reached out to the NTU to try to understand three waters reform requirements for councils at the transitional level, noting there is still opposition to the reform. The CEs Forum is preparing advice on how the incoming Mayoral Forum could approach the Plan for Canterbury for the next term.



## Decision

The Forum agreed to receive the quarterly report from the Chief Executive Forum and note updates to the three-year work programme.

**Decision Date:** 26 Aug 2022  
**Mover:** Gary Kircher  
**Seconder:** Dan Gordon  
**Outcome:** Approved

## 5.5 Mayoral Forum activities and engagements

The paper was taken as read.

Members noted the value of the KiwiRail excursion. As well as the insights gained from the trip and the information KiwiRail provided on the day, it was a good opportunity to continue to build relationships with them. The; relative informality of that event was also helpful.

The chair noted that there can be a value to journeying together and suggested travelling up to Kaikōura via train for the Mayoral Forum in early 2023.

The disappointing response from Peter Hughes to the letter sent to him around local government staff being lost to central government was noted. Alex Chadwick, Deputy Commissioner Workforce, Employment Relations & Equity will attend the Wednesday 8am meeting on 21 September to discuss this further.



## Decision

The Forum agreed to receive the updates on Mayoral Forum activities and correspondence since the Forum's meeting on 27 May 2022.

**Decision Date:** 26 Aug 2022  
**Mover:** Nigel Bowen  
**Seconder:** Graham Smith  
**Outcome:** Approved

## 6. General business

### 6.1 General business

Peter Scott gave an update on the Basil Chamberlain Central Government Co-investment in River Management for Flood Protection report, advising that the regional sector has asked central government for funding for flooding events. Minister Mahuta suggested this could be funded from the Climate Emergency Response Fund, but local government considers that this needs to be funded on an ongoing basis. The regional sector has made it clear to central government that the sector invests \$200m per annum, and that it wants central government to invest \$150m per annum. There is a risk that this work gets lost. Ministers are supportive and the regional sector will be inviting the Minister and Associate Minister for Local Government to meet with them in the next triennium; the Forum might want to consider extending an invitation also.

The chief executives will provide an update to the next Mayoral Forum.

It was noted that there is an opportunity now, ahead of central government elections, for the Forum to lobby both sides.

Environment Canterbury has become more proactive in offering flood protection advice to those outside rated areas. It has established a fund for this and 300 pieces of advice have been given.



## CEs to report back to Forum on Flood Protection advocacy avenues

CEs to report back to the next Mayoral Forum on progress and possible avenues for advocacy around the Central Government Co-investment in River Management for Flood Protection report.

10/11: A paper and presentation will be provided to the Mayoral Forum on 25 November.

**Due Date:** 30 Nov 2022

**Owner:** Hamish Riach

## 7. Close Meeting

### 7.1 Meeting review

Members discussed the meeting, noting the long table was not so good for discussion, but that extra time for discussion today was good.

Graham commended the chair and the value of being together in person.

Members reiterated earlier comments about the outstanding support from the secretariat this local government term.

### 7.2 Closing karakia

The meeting was closed with a karakia.

### 7.3 Close the meeting

**Next meeting:** Canterbury Mayoral Forum - 25 Nov 2022, 8:30 am

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Action List

## Canterbury Mayoral Forum



As of: 17 Nov 2022

### Health NZ discussions

**In Progress**

Rob Campbell to talk to his team about:

- providing protocols and expectations to LGNZ to support councils in engaging effectively in health reforms
- possibility of looking at adding some Canterbury localities to the initial roll out and will respond to the secretariat
- sharing information with the Forum, via the Secretariat, on the Wairoa locality pilot
- arranging a visit to Waitaki to understand the operation of their hospital and the established relationships which could form the basis for a locality.

10/11: Followed up again with Rob Campbell's office on 28 October.

**Due Date:** 30 Nov 2022  
**Owner:** Maree McNeilly  
**Meeting:** 8 Aug 2022 Mayoral Forum meeting with Health NZ Chair, 2.1 Update on transition process

### Health NZ actions

**In Progress**

Recommend that the incoming Mayoral Forum invite Rob Campbell and Amy Adams to the Forum early in 2023 to continue the Health NZ discussions. It was suggested that Health NZ provide relevant briefing material ahead of this meeting to support the discussion.

10/11: On 28 October we wrote to Rob Campbell to follow up on these actions and invite him to attend the February Mayoral Forum dinner.

**Due Date:** 30 Nov 2022  
**Owner:** Maree McNeilly  
**Meeting:** 8 Aug 2022 Mayoral Forum meeting with Health NZ Chair, 2.1 Update on transition process

### MfE to respond to issues raised at August Mayoral Forum

**In Progress**

MfE to provide a response to issues made at the Mayoral Forum, and will arrange to meet with the Forum again, potentially at a standalone meeting before November.

10/11: MfE will be attending the Mayoral Forum on 25 November.

**Due Date:** 30 Nov 2022  
**Owner:** Maree McNeilly  
**Meeting:** 26 Aug 2022 Canterbury Mayoral Forum, 2.1 Resource management reform - model region discussion

### CEs to report back to Forum on Flood Protection advocacy avenues

**In Progress**

CEs to report back to the next Mayoral Forum on progress and possible avenues for advocacy around the Central Government Co-investment in River Management for Flood Protection report.

10/11: A paper and presentation will be provided to the Mayoral Forum on 25 November.

**Due Date:** 30 Nov 2022  
**Owner:** Hamish Riach

**Meeting:** 26 Aug 2022 Canterbury Mayoral Forum, 6.1 General business

# Canterbury Mayoral Forum

**Date:** 25 November 2022

**Presented by:** Hamish Riach, Chair, Chief Executives Forum

## Selection of Chair and Deputy Chair

### Purpose

1. This paper outlines the process for the selection of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

### Recommendations

**That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:**

1. **agree to use first past the post voting procedure for the selection of the Chair and Deputy Chair**
2. **agree that, in the event of a tie between the highest polling candidates, a coin toss will determine the successful candidate.**

### Background

2. The custom is for the Chair of the Chief Executives Forum to chair the first meeting of the Mayoral Forum until the Forum has selected a Chair. This is consistent with the procedure to be followed at the first meeting of a local authority following local body elections (Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7, Clause 21).
3. The Mayoral Forum is able to agree on the voting system to use to elect its Chair and Deputy Chair.
4. On the recommendation of the Chair of the Chief Executives Forum it is suggested that the forum agree to use the first past the post voting procedure and in the event of a tie that a coin toss will determine the successful candidate.

### Voting process steps

5. The steps involved in the process are as follows:
  - the Forum agrees to the voting procedure and the procedure in the event of a tie
  - the interim Chair calls for nominations for the position of Chair, which need to be nominated and seconded
  - nominees may make a brief statement in support of their nomination.

- voting for Chair takes place as per agreed system.
- Chair declared as elected
- Chair assumes the chair.
- Chair conducts selection of Deputy Chair by the same method.

## **Cost, compliance and communication**

### **Financial implications**

6. No honorarium or other remuneration is payable to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

### **Risk assessment and legal compliance**

7. The proposed process to select the Chair and Deputy Chair complies with the Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7.

# Canterbury Mayoral Forum

**Date:** 25 November 2022

**Presented by:** Hamish Riach

## Introduction to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum

### Purpose

1. This paper provides some further context and background on the Mayoral Forum, and an opportunity for members to reflect on its value going into the new term.

### Recommendation

**That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:**

1. **note the role and mandate of the Forum**

### Background

2. Following the election, Canterbury Mayoral Forum members were provided with the following background material:
  - briefing for incoming members
  - record of the Mayoral Forum's achievements during the 2019-22 term
  - draft triennial agreement
  - Canterbury 2022 - An Overview document presenting high-level information on current state and trends of wellbeing in Canterbury to inform the Mayoral Forum.

### Role and mandate

3. The purpose and mandate of the Forum are set out in the briefing material. In short:
  - the Mayoral Forum is the key mechanism to implement the Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement and is mandated by paragraph 14 of the Agreement (see item 2.3 of the agenda for the proposed Agreement for this term)
  - its role includes developing and leading implementation of a sustainable development strategy (see item 4.1 of the agenda), providing governance oversight of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (see item 4.3 of the agenda), and advocating for the interests of the region, its councils and communities.
4. It is important to note that members speak in their own right at the Forum as leaders for Canterbury, rather than doing so as representatives for their councils.



5. Any decisions the Forum makes are not binding on Canterbury's local authorities.

## **Value of the Mayoral Forum**

6. Over the last few terms, the Mayoral Forum has accomplished its achievements through exercising leadership, facilitation and advocacy for Canterbury.
7. 'One strong voice for Canterbury' has been a powerful tool for the Forum, and has meant its views and ideas have been respected by local and central government as well as the region's stakeholders.
8. With the significance and volume of reform proposed for the local government sector, including three waters, emergency management, resource management, health, and the review into the future for local government, it is crucial that the Forum works constructively and collaboratively to ensure a strong local voice throughout the reform processes.
9. I invite returning mayors to reflect on their perspective of the value of the Forum, and all members to contribute on where they see the value this term.

# Canterbury Mayoral Forum

**Date:** 25 November 2022

**Presented by:** Hamish Riach, Chair, Chief Executives Forum

## Canterbury local authorities' triennial agreement

### Purpose

1. This paper invites the Mayoral Forum to adopt the attached draft Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement 2022-2025 (the Agreement) and arrange for it to be ratified by councils before 1 March 2023.

### Recommendations

**That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:**

1. **adopt the Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement 2022-2025**
2. **arrange for the Triennial Agreement to be ratified by councils before 1 March 2023.**

### Key points

2. The Agreement mandates the work of the Mayoral Forum, the Chief Executives Forum and other regional forums and working groups.
3. The parties to the Agreement are the 11 local authorities of Canterbury. To comply with the Local Government Act, all councils are required to ratify the Agreement no later than 1 March 2023.
4. Council staff may wish to draw on the content of this report when drafting council papers to ratify the Agreement.

### Local Government Act requirements

5. The Local Government Act 2002 (s.15) requires all local authorities within a region to enter into a triennial agreement not later than 1 March after each triennial general election of members.
6. The purpose of a triennial agreement is to ensure that appropriate levels of communication, co-ordination and collaboration are maintained between local authorities within the region. Agreements must include:
  - protocols for communication and co-ordination between councils

- the process by which councils will comply with section 16 of the Act, which applies to significant new activities proposed by regional councils
  - processes and protocols through which all councils can participate in identifying, delivering and funding facilities and services of significance to more than one district.
7. Triennial agreements may also include commitments to establish joint governance arrangements to give better effect to the matters set out in paragraph 7 above.
  8. A triennial agreement may be varied by agreement between all the local authorities within a region and remains in force until local authorities ratify a new agreement.

### **Canterbury triennial agreement**

9. The secretariat has drafted the Agreement at the direction of the outgoing Mayoral Forum. The attached draft was discussed and endorsed at the May and August 2022 meetings of the Mayoral Forum.
10. The Agreement includes terms of reference for the Mayoral Forum and mandates it as the primary mechanism for implementing the Agreement in Canterbury (Agreement, paragraph 14). The Agreement (paragraph 16) also mandates the Chief Executives Forum and other regional forums and working groups.

### **Engagement with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu**

11. The Mayoral Forum terms of reference, which form part of the Agreement, provide (paragraph 5(c)) that:
 

*The Canterbury Mayoral Forum shall have the power to invite people to attend and participate in its meetings on a permanent and/or issues basis. 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.*
12. Engagement with Papatipu Rūnanga through biannual meetings commenced in February 2021. At these meetings the Forum and Rūnanga chairs began discussing how they would like to engage with each other as Canterbury's leaders, however these discussions were not concluded by the end of the previous local government term.
13. Following adoption of the Triennial Agreement the secretariat will draft letters for the Chair of the Mayoral Forum to send to both the Kaiwhakahaere of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and the chairs of the Papatipu Rūnanga to confirm these arrangements.

## **Cost, compliance and communication**

### **Financial implications**

14. Member councils meet their own costs for meeting attendance (travel, accommodation and Mayoral Forum working dinners). When we invite guests to working dinners, the cost of their meals will come from the regional forums levy councils pay annually. Mayors and Chief Executives pay personally for any alcoholic beverages consumed.
15. The Chief Executives Forum has a regional forums budget for approved collaborative projects. This is funded by a levy on member councils to an agreed formula. The levy for 2022/23 is \$63,000.
16. The Mayoral Forum may choose to levy councils for specific project work if required, over and above the Chief Executives regional forums budget. This is decided on a case-by-case basis.
17. Selwyn District Council provides meeting rooms and covers catering costs for regional forums that meet in its premises.
18. Environment Canterbury covers secretariat salaries and overheads and some Mayoral Forum meeting costs (room hire and lunch). Environment Canterbury also acts as fund-holder for any grants obtained from central government.

### **Risk assessment and legal compliance**

19. The Agreement complies with requirements in section 15 of the Local Government Act 2002.
20. The Agreement needs to be ratified by the parties to the agreement – the 10 territorial authorities in Canterbury and the regional council – no later than 1 March 2023.

### **Significance and engagement**

21. Adopting and ratifying a triennial agreement as required by the Local Government Act 2002 s.15 is unlikely to trigger Significance and Engagement Policies as adopted by councils to comply with s.76AA of the Local Government Act 2002.

### **Communication**

22. When all councils have ratified the Agreement, the secretariat will publish it on the Mayoral Forum's website at <https://canterburymayors.org.nz/>

### **Next steps**

23. The next steps for the Triennial Agreement are:
  - Mayors/Chair and Chief Executives arrange for member councils to ratify the Agreement before 1 March 2023

- Secretariat publishes a signed copy of the Agreement on the Mayoral Forum website by 20 March 2023
- Chair of the Mayoral Forum extends a standing invitation to the Kaiwhakahaere of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu to Mayoral Forum meetings and writes to the chairs of the Papatipu Rūnanga to invite them to meet biannually with the Mayoral Forum.

## **Attachments**

- Draft Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement 2022–25

## **Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement 2022–25**

### **Background**

1. Section 15 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act) requires local authorities within a regional council area to enter into a Triennial Agreement (the Agreement) by 1 March following triennial local body elections.
2. The purpose of the Agreement is to ensure appropriate levels of communication, co-ordination and collaboration between local authorities within the region. The agreement must include:
  - protocols for communication and co-ordination between the councils
  - the process by which councils will comply with section 16 of the Act, which applies to significant new activities proposed by regional councils
  - processes and protocols through which all councils can participate in identifying, delivering and funding facilities and services of significance to more than one district.
3. Agreements may also include commitments to establish joint governance arrangements to give better effect to the matters set out in paragraph 2 above.

### **Parties to the Agreement**

4. The Parties to the Agreement are the Kaikōura, Hurunui, Waimakariri, Selwyn, Ashburton, Timaru, Mackenzie, Waimate and Waitaki District Councils, the Christchurch City Council, and the Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury).

### **Standing together for Canterbury**

5. The Parties agree to work collaboratively and in good faith for the good governance and sustainable development of their districts, cities and region.

### **Communication**

6. The Parties value and will maintain open communication, collaboration and trust. In the interest of “no surprises”, the Parties will give early notice of potential disagreements between, or actions likely to impact significantly on, other Parties.

### **Significant new activities**

7. When a Party is considering a major policy initiative or proposal that may have implications for other Parties, they will give early notification to the affected Parties and share the information with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum and the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum.
8. The Canterbury Regional Council will provide early advice to the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum and the Canterbury Mayoral Forum of any significant new activity, in addition to other requirements specified in s.16 of the Act.

## Local government structure in Canterbury

9. Notwithstanding the spirit of co-operation and collaboration embodied in the Agreement, the Parties, individually or collectively, reserve the right to promote, consult and/or research change to the structure of local government within the Canterbury region.
10. This right is consistent with the intent to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of local government (Local Government Act 2002 s.24AA), having particular regard to communities of interest and community representation.

## Regional Policy Statement review

11. The Agreement applies to any change, variation or review of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement.

## Collaboration

12. The Parties commit to working collaboratively to:
  - enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities
  - promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future (Local Government Act 2002, s.10).
13. Collaboration may be undertaken on a whole-of-region, or sub-regional, basis.
14. The primary mechanism to implement this Agreement is the Canterbury Mayoral Forum. The Forum will meet quarterly and operate in accordance with its agreed terms of reference, which are attached as **Appendix 1**.
15. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum will:
  - continue to provide governance of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy
  - develop and lead implementation of a sustainable development strategy for Canterbury region for the local government triennium 2022–25
  - advocate for the interests of the region, its councils and communities.
16. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum will be supported by the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum and other regional forums and working groups as agreed from time to time.
17. The Chief Executives Forum will:
  - report quarterly to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum on delivery of its work programme to implement and manage collaborative projects and agreed actions of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum
  - identify and escalate to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum strategic issues and opportunities for collaboration from the Policy, Corporate and Operational Forums and other regional and sub-regional working groups.
18. As requested by the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, Environment Canterbury will host a permanent regional forums secretariat and resource this from the regional general rate.

### Other agreements

19. This Agreement does not prevent the Parties from entering into other agreements among themselves or outside the Canterbury region. Any other such agreement should not, however, be contrary to the purpose and spirit of this Agreement.

### Agreement to review

20. A triennial agreement may be varied by agreement between all the local authorities within the region and remains in force until local authorities ratify a new agreement.
21. Any one or more of the Parties can request an amendment to this Agreement by writing to the Chair of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum at least two weeks before a regular quarterly meeting of the Forum.
22. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum will review the Agreement no later than the final meeting before triennial local body elections and recommend any changes to the incoming councils.

### Authority

23. This Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement 2022–25 is signed by the following on behalf of their respective authorities:

COUNCIL	SIGNATURE	DATE
Ashburton District Council Mayor		
Canterbury Regional Council Chair		
Christchurch City Council Mayor		
Hurunui District Council Mayor		
Kaikōura District Council Mayor		



<b>Mackenzie District Council</b> <b>Mayor</b>
<b>Selwyn District Council</b> <b>Mayor</b>
<b>Timaru District Council</b> <b>Mayor</b>
<b>Waimakariri District Council</b> <b>Mayor</b>
<b>Waimate District Council</b> <b>Mayor</b>
<b>Waitaki District Council</b> <b>Mayor</b>

## **Appendix 1: Canterbury Mayoral Forum terms of reference**

### **1. Name**

The name of the group shall be the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

### **2. Objectives**

- (a) To provide a forum to enable Canterbury councils to work more collaboratively with each other and with central government and other key sector leaders in Canterbury to identify opportunities and solve problems together.
- (b) To identify and prioritise issues of mutual concern and foster co-operation, co-ordination and collaboration to address these issues (including where appropriate joint work plans).
- (c) To formulate policies and strategies on matters where all member councils may act collaboratively in determining plans for the co-ordination of regional growth.
- (d) To ensure increased effectiveness of local government in meeting the needs of Canterbury communities.
- (e) To act as an advocate to central government or their agencies or other bodies on issues of concern to members.
- (f) To develop and implement programmes, which are responsive to the needs and expectations of the community.

### **3. Principles**

In pursuit of these objectives the Canterbury Mayoral Forum will observe the following principles.

- (a) Establish and maintain close liaison with other local government networks to ensure as far as possible the pursuit of common objectives and the minimisation of duplication.
- (b) Establish and maintain close liaison with Ministers of the Crown and local Members of Parliament.
- (c) Establish and maintain close liaison with a wide number of diverse stakeholders and key sector organisations within the region.
- (d) Exercise its functions with due regard to the tangata whenua and cultural diversity of the Canterbury community.
- (e) Keep the local community informed about its activities by proactively releasing information about key projects in a timely manner, as agreed by the member councils.
- (f) Encourage member councils to promote and apply cross-boundary structures and systems.
- (g) Establish a provision for reporting back to its respective Councils.

#### 4. Powers

- (a) The Canterbury Mayoral Forum shall have the power to:
  - (i) levy for any or all of its objects in such amount or amounts as may be mutually determined and acceptable to individual local authorities
  - (ii) determine and make payments from its funds for any or all of the purposes of its objects
  - (iii) receive any grant or subsidy and apply monies for the purposes of such grant or subsidy
  - (iv) fund appropriate aspects of the Forum's activities regionally.
- (b) The Canterbury Mayoral Forum does not have the power to legally bind any council to any act or decision unless that act or decision has been agreed to by decision of that council.

#### 5. Membership

- (a) Membership of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum shall be open to the following councils:
  - Ashburton District Council
  - Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury)
  - Christchurch City Council
  - Hurunui District Council
  - Kaikōura District Council
  - Mackenzie District Council
  - Selwyn District Council
  - Timaru District Council
  - Waimakariri District Council
  - Waimate District Council
  - Waitaki District Council.
- (b) Each member council shall be represented by its Mayor (or Chair in the case of Environment Canterbury) and supported by its Chief Executive. On occasions where the Mayor or Chair cannot attend, a council may be represented by its Deputy Mayor or Deputy Chair.
- (c) The Canterbury Mayoral Forum shall have the power to invite people to attend and participate in its meetings on a permanent and/or issues basis. 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.

#### 6. Chairperson

- (a) The Canterbury Mayoral Forum shall select a Chair at the first meeting immediately following the Triennial Elections. This appointment may be reviewed after a period of 18 months.
- (b) The Chair selected will preside at all meetings of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.
- (c) The Canterbury Mayoral Forum shall select a Deputy Chair at the first meeting immediately following the Triennial Elections.
- (d) The Canterbury Mayoral Forum may appoint spokespersons from its membership for issues being considered, in which case each member council agrees to refer all

requests for information and documents to the duly appointed spokespersons.

## **7. Meetings**

- (a) Meetings will be held as required with an annual schedule, covering a calendar year, to be determined by the members. Meetings will be held quarterly at venues to be determined.
- (b) Special meetings may be called at the request of four members.
- (c) The secretariat will prepare an agenda for Mayoral Forum meetings in consultation with the Chair and the Chief Executives Forum.
- (d) Agendas for meetings will be issued and minutes will be taken and circulated.
- (e) A summary of each meeting will be drafted and shared on the Canterbury Mayoral Forum website for members to distribute within their councils as a high-level record of the meeting.
- (f) Approved minutes and approved final reports and papers will be made available via the Canterbury Mayoral Forum website as agreed by the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

## **8. Decision making**

- (a) The practice of the Forum will be to determine issues before it by consensus.
- (b) If the consensus is to determine issues by voting, the determination shall be determined by a majority of votes of the authorities represented at the meeting through the Mayor or Chair or their nominated representative.

## **9. Secretariat**

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum will appoint Environment Canterbury to carry out the secretariat function on such terms and conditions as it shall decide for the discharge of duties. This includes taking minutes, keeping any books and accounts and attending to any other business of the forum.

# Canterbury Mayoral Forum

**Date:** 25 November 2022

**Presented by:** Hamish Riach, Chair, Chief Executives Forum

## Regional Forums structure and 2023 calendar

### Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide the recommendations of the Chief Executives Forum on the structure for the Regional Forums this term.

### Recommendations

**That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:**

- 1. establish a climate change action planning reference group for the local government term to support and provide governance-level input into the work of the Climate Change Working Group on regional action planning**
- 2. subject to recommendation 1, select a chair for the reference group from its membership and advise the secretariat of the nominated councillor for the group from each council as soon as practicable**
- 3. endorse the reinstatement of the Canterbury Biodiversity Champions councillor group for this local government term**
- 4. subject to recommendation 3, select a member for the Canterbury Biodiversity Champions from its membership and advise the secretariat of the nominated councillor for the group from each council as soon as practicable**
- 5. note the regional forums meeting calendar for 2023.**

### Background

2. To support the Mayoral Forum, the Chief Executives Forum provides advice at the outset of the new triennium on how it might wish to operate.
3. The paper recommends the Mayoral Forum establish only one subgroup at this stage, a climate change action planning reference group. The purpose of this group would be to provide oversight of a key climate change project.
4. The paper also recommends that the Mayoral Forum endorse the reinstatement of the Canterbury Biodiversity Champions councillor group.

## Canterbury Mayoral Forum Steering Groups

5. During the previous local government term, the Mayoral Forum had steering groups for climate change, three waters, the Essential Freshwater reform package, and a forum for regional economic development.
6. These groups served important purposes during the last local government term and supported the Mayoral Forum's key priority areas. Key outcomes or achievements of the groups include:
  - the Climate Change Steering Group oversaw the development of the Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment, maintained a watching brief for the Mayoral Forum on key government climate change initiatives like the National Adaptation Plan and the Emissions Reduction Plan, and advocated for the ongoing importance of the *It's time, Canterbury* campaign
  - the Three Waters Steering Group oversaw the development of a collaborative three waters reform model with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu
  - the Essential Freshwater Steering Group kept a watching brief on progress with implementation of the National Policy Statement Essential Freshwater
  - the Economic Development Group brought together mayors and senior economic development staff from across the region, setting the expectation for a more collaborative approach to regional development in Canterbury, as well as building stronger relationships with MBIE officials.
7. While these groups had their place last term, a different approach may be needed this local government term to allow the Mayoral Forum to be agile enough to respond to the various reform programmes as well as its business as usual.

### Climate change

8. During the last term, the Mayoral Forum had a governance role in regional climate change matters through the Climate Change Steering Group and by hosting the regional climate change councillor group. The purpose of the steering group was to lend political support to the officer-led Climate Change Working Group, which reported to the steering group, the Policy Forum, and often the Chief Executives Forum and Mayoral Forum.
9. The climate change councillor group received information on climate change matters but had no specific decision-making function, albeit members had an interest in having a stronger role on climate change actions for their councils and regionally. The future direction of the councillor group remained unresolved at the end of the last triennium.
10. Climate change will be an important area of focus over the next three years. The Climate Change Adaptation Bill will be introduced in 2023 as part of the resource management reform programme, and the National Adaptation Plan and the Emissions Reduction Plan will be implemented. Given the significance of climate change matters it is recommended that the full Forum keep a watching brief on this topic, instead of reinstating the Climate Change Steering Group.

11. By allowing the full Forum to have direct oversight of this issue, it will ensure all members are across developments in this space. In addition, the Climate Change Working Group is now well-established, and the need for a specific group to support it from a political perspective has reduced.
12. Although climate change matters will be managed by the full Forum, the regional climate change action planning project, which is the next step following the publication in 2021 of the Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment, will require governance input as it progresses.
13. The proposed process, governance and sign-off arrangements for this regional project are outlined later in this agenda (see agenda item 4.2). In summary, it is proposed that the Mayoral Forum establish a climate change action planning reference group to oversee the work, and that this group be one councillor from each local authority, chaired by a member of the Mayoral Forum and supported by a chief executive, (similar to the set-up of the regional climate change councillor group).
14. The reference group is necessarily different to the steering group as it is focused on one specific and significant project.
15. The proposed reference group would provide feedback and advice at a governance level to the Climate Change Working Group as the project progresses. Members would need to have the necessary mandate to provide feedback on behalf of their council.
16. One of the key reasons for the make-up of the group is that it would offer councillors the opportunity to be involved in regional climate change matters in a much stronger way than the councillor workshops from last term. The reference group would also need to meet reasonably regularly, depending on the various stages of the project, and given mayoral workloads it is considered that councillors availability would better enable meeting project timelines.
17. To enable regular oversight of the project by the Mayoral Forum, the reference group would report to the Forum quarterly on its activities.
18. The key advantages of the reference group approach are that it would allow:
  - the project to run efficiently, with reference group input as required
  - a clear link to the Mayoral Forum through the group being chaired by a member of the Forum, with support from a chief executive
  - meaningful input into regional climate change activities by councillors across the region with an interest in climate change
  - strong buy-in from each council at every step of the process, as each council would be represented at a governance level
  - a reduction in the number of governance groups the Climate Change Working Group would be required to report to

19. Should the Forum agree to establish this reference group, nominations from each council and the selection of a chair from the Mayoral Forum will be required. Proposed terms of reference for the reference group will be drafted and a project plan developed to ensure clarity around reference group meetings.

### **Water management**

20. The Essential Freshwater steering group included all but two mayors in the previous triennium, which clearly demonstrates the interest of this topic to forum members. It is therefore recommended that essential freshwater matters come to the full Forum for its consideration.
21. Three waters reform is of key interest to all councils and given the importance of this topic and the work that will be progressing over this local government term it is also recommended that all three waters matters come to the full Forum for its consideration.

### **Economic development**

22. As members are aware, the Chief Executives Forum has established an economic development forum to support the Mayoral Forum's work in this space. This group will report to the Mayoral Forum through chief executives.
23. There will therefore be no need for a separate governance-level group. In addition, and as above, because of the importance of the topic for the region, it would be sensible for the full Mayoral Forum to stay across developments in this area.

### **Canterbury Biodiversity Champions**

24. During the 2019-22 term, the Mayoral Forum supported the establishment of the Biodiversity Champions councillor group. This group was made up of a councillor from each of Canterbury's 11 authorities, nominated by their respective mayors, and met regularly between February 2021 and September 2022. The group's purpose was to raise awareness amongst their council colleagues of the importance of biodiversity and to advocate for the role of councils and communities in weaving biodiversity through Canterbury's living and working landscapes.
25. Some of the group's key successes during the term were developing shared regional approaches to biodiversity issues and opportunities, its advocacy for biodiversity as an elevated priority across the region, improving biodiversity investment in Long Term Plan and Annual Plan processes, and collaborating on national direction through sharing analysis and draft submissions, and considering implementation and impacts.
26. Members from the previous term are very keen to ensure the group is reinstated so that it can continue to build momentum through into the new term. If the Biodiversity Champions are reinstated, the tie to the Mayoral Forum could be strengthened by selecting a mayor as a member of this group.



27. From a regional collaboration perspective, the group could play an important role as the key conduit to support 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.

### **Regional forums and working groups proposed structure 2023**

28. The Canterbury regional forums and working groups proposed structure is provided at attachment 1.

### **2023 meeting schedule**

29. The 2023 meeting schedule for the regional forums is appended as attachment 2.

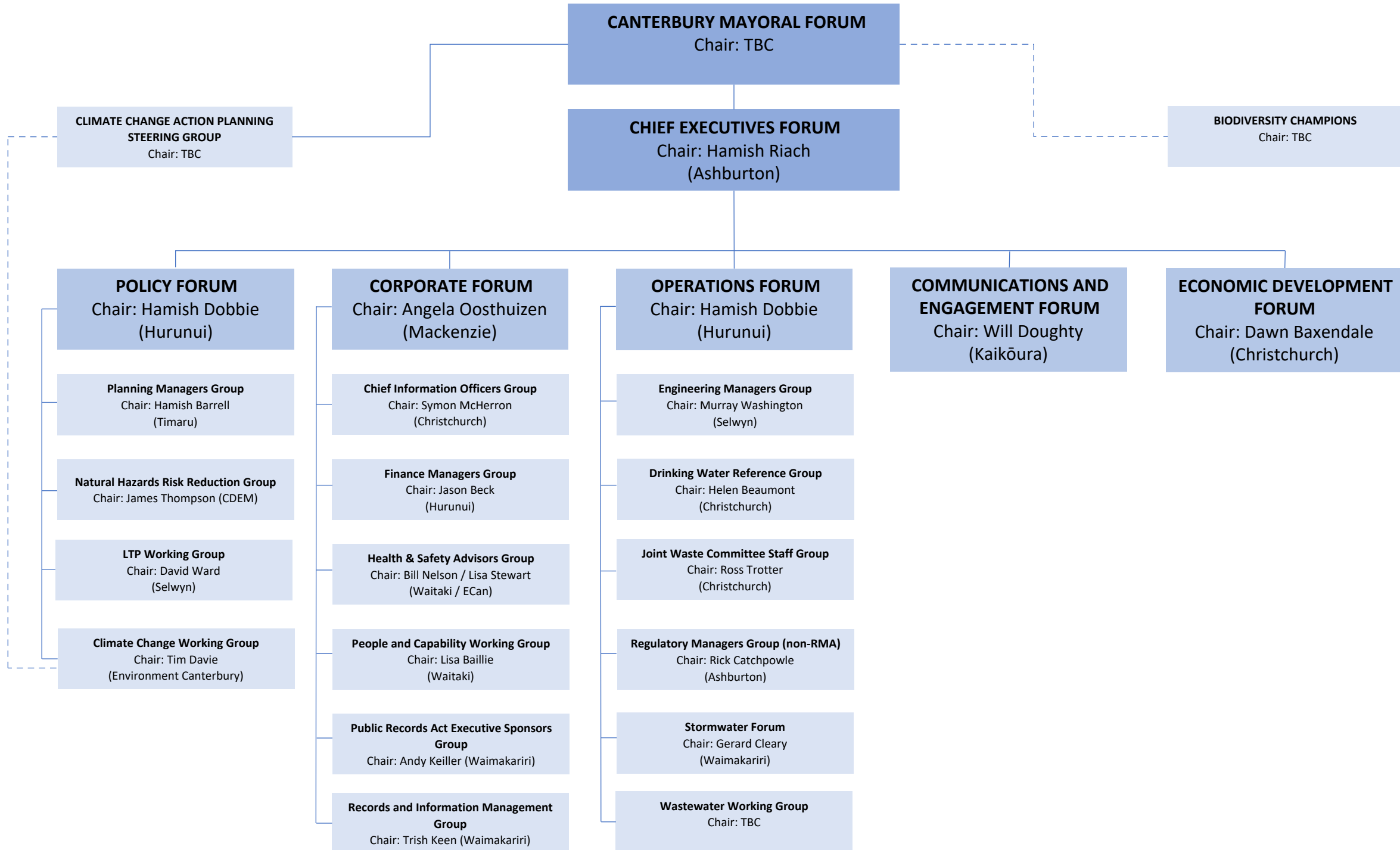
30. As with previous years, the schedule is set around the Local Government New Zealand calendar to avoid meeting clashes for members wherever possible.

31. All Canterbury councils intend to hold their council meetings on a Tuesday or Wednesday in 2023, enabling Thursdays and Fridays to be available for regional engagements.

### **Attachments**

- Attachment 1: regional forums structure
- Attachment 2: meeting schedule for 2023

# Canterbury Regional Forums and Working Groups Proposed 2023 structure



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### Canterbury Mayoral Forum and Greater Christchurch Partnership meeting dates 2023

As at 10 November 2022

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
s	1 New Year's Day									1			s
m	2 Holiday				1 CEs Forum					2			m
t	3 New Year's Day				2 CEAG			1 CEAG		3			t
w	4	1	1 LGNZ Nat Council		3			2		4	1		w
t	5	2	2 LGNZ R&P		4	1 CMF dinner		3		5	2 LGNZ R&P		t
f	6	3 GCP Committee	3 LGNZ R&P		5 LGNZ Regional	2 Mayoral Forum		4 Papatipu rūnanga	1 LGNZ Nat Council	6	3 LGNZ R&P	1 LGNZ Nat Council	f
s	7	4	4	1	6	3	1	5	2	7	4	2	s
s	8	5	5	2	7	4	2	6	3	8	5	3	s
m	9	6 Waitangi Day	6	3	8 LGNZ Zone 5	5 King's Birthday	3	7	4	9	6 CEs Forum	4	m
t	10	7	7	4 CEAG	9	6	4	8	5	10 CEAG	7	5	t
w	11	8	8	5	10	7	5	9	6	11	8	6	w
t	12	9	9	6	11	8	6	10	7	12	9	7	t
f	13	10 LGNZ Metro	10 GCP Committee	7 Good Friday	12 GCP Committee	9 GCP Committee	7 GCP Committee	11 GCP Committee	8 GCP Committee	13 LGNZ Zone 5&6	10 GCP Committee LGNZ Regional	8 GCP Committee CCEF	f
s	14	11	11	8	13	10	8	12	9	14	11	9	s
s	15	12	12	9	14	11	9	13	10	15	12	10	s
m	16	13	13	10 Easter Monday	15	12 LGNZ Zone 5&6	10	14	11	16	13	11 CCF and COF	m
t	17 SMG & SOG	14	14	11	16	13	11	15	12	17	14	12 SMG & SOG	t
w	18	15	15	12	17	14	12	16	13	18	15	13	w
t	19	16	16 Combined CCF, COF, CPF, CCEF	13	18	15	13	17	14	19	16	14	t
f	20	17 LGNZ Regional	17 Combined CCF, COF, CPF, CCEF	14 GCP Committee	19 LGNZ Nat Council	16	14 Matariki	18	15 CCEF	20 GCP Committee	17 Show Day	15 CPF and CEDF	f
s	21	18	18	15	20	17	15	19	16	21	18	16	s
s	22	19	19	16	21	18	16	20	17	22	19	17	s
m	23	20	20	17	22	19 CCF and COF LGNZ CE Forum	17	21	18 CCF and COF LGNZ CE Forum	23 Labour Day	20	18	m
t	24 CEAG	21 SMG & SOG	21	18 SMG & SOG	23 SMG & SOG	20 SMG & SOG	18	22 SMG & SOG	19	24 SMG & SOG	21 SMG & SOG	19	t
w	25	22	22	19	24	21	19	23	20	25	22	20	w
t	26	23 CMF dinner	23	20	25 LGNZ Comb. Sect.	22	20	24 CMF dinner	21	26	23 CMF dinner	21	t
f	27	24 Mayoral Forum	24 Papatipu rūnanga	21	26 LGNZ Comb. Sect.	23 CCEF	21 LGNZ Nat Council	25 Mayoral Forum	22 CPF and CEDF	27 LGNZ Metro	24 Mayoral Forum	22	f
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s	29	26	26	23	28	25	23	27	24	29	26	24	s
m	30 CEs Forum	27 LGNZ Zone 5 & 6	27	24	29	26	24	28	25 South Canty Anniv	30 Marlborough Ann	27	25 Christmas Day	m
t	31	28 CEAG	28 SMG & SOG	25 ANZAC Day	30 CEAG	27 CEAG	25 SMG & SOG	29 CEAG	26 SMG & SOG	31 CEAG	28 CEAG	26 Boxing Day	t
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t			30	27		29	27 LGNZ Conference	31	28		30 LGNZ Nat Council	28	t
f			31 CEDF	28		30 CPF and CEDF	28 LGNZ Conference		29			29	f
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m							31 CEs Forum						m

Canterbury Mayoral Forum	
Group	Membership
Mayoral Forum	Canterbury mayors, Canterbury regional council chair, Canterbury council chief execs
CEs Forum	Canterbury council chief executives
CEDF (Economic Development Forum)	One Canterbury council CE and economic development reps from Canterbury councils
CPF (Policy Forum)	One Canterbury council CE and policy managers from Canterbury councils
COF (Operations Forum)	One Canterbury council CE and operations managers from Canterbury councils
CCF (Corporate Forum)	One Canterbury council CE and corporate managers from Canterbury councils
CCEF (Communications and Engagement Forum)	One Canterbury council CE and communications managers from Canterbury councils
Papatipu Rūnanga	Canterbury mayors and Canterbury Papatipu Rūnanga chairs

Greater Christchurch Partnership	
Partner Governance	All mayors, councillors and CEs of the GCP Partners (9am-12pm)
GCPC (GCP Committee)	GCP Committee members (mayors and two councillors from Greater
UGP (Urban Growth Partnership)	GCP Committee members, plus Hon Megan Woods, and Hon Nanaia Mahuta
CEAG (Chief Executives Advisory)	Greater Christchurch chief executives (4.30-6.30pm)
SMG (Senior Managers Group)	Greater Christchurch council senior managers (11am-12pm)
SOG (Senior Officials Group)	Greater Christchurch council senior officials (9am-11am)

Local Government New Zealand	
Group	Membership
LGNZ National Council	TBC
LGNZ Regional	Environment Canterbury chair and CE
LGNZ R&P (Rural & Provincial)	All council mayors and CEs except Christchurch
LGNZ Zone 5	All council mayors and CEs
LGNZ Conference	All council mayors and CEs
LGNZ CE Forum	Christchurch City CE, Ashburton District Council CE, Hurunui District Council CE
LGNZ Metro	Christchurch City mayor and CE

Other	
Council meeting days (note that councils often have committees on other days and may not meet every week)	
Tuesday	Hurunui, Mackenzie, Timaru, Waimakariri, Waimate, Waitaki
Wednesday	Ashburton, Kaikōura, Selwyn, Christchurch City, Environment Canterbury
School holidays	

# Canterbury Mayoral Forum

**Date:** 25 November 2022

**Presented by:** Hamish Riach

## **Regional Strategy (Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury)**

### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this paper is to propose an approach and timeframe to review and update the Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury to fulfil the requirement to develop a regional strategy as noted in clause 15 of the Canterbury Local Authorities' triennial agreement.

### **Recommendations**

**That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:**

1. **confirm the vision and values in the 2019-22 Plan for Canterbury remain relevant and appropriate for this local government term**
2. **agree that the strategy should sit separately from the action plan, noting that:**
  - 2.1. **the strategy would contain vision, values and strategic priority areas over the longer term**
  - 2.2. **the action plan would be developed and reviewed annually**
3. **agree to hold a workshop in January 2023 to determine strategic priority areas and key actions**
4. **note that a finalised strategy for this local government term will be brought to the Forum for approval in February 2023.**

### **Key points**

2. The Canterbury local authorities' triennial agreement notes that the Mayoral Forum will develop and lead implementation of a sustainable development strategy for Canterbury region for the local government triennium 2022–25.
3. The *Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2020-2022* (the Plan) fulfilled this requirement for the previous triennium and it is considered that the Plan is fundamentally sound as the basis for a sustainable development strategy for the 2022-2025 triennium.
4. Updating the Plan is an opportunity to demonstrate the Mayoral Forum's leadership, influence, advocacy and collaboration across the region.

5. A workshop to determine strategic priority areas and key actions for the updated Plan is proposed for January 2023.

## Background

6. The Plan was developed by the Mayoral Forum through a number of workshops held in 2019 and 2020.
7. The 2020-2022 Plan focussed on five priority areas, selected from a long list of twenty that were derived from *Canterbury 2019: An Overview* and the Mayoral Forum workshops.
8. The scope of the current Plan covers four interdependent aspects of wellbeing (environmental, economic, social and cultural) and the four capitals that enable wellbeing (financial/physical, natural, human and social).
9. *Canterbury 2022: An Overview* (updated from 2019) has been prepared to help inform Mayoral Forum priorities and the development of a regional strategy for this triennium.
10. The next three years will likely see the greatest change to local government since 1989 as a result of the central government reform programme. This provides an opportunity for the Mayoral Forum to demonstrate leadership as new ways of working across the region are developed.

## Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2020-2022 structure

### Vision and Values

11. The 2020-2022 vision for Canterbury is “sustainable development with shared prosperity, resilient communities and proud identity”. To expand on this the plan further articulates the vision as, all of us together:
  - care for our natural resources to secure both present and future opportunities
  - create shared economic prosperity so no one is left behind
  - nurture caring, hope and kindness, standing strong together to withstand and adapt to challenges and change
  - celebrate our diverse identities – and take pride in our common identity as Cantabrians.
12. The vision and values will need to be reconfirmed as still relevant and fit for purpose for this term with the 2022-2025 Mayoral Forum.

### Priorities

13. The 2020-2022 Plan identified five priority areas. These were:
  - Sustainable environmental management
  - Shared economic prosperity

- Climate change mitigation and adaptation
  - Better freight transport options
  - Three waters services.
14. The chief executives consider that three of the five (sustainable environmental management, shared economic prosperity and climate change mitigation and adaptation) are still relevant for the 2022-2025 triennium as high-level priorities on which the Mayoral Forum can focus its leadership, facilitation and advocacy. Chief executives proposed that shared economic prosperity be expanded to include both economic and social prosperity.
15. The indicators discussed in *Canterbury 2022: An Overview* would support maintaining these specific priorities for the next triennium.
16. The more specific priorities (better freight transport options and three waters services) would, if deemed still relevant, be better placed as actions that contribute to the high-level priorities.

## Current Context

17. The central government reform programme, climate change and the Forum's relationship with mana whenua are all areas of context to be taken into consideration as the Forum considers and develops the 2022-2025 strategy.

## Mana whenua

18. The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) provides principles and requirements for local authorities that intend to recognise and respect the Crown's responsibility to take appropriate account of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, and to maintain and improve opportunities for Māori to participate in decision-making processes.
19. While the LGA relates to all Māori, Ngāi Tahu has a unique relationship with Canterbury councils through Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi). There are 10 Ngāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnanga who hold the mana whenua and mana moana over their respective rohe (areas).
20. In addition to the Local Government Act obligations, in the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 the Crown apologised for its "*past failures to acknowledge Ngāi Tahu rangatiratanga and mana over the South Island lands within its boundaries*". The Crown confirmed that it "*recognises Ngāi Tahu as the tāngata whenua of, and as holding rangatiratanga within, the Takiwā of Ngāi Tahu Whānui*". This statutory recognition of Ngāi Tahu rangatiratanga confirms the special relationship Ngāi Tahu has with the natural environment and whenua within the Ngāi Tahu Takiwā.
21. The Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) recognises Ngāi Tahu interests in ancestral lands, water sites, wāhi tapu, flora and fauna, and other taonga as matters of national importance. The RMA also requires councils to have particular regard to kaitiakitanga

and iwi environmental management plans and to take into account the principles of Te Tiriti.

22. The resource management reform programme will legislate for mana whenua to be represented on regional planning committees and the future for local government review draft report explicitly integrates recognition of Te Tiriti and te ao Māori throughout the report and recommendations.

### **Regional governance arrangements**

23. There is a strong drive for wide ranging regional governance in the current government reforms. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum is considered the lead group to represent the region's input into future governance arrangements.
24. As noted in paragraph 28 below managing the transition periods for reform programmes will be an important focus for the next three years and require ongoing regional collaboration.
25. The 2022-2025 strategy will be a key document to demonstrate regional leadership and collaboration.

### **Central government reform**

26. Current central government reforms cover a broad range of services and respond to matters including water infrastructure, resource management, climate change, emergency management and the future for local government.
27. Collectively, the reforms aim to deliver better outcomes for communities and the environment, drive efficiency improvements, and give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
28. Reform of three waters and resource management will require new regional decision making and governance arrangements. Managing the transition periods for both of these reform programmes will be an important focus for the next three years and require ongoing regional collaboration.

### **Climate change**

29. Responding to climate change is an urgent issue. It is affecting our weather, health and wellbeing, natural environment, taonga species, mahinga kai, food production, biosecurity, infrastructure and economy.
30. Impacts of climate change are being felt across New Zealand through rising average temperatures, increasing frequency of severe storms and flooding in some parts of the country and increasing incidence of droughts and wildfires in other places.
31. Consideration of the impacts of climate change is central to both resource management reform and future for local government review.



32. Following the release of the Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment in 2021, a key project for Canterbury for this local government term will be collaborating on climate change action planning (see agenda item 4.2).
33. Equally advocating for central government co-investment in river management for flood protection (see agenda item 4.5) is one of the responses to climate change impacts that the Mayoral Forum can take.

### **Future for local government**

34. The future for local government review was established by the Minister of Local Government in April 2021. Its overall purpose is to consider how New Zealand's system of local democracy and governance will need to evolve over the next 30 years to improve the wellbeing of New Zealanders, and actively embody the Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership.
35. The review panel produced its first interim report in September 2021. The draft final report was released on Friday 28 October, and is open for submission until 28 February 2022, with the final report to be submitted to the Minister for Local Government in June 2023 (see agenda item 6.1).
36. With the changes that will occur through the current government reform programme (three waters, resource management) it is reasonable to expect that local government will evolve over this triennium and beyond.

### **Proposed 2022-2025 strategy structure**

37. It is proposed that the regional strategy for the 2022-2025 triennium (refreshed Plan for Canterbury), would set out the Mayoral Forum's vision and strategic direction, supported by a separate annual action plan.
38. An annual action plan would give the Forum greater flexibility to determine where it puts its energy and focus across the triennium and mean it can respond in a more agile way to uncertain and changing times.
39. The front end of the strategy could focus on the Mayoral Forum's strong regional leadership and collaboration for the benefit of the communities it represents taking into consideration the areas of current context raised above.

### **Proposed strategic priority areas**

40. To start the conversation with the Mayoral Forum the following draft priority areas have been considered for the new strategy, based on the current Plan and discussions with chief executives. Also included are possible areas of action to address the draft priority areas. It should be noted that a number of these actions may address multiple priorities.

## Climate change

41. Climate change represents significant challenges, risks and opportunities to Canterbury. These impacts are already being seen in more frequent droughts, extreme weather events and flooding, coastal erosion, increased fire risk and a longer fire season, and increasing threats to biodiversity and biosecurity. Opportunities from warmer temperatures, a longer growing season and fewer frosts could result in new crops and markets.
42. Responding to climate change will have impacts on shared economic and social prosperity, sustainable environmental management.

## Sustainable environmental management

43. Canterbury is New Zealand's largest region by land area and has 21% of New Zealand's highest quality soils; 19% of the total area farmed in New Zealand (around 2.6 million hectares); around 70% of New Zealand's groundwater; 64% of the country's irrigated land area and more than 4,700 lakes and tarns and over 78,000 km of rivers and streams; 800 km of coastline and 11,620 km<sup>2</sup> of coastal marine area.
44. Land use decisions, agricultural intensification and increased urbanisation increases pressures on the regions rivers, streams, groundwater aquifers, indigenous biodiversity and coasts.

## Shared economic and social prosperity

45. Canterbury's GDP (March 2021) was \$41 billion, which represents 13% of national GDP (compared with 17% of land area and 13% of national population). GDP per person was just below the national GDP per capita.
46. In the year ended March 2020 manufacturing contributed 11% of Canterbury's GDP (9.8% nationally) and of this, primary manufacturing contributed 64%, other manufacturing 36%.
47. Agriculture contributed 6.7% of regional GDP (4.3% nationally). An analysis of the Canterbury economy (excluding Christchurch) notes that agriculture and manufacturing are responsible for approximately 32% of employment.
48. Social prosperity is often more difficult to measure. Treasury's Living Standards Framework<sup>1</sup> provides a number of indicators that measure wellbeing outcomes that the Forum could elect to include in the new strategy, particularly those where local government has a significant ability to influence.
49. Local authorities do significant work in the wellbeing/social prosperity space, but what would that look like regionally? Would social prosperity be connected and cohesive communities? Can the Forum take a leadership role in challenging aspects of society (social media etc.) that are trying to undermine cohesion, and what would that look like?

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<sup>1</sup> [Living Standards Framework - Dashboard \(treasury.govt.nz\)](https://www.treasury.govt.nz/living-standards-framework)

## Possible areas of action

50. Actions that support the draft priority areas, and allow the Mayoral Forum to demonstrate their leadership, advocacy, influence and collaboration could include:

- partnering with mana whenua to develop a regional committee with a structure that works for the region, as proposed under the resource management reforms
- continued oversight of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy
- advocating for central government co-investment in river management for flood protection
- oversight of regional climate change action planning
- advocating for investment in research and development on opportunities for diversifying land use
- working across agencies to increase the level of innovation in the primary sector
- review of funding for roading and transport
- attracting new investment and businesses to the region to support our communities.

51. Other areas to explore for inclusion in the action plan include work to enhance regional wellbeing and social prosperity in those areas that local government has the ability to influence.

## Proposed process to develop a regional strategy for 2023-25

52. Following feedback from today's meeting, the development of the proposed regional strategy will be considered at the upcoming Operations, Corporate, Policy, Economic Development and Communications and Engagement Forums.

53. Feedback from the forums, along with today's discussion, will be incorporated into the proposed workshop to be held January to further develop the priority areas and actions to be in a position to bring the regional strategy for the 2022-2025 triennium to the February 2023 meeting for approval.

## Cost, compliance and communication

### Financial implications

54. The current regional forums budget allows a total of \$15,000 for the refresh of the Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury, which includes allocation for research, workshops, engagement and production. If a different approach is required further funding may be needed.

## **Communication**

55. Following agreement on the approach for developing the 2022-2025 strategy a communications and engagement plan will be developed, in conjunction with chief executives and Mayoral Forum members. The communications and engagement plan will identify key stakeholders, approach for engagement and be based on the Mayoral Forum's communication strategy.

## **Next steps**

56. This paper, including feedback from today's meeting, will be shared with members of the Operations, Corporate, Policy, Economic Development and Communications and Engagement forums at their December meetings.
57. Feedback from today's meeting and the regional forums will be incorporated into the Mayoral Forum workshop proposed to be held in January to further progress the development of the regional strategy.

# Canterbury Mayoral Forum

**Date:** 25 November 2022

**Presented by:** Dr Tim Davie, Chair Climate Change Working Group

## Regional climate change action planning

### Purpose

1. This paper presents the scope and approach for collaborating on climate action planning in Canterbury, endorsed by the Climate Change Steering Group (CCSG), and seeks the Canterbury Mayoral Forum's approval of this to develop a Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan (working title).

### Recommendations

**That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:**

1. **note the scope and approach for collaborating on climate action planning in Canterbury as endorsed by the Climate Change Steering Group on 16 September 2022**
2. **note requirements for individual councils (as outlined in Table 1 Approach) to integrate climate actions into 2024-34 Long-Term Plans**
3. **endorse proposed governance and signoff process for deliverables, including a Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan, from the collaboration on climate action planning in Canterbury as noted by the Chief Executives Forum on 31 October.**

### Key points

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 individual resource availability to implement action.
3. The Climate Change Working Group (CCWG), which includes staff representatives from Canterbury councils, investigated options for collaborating on climate action planning which could leverage the potential of each council through collective efforts and promote cross-council information exchange without undermining existing work and locally-led action.
4. Based on the results of the options assessment, which included discussions with each Canterbury council, the CCWG recommends collaborating on a strategic front-end (including vision and outcomes), and back-end (including funding plan and monitoring

and evaluation plan) while enabling individual councils in developing their own climate goals, targets and actions for 2023-34 Long-Term Plans, if they have not already done so. This is to ensure that urgent actions are not only identified but also funded.

5. This collaboration will deliver a Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan (working title) laying out how Canterbury councils intend to partner to reduce the causes of and impacts of climate change on Canterbury's communities and ecosystems.

## Background

6. The Chief Executives Forum agreed to the formation of the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group in May 2017 to develop a shared understanding of the likely implications of climate change for the region, and strategies to manage the associated risks and opportunities.
7. In 2019 the CCWG identified the need to develop a programme to address critical gaps in climate change adaptation planning once a climate change risk assessment was carried out.
8. Since then, central government direction from the National Adaptation Plan, the national Emissions Reduction Plan, and changes to the Resource Management Act to include consideration of greenhouse gas emissions, means the scope of the CCWG's workplan has broadened to cover both adaptation and mitigation (emissions reduction).
9. Following the completion of the Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCCRA) in late 2021 and with a good understanding of councils' current activities, evidence base and planned implementation activities, there was consensus amongst the CCWG to collaborate on climate action planning in the region.

## Scope and approach for collaboration on climate action planning in Canterbury

10. The recommended option, summarised below, enables robust, systematic prioritisation of climate actions, by councils individually and the CCWG collectively, and provides a strong base to explore options to finance actions over the short- and long-term.
11. This option is based on the best practice C40 Climate Action Planning Framework<sup>1</sup> and was endorsed by the CCSG on 16 September, presented to the Canterbury Policy Forum on 30 September, and endorsed by the Chief Executives Forum on 31 October.

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<sup>1</sup> The C40 CAP Framework is considered best practice by international climate leaders, adapted by over 97 cities around the world. The framework has been considered for the CCWG's effort to undertake climate action planning in the Canterbury region. It recognises the benefits of vertical integration (aligning and coordinating climate policies, plans and implementation across different levels of government) and is deemed to be compatible with the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

**Table 1:** Summary of scope and approach for climate action planning in Canterbury.

Purpose	To progress regional collaboration on climate action planning to reduce the causes of and impacts of climate change on Canterbury’s communities and ecosystems.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To identify and support climate action to reduce the causes and impacts of climate change on Canterbury.</li> <li>○ To reduce the complexity of undertaking climate actions and increase the impact of actions.</li> <li>○ To increase regional and national coordination, collaboration and advocacy.</li> <li>○ To develop the capacity and capability of councils to undertake climate change work and ensure the efficient use of resources to achieve outcomes.</li> <li>○ To improve community awareness and understanding and incorporate local voices into a regionally coordinated climate action planning in Canterbury.</li> </ul>
Scope	<p>Collaboration and coordination on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a strategic front-end, including visioning and an ‘urgency assessment’ to support prioritising climate actions, and</li> <li>• a strategic back end, including a funding plan laying out a regional/aligned approach for accessing finance for climate actions in Canterbury (including e.g. common climate actions across councils, urgent climate actions not funded through LTPs and evaluating appropriate climate finance options) and a monitoring and evaluation plan.</li> </ul> <p>The CCWG collaboration (on the right-hand side of the diagram) will form a Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan (working title).</p> <p>Individual councils will develop and integrate their own climate goals, targets and actions into 2024-34 Long-Term Plans.</p> <p>Actions will cover both adaptation to climate change impacts and mitigation of climate change through emissions reduction and sequestration.</p>

	Individual councils	Climate Action Planning	CCWG collaboration (ECan funded)
	✓	Vision, Outcomes	✓
		Urgency assessment, Prioritisation framework, evidence base	✓
	✓	Goals & Targets	ID common/cross-region goals
	✓	Actions	ID common/cross-region actions
		Funding plan	✓
		Monitoring & Evaluation plan	✓
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	Climate actions integrated into 2024-34 Long-Term Plans		Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan (working title)
Approach	<p>At a minimum, councils will implement the scope as part of their 2024-34 long-term planning processes, including asset management plans. In particular, climate goals, targets and actions will inform levels of service, measures and targets along with internal programme or portfolio planning. This ensures actions are not only identified but also funded, there is improved awareness and incorporation of local voices through the long-term plan development process and efficient resource use by leveraging existing local government processes.</p> <p>Individual councils will decide if they wish to create a standalone climate action plan for their council.</p>		

**Governance**

12. The current CCWG governance structure will be used for feedback, approval and endorsement of project deliverables for this collaboration.
13. Given the importance of this collaboration and the need for all councils to be engaged, a range of options have been considered to ensure effective and timely governance. As set out in agenda item 2.4, the preferred approach is to establish a governance-level reference group, sitting under the Mayoral Forum, to provide advice and approval as the project’s deliverables are completed.
14. It is proposed that the make-up of the reference group be one councillor from each local authority, chaired by a member of the Mayoral Forum and supported by a chief executive.
15. Governance representatives on the reference group would need to have the necessary mandate from their council to provide feedback on behalf of their council.
16. The reference group would need to be flexible in its meetings, meeting as and when required to keep the project moving at the expected pace. Activities would be reported quarterly to the Policy, Chief Executives and Mayoral Forums as per the current



governance structure. This approach would provide greater efficiency and ensure all councils are equally engaged in the process.

17. To enable regular oversight of the project by the Mayoral Forum, the reference group will report quarterly to the Forum on its activities
18. Subject to the Forum's agreement to establish a reference group, the CCWG will develop draft terms of reference at its December meeting for the Forum's approval.
19. The final Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan (working title) will be brought to the Chief Executives and Mayoral Forums for final approval and endorsement.

### **Deliverables & resourcing**

20. In-kind resourcing from the CCWG members is expected throughout each Council's climate action planning or Long-Term Plan process, at the points of regional collaboration (see scope in Table 1). This will include several half to full-day workshops, time to review draft reports, and briefing councils on progress as needed.

### **Working with papatipu rūnanga & Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu**

21. The CCWG is conscious of the capacity for Papatipu Rūnanga to engage with local government on climate action planning.
22. 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<sup>2</sup>.
23. Each council will decide how and when best to engage with rūnanga on climate action planning in their district. As Environment Canterbury staff plan engagement for the Environment Canterbury climate action plan, they will work with CCWG representatives to ensure alignment, prevent overlapping engagement, and ensure the engagement fits with Rūnanga aspirations and capacity.
24. The CCWG will continue to engage with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu on the Climate Action Plan - Te Kounga Papanangi<sup>3</sup> to ensure alignment.

## **Cost, compliance and communication**

### **Financial implications**

25. To ensure actions are not only identified but also funded, councils are expected to implement the recommended scope, i.e. include climate actions, as part of their 2024-34 long-term planning processes. As highlighted in paragraph 10 the CCWG will be exploring different options to finance actions over the short- and long-term.

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<sup>2</sup> Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment - integrated climate change framework: Te Tūtei o Te Hau: Surveillance of the Wind.

26. The CCWG secretariat has begun scoping key pieces of evidence required, including an urgency assessment, action prioritisation framework and social vulnerability mapping. Procurement for these pieces will be funded by Environment Canterbury through existing budget.
27. There is an opportunity to align the monitoring and evaluation of regional climate action planning with the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosure (TCFD) framework. The CCWG will explore this and provide further advice back to the Mayoral Forum in due course.

### Risk assessment and legal compliance

28. The following risks may impact this collaboration on climate action planning in Canterbury:

Risk	Risk mitigation
The project demands, in terms of time, on council staff and other stakeholders might be an added burden on already stretched capacity leading to delays in delivery.	The CCWG recommends leveraging off councils' LTP processes, identifying resource needs and offering flexibility of approach and scope of actions covered.
Upcoming central government reforms (e.g. resource management system reform, three waters, future for local government) may cause changes to the scope of actions considered by councils.	The CCWG is monitoring upcoming changes and will incorporate any implications in the process.
Rūnanga capacity to be involved in the project runs the risk of not meeting rūnanga expectations.	The CCWG will continue to develop an approach to best work with Papatipu Rūnanga across council climate action plans.

### Communication

29. To progress the *It's time, Canterbury* campaign, a campaign communications sub-group was formed. The CCWG will work with the *It's time, Canterbury* sub-group and the regional communications and engagement forum to identify options for a communication and engagement plan for climate action planning in Canterbury.
30. The communications plan will be shared with the Canterbury Policy, Chief Executives and Mayoral Forums for approval/endorsement.

### Next steps

31. Feedback received from the Canterbury Mayoral Forum on the scope and approach for collaboration on climate action planning will inform further project planning.

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<sup>3</sup> Te Kōunga Paparangi - <https://ngaitahu.iwi.nz/environment/climate-change/>

32. The CCWG will begin to work with the Climate Change Governance Group, once established, for advice and approval as the project's deliverables are delivered.

# Canterbury Mayoral Forum

**Date:** 25 November 2022

**Presented by:** Peter Scott, Chair Environment Canterbury

## Canterbury Water Management Strategy background and update

### Purpose

1. This paper provides the Canterbury Mayoral Forum with a background on the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) and an update on region-wide progress of CWMS partners' work towards implementing the CWMS for July to September 2022.

### Recommendations

**That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:**

1. **receive this report**
2. **note Environment Canterbury's offer to provide a Canterbury Water Management Strategy briefing to each Mayor and/or Council if requested**
3. **note that a key consideration for the Mayoral Forum this triennium will be how to reposition the Canterbury Water Management Strategy in the context of climate change and Te Mana o te Wai**
4. **note that Environment Canterbury and each territorial authority has a Councillor representative for each relevant zone committee.**

### Canterbury Water Management Strategy background

2. The Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) is the culmination of a process that started in 1999 with the development of the Canterbury Strategic Water Study. The study was initiated in response to severe droughts in the 1980s and 1990s and the realisation that the applicant driven approach to implementing water management would not ensure consideration of all the values placed on Canterbury's freshwater resources.
3. The CWMS is an initiative of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum to provide a strategic long-term response to this complex and multi-faceted issue. It is an inter-generational strategy which provides a collaborative framework for managing the region's freshwater.
4. The CWMS was finalised and signed off by the Mayoral Forum in 2009. This signalled a new way forward that involved a partnership approach between Environment

Canterbury, Canterbury's territorial authorities, Ngāi Tahu and a range of organisations with an interest in freshwater.

5. The overarching vision of the CWMS is 'to gain the greatest cultural, economic, environmental, recreational and social benefits from our water resources within a sustainable framework both now and for future generations'. This vision is supported by a number of fundamental principles including sustainable management, a regional approach and kaitiakitanga. The strategy also includes 10 targets areas with timebound goals.
6. The Mayoral Forum continues to provide overall leadership for the CWMS and at its meeting on 24 May 2020, the Mayoral Forum approved additional CWMS goals for 2025 and 2030 to ensure the CWMS continues to provide meaningful guidance to meet Canterbury's freshwater outcomes. All the CWMS goals can be found in this [booklet](#)<sup>1</sup> and this is being provided as a hard copy.

### **Environment Canterbury's role in the CWMS**

7. Environment Canterbury supports and works with Ngāi Tahu, territorial authorities and a number of other organisations to implement a range of statutory and non-statutory actions to support the implementation of the CWMS. Examples include:
  - fostering CWMS leadership through Regional and Zone water management committees;
  - collaborating with partners, industry and community groups to deliver local actions to improve water quality;
  - supporting landowners to implement Good Management Practices;
  - monitoring and enforcing the freshwater planning framework; and
  - monitoring freshwater resources and sharing evidence-based stories with communities.
8. Environment Canterbury Zone Facilitators and Zone Delivery teams also play a key role in supporting the water management committees, alongside other CWMS partners and stakeholders.

### **Territorial Authorities' role in the CWMS**

9. Territorial Authorities work with Environment Canterbury and a range of organisations and individuals to implement the CWMS by developing and resourcing work programmes to deliver the 2025 and 2030 CWMS goals and by supporting the zone committees' annual work programmes. Examples include:
  - working with rūnanga on key projects
  - upgrading drinking water infrastructure and improving stormwater and wastewater systems
  - improving and developing new recreational opportunities

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/document/download/?uri=3732128>

- supporting landowners to undertake projects.

### **Progressing the CWMS over this Triennium**

10. The CWMS has proven a highly successful and visible tool for the Mayoral Forum to demonstrate leadership on the critical issue of water management. It is a uniquely Canterbury approach to water management, and the collaborative approach that underpins the region's work continues to support the CWMS framework.
11. The broader context in which the strategy exists has, however, changed significantly over the last decade and will continue to change. Climate change will impact the way in which freshwater is managed, while Government direction and reform will require increased effort and investment to deliver freshwater outcomes.
12. Central to this is the Essential Freshwater package, released in August 2020. It is far more directive than previous central government water policy – it strengthens the concept of Te Mana o te Wai and introduces a new hierarchy of obligations that places the health of waterbodies above all other needs. It also introduces new attributes and strengthened national bottom lines and protections for waterways.
13. Giving effect to Te Mana o te Wai requires local authorities to actively involve tangata whenua (to the extent they wish to be involved) in freshwater management, including within decision-making processes and preparation of regional policy statements and regional plans.
14. Key considerations for the Mayoral Forum over this triennium will be how the CWMS can be repositioned to respond to a changing climate, how it can support our communities to deliver on the Essential Freshwater Package, and how the CWMS can support Te Mana o te Wai.
15. Environment Canterbury would be pleased to provide a briefing on the CWMS to the territorial authorities and their councillors.

### **Regional and Zone Committees**

16. The strength of the CWMS continues to rely on partnerships and the empowerment of communities through the Regional Water Management Committee and nine Water Management Zone Committees<sup>2</sup>. These Water Management Committees are a critical piece of social infrastructure, and they remain a crucial mechanism for working collaboratively with our communities.
17. The role of Water Management Committees does, however, need to be considered in this triennium by the Mayoral Forum in light of the Government's Essential Freshwater

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<sup>2</sup> Note that a 10<sup>th</sup> Committee, the Hurunui Waiau Uwha Zone Committee, was disestablished in 2021, and the Hurunui District Council is leading the establishment of a new Hurunui Water and Land Committee in conjunction with Environment Canterbury, and Kaikōura and Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga

Package, resource management reform and implementation of Te Mana o te Wai. Alongside this, the possible role of Water Management Committees in supporting Environment Canterbury efforts to review the land and water plan framework in partnership with Papatipu Rūnanga will also need to be explored.

18. The Regional Water Management Committee have played an important role in overseeing and monitoring CWMS progress and advising on strategic water management issues at a regional level, while zone committees deliver the strategy locally. The committees include elected representatives from Environment Canterbury and territorial authorities, rūnanga and community members.
19. Following local body elections, Environment Canterbury and territorial authorities will each need to nominate a Councillor representative to serve on their local zone committee. It is preferable that representatives are nominated by the end of November 2022 as Zone Committees start meeting in December 2022. In addition, Environment Canterbury will nominate a Councillor representative to the Regional Committee.

## Reporting on progress

20. Environment Canterbury reports, on behalf of the CWMS partners, on regional progress towards the 10 Target areas ([ecan.govt.nz/cwms-progress](https://ecan.govt.nz/cwms-progress)). The online report provides links to the work being undertaken by zone committees, Environment Canterbury, Canterbury's territorial authorities and other agencies.
21. Environment Canterbury provides quarterly updates to the Chief Executives Forum and Mayoral Forum on the region-wide progress towards implementing the CWMS.
22. These quarterly reports provide a summary of the last three months' progress of zone committee projects and provides information on the latest freshwater related policy and RMA planning.

## Update on region-wide progress towards implementing the CWMS

### Zone and Regional committee updates

23. During the last ten years, zone and regional committees have focused on collaboratively developing and implementing Zone Implementation Programmes (ZIPs) and ZIP Addenda (ZIPAs). Both documents have supported the development of the sub-regional plans under the Land and Water Regional Plan ([LWRP](https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/plans-strategies-and-bylaws/canterbury-land-and-water-regional-plan/)<sup>3</sup>) to give effect to the CWMS.

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

24. Since 2020 there have been a few changes to the form and function of the committees. **Zone Committees** are now focussed on implementing actions on the ground to support the delivery of the CWMS Targets and goals.
25. In 2021 the committees prepared three-year action plans (guided by Environment Canterbury and territorial authorities' shared environmental priorities) focussing on key deliverables to achieve the CMWS Targets. The Zone Committee Action Plans (ZCAP) 2021-2024 are provided in Attachment 1.
26. Zone committees prioritised and funded 48 projects through their CWMS Action Plan Budget of \$50,000 per zone for 2021-2022 (established through Environment Canterbury's Long-Term Plan 2021-2031). All ZCAP 2021-2022 projects are underway, and committees are now planning their actions for the 2022-2023 year.
27. In the absence of a Hurunui Water and Land Committee, Hurunui District Council, Kaikōura and Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga and Environment Canterbury worked together to agree on how the \$50,000 of ZCAP budget (available for the Hurunui Waiau Uwha water zone) would be allocated for the 2021-22 financial year. This was allocated to the Hurunui Waiau Braided River Birds Flagship Programme (previously supported by the Zone Committee) supporting an established biodiversity project focused on breeding braided river birds on both the Hurunui and Waiau Uwha Rivers.
28. The **Regional Committee** membership structure was changed in 2021 to ensure the Committee was best placed to support the implementation of the CWMS in the future. The Regional Committee will have a total of 13 members. This includes an independent Chair, a Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu representative, an Environment Canterbury councillor, three Papatipu Rūnanga representatives, a member representing Health New Zealand (formerly the District Health Board) and six community representatives from across the Canterbury region.
29. The Independent Chair and six community representatives were appointed in 2021 and represent a balance of backgrounds, experience, and interests from across the region. An interim Ngāi Tahu Co-Chair was appointed to ensure Ngāi Tahu views were represented during the establishment of the Committee including supporting the community representative selection process and contributing to information sessions. This arrangement has now concluded.
30. The process to appoint the Ngāi Tahu representatives is underway. The Health New Zealand representative role remains vacant due to capacity constraints.
31. The Regional Committee has delayed meeting officially to ensure the Ngāi Tahu representatives are present for all decision making. In lieu of meetings and workshops, information sessions are being held for current Committee members whilst the final appointments to the Committee are made. All appointments must be confirmed by the Environment Canterbury Council.



32. Development of the Regional Committee's work programme has been a focus of the year. Environment Canterbury is exploring how the Regional Committee can inform discussions on how the CWMS is progressed alongside Resource Management Reform and the Essential Freshwater Package. The Committee's role in determining how our communities can be supported as Te Mana o te Wai is applied through a planning framework to waterbodies and freshwater ecosystems in Canterbury will be discussed with Papatipu Rūnanga.
33. The Hurunui Land and Water Committee and the Regional Committee are expected to complete their Action Plans once fully established.

### **RMA planning and implementation**

34. The fully operative Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan (LWRP) provides the regulatory framework for managing effects of land use and water use on our rivers, lakes and wetlands. The region-wide framework was made operative in 2012. Subsequent plan changes provide a more local scale framework to manage the issues unique to the sub-region area.
35. Most recently, Plan Change 7 was notified in 2019 with decisions, hearings and appeals taking place between 2020 and 2022. Environment Canterbury continues to work through two remaining appeals on Plan Change 7, which were made to the High Court on points of law. Two appeals have been withdrawn by the appellants, and a third has been settled by consent notice. Provisions not under appeal can now be treated as operative.
36. Plan Change 7 was developed in three parts. The first part was an omnibus change that proposed changes to region-wide policies and rules in the LWRP to:
  - provide greater protection to habitats of freshwater species
  - enable consideration of Ngāi Tahu values in relation to a broader range of activities
  - allow the use of managed aquifer recharge across the region
  - provide a revised nutrient framework for commercial vegetable growing operations.
37. The second and third parts of Plan Change 7 related to the Waimakariri and Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora (OTOP) sub-regions. These were developed in collaboration with the Waimakariri and OTOPI Zone Committees and put in place a freshwater framework to implement recommendations in each Zone Committee's Zone Implementation Programme Addenda (ZIPA). Further information can be found on the Environment Canterbury [webpage](https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/plans-strategies-and-bylaws/canterbury-land-and-water-regional-plan/change-7/)<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/plans-strategies-and-bylaws/canterbury-land-and-water-regional-plan/change-7/>

## Update on a new planning framework

38. Environment Canterbury continues to review its land and water plan framework to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020. Council is undertaking this review alongside the review of the Regional Policy Statement and Coastal Environment Plan, with the aim of creating an integrated planning framework to manage the region's resources.
39. The first step in this process is to establish how the review can best be approached in partnership with Papatipu Rūnanga. Local authorities are required to actively involve tangata whenua (to the extent they wish to be involved) in freshwater management, including within decision-making processes and preparation of regional policy statements and regional plans.
40. 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 (Phase 1) of the regional planning programme.
41. In addition to governance level discussions, an Environment Canterbury / Tangata Whenua advisory staff working group continues to progress the four joint work streams covering:
  - Governance
  - Implementation options
  - Te Ao Māori Framework
  - Opportunities in the Statutory process.
42. Environment Canterbury, in discussion with ngā Papatipu Rūnanga, is now proceeding to develop the Protocol to provide joint strategic direction on Council's regional planning programme.
43. Consultation with the community is expected in early 2023 on current state of the environment, with consultation on National Policy Statement Freshwater Management long-term visions expected later in 2023, and consultation on methods to achieve those visions expected in 2024. Further information is provided on the Environment Canterbury [website](#)<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/plans-strategies-and-bylaws/regional/>

## Central government policy

44. As part of the ongoing reform and replacement of the Resource Management Act the Government has introduced the **Spatial Planning Bill** and **Natural and Built Environments Bill** into Parliament in November. Public submissions on the Bills will be invited and a select committee hearing is expected to occur in late 2022 or early 2023. In addition, the Government is working towards the introduction of the draft Climate Adaptation Act in 2023.
45. **The National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPSHPL)** was released on 18 September and takes effect from 17 October 2022. The goals of the NPSHPL are to protect highly productive land from inappropriate use and development (including subdivision). Regional councils will need to identify and map highly productive land and include mapped areas within Regional Policy Statements by 17 October 2025. Territorial authorities must amend their district plans to include mapped areas within six months of changes to the Regional Policy Statement being made.
46. The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) discussion document **Managing our wetlands in the coastal marine area** was released on 10 August 2022 and consultation closed 21 September 2022. The Ministry proposes to amend the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater (NES-FW) to make it explicit that the wetland provisions do not apply within the coastal marine area.
47. MfE has also been developing a **National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB)** since 2018. The objective of the NPSIB is to protect, maintain and restore indigenous biodiversity.
48. Public consultation was undertaken in 2019 over a period of several months. MfE released an exposure draft of the NPSIB in June 2022 to test the workability of the NPS provisions. The exposure draft incorporated feedback from public consultations undertaken in 2019 and 2020.
49. Targeted consultation closed in July 2022 and officials are working through the submissions and feedback. Policy changes will be provided to Minister Shaw (Minister for Climate Change and Associate Minister for the Environment) before the final NPS goes to Cabinet to consider for gazettal in December 2022.
50. In July 2022 the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee received submissions on the **Water Services Entities Bill**. The Bill moved to its second reading in mid-November 2022. A second Bill is expected in November to enable the transfer of assets and liabilities from local authorities to Water Services Entities, and to integrate entities into other regulatory systems.
51. MfE is working with regional councils to refine options for the **National Environmental Standards for Sources of Human Drinking water (NES-DW)**. They are focusing on standardising the way source water areas are defined, strengthening regulation of activities within source water areas and defining the scope of the NES-DW regulations. MfE will be seeking approval from Cabinet in November 2022 on an amended NES-DW.

## Essential Freshwater implementation

52. Ashburton District Council continues its work on the “Supporting Land Use Adaption for a Climate Changed Future” project. Analysis of the desktop review and results of the farmer focus groups was undertaken earlier this year.
53. The report will be made available when finalised.
54. 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<sup>6</sup>. 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.
55. Dairy farmers are now required to report their annual synthetic nitrogen fertiliser use to Environment Canterbury. The external nitrogen reporting tool developed by Ballance and Ravensdown is live. The National Online Reporting tool is also live. Environment Canterbury’s Synthetic Nitrogen Cap webpage has been updated with a FAQ section and downloadable calculator tool for farmers to calculate their nitrogen use<sup>7</sup>.
56. Environment Canterbury undertook the trial flyover in July 2022 in Waimakariri to monitor intensive winter grazing (IWG). Overall, the farms observed during the flight were following good management practices. Staff have followed up with all farms that were seen to provide feedback on good practices, and the small number of farms identified as requiring additional support where improvements were needed. A communications and awareness campaign started in September 2022 to ensure that the community understands the new regulations with respect to IWG in the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater 2020 (NES-F) which came into effect on 1 November 2022.
57. Environment Canterbury restarted Farm Environment Plan (FEP) auditing and associated compliance monitoring across Canterbury following the Government's review of the OVERSEER nutrient management tool. Auditing has resumed in central and far southern parts of the region. Auditing has not resumed north of the Hurunui River nor consenting in the far south where discussions with the local Rūnanga are still taking place.

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/water/essential-freshwater-package>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/farmers-hub>

58. Environment Canterbury continues to plan for the introduction of Freshwater Farm Plans, as part of the Government's Essential Freshwater package. This includes engaging with MfE as they develop and test the components of the Freshwater Farm Plan system. MfE signalled that the roll-out of the new Freshwater Farm Plan system will occur in a staged manner between 2023-2025 to enable capacity within the sector to develop. Environment Canterbury continues to consider options for transitioning from existing FEPs to the new Freshwater Farm Plan system as further detail becomes available.

### **Update on key regional projects/campaigns**

59. The CWMS continues to be implemented throughout the Canterbury region by the CWMS partners and zone committees via a range of statutory and non-statutory obligations and working collaboratively with agencies and community groups.
60. Environment Canterbury and territorial authorities partner with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and ngā Papatipu Rūnanga and work with organisations such as Health New Zealand (formerly the Canterbury and South Canterbury District Health Boards), the dairy and irrigation industries, Department of Conservation, Fish & Game Council, non-government organisations such as Forest and Bird, to implement specific CWMS targets through a range of programmes and projects.
61. The information below provides an update on key regional work being undertaken by agencies across Canterbury.
62. Following the **Court of Appeal decision** (in July 2022) to overturn Environment Canterbury consents allowing two water bottling companies to extract water from Christchurch aquifers, Environment Canterbury staff have been contacting affected consent holders and meeting with territorial authorities and industry groups (e.g. gravel extractors and agricultural) to inform them of the implications of the decisions on Environment Canterbury's ability to consider changes to existing consents and applications for new consents.
63. Although Cloud Ocean Water (one of the water bottling companies) has sought leave to the Supreme Court to appeal the decision, this has not been granted as of yet.
64. Environment Canterbury can therefore no longer consider applications for water takes without considering the use of that take. Changes to a consented use of a take will also need to be reconsidered under Environment Canterbury take and use rules. Applications for Community Supply and small takes can still be made in most cases.
65. In the short term, applications in process may need to be returned (as now prohibited) or re-designed to avoid the need for consent, or to fit under small take rules.
66. Environment Canterbury staff have held discussions with the Canterbury Planning Managers and Canterbury Operations Forums on 2 September and 6 October 2022 respectively.

67. A workshop was held with Waimakariri District Council and Christchurch City Council on 14 October. Similar workshops are planned to be held with all territorial authorities and industry groups in the coming months.
68. Environment Canterbury is continuing to progress **Braided River Revival Whakahaumanu Ngā Awa ā Pākihi** with a clear goal – revival of the mauri of braided rivers ki uta ki tai - and to align collective action at a landscape level to achieve that goal.
69. The draft Rakahuri/Ashley River Revival Strategy and Ko te Whakahaumanu o te Rakitata Awa/The Rakitata River Revival Strategy are examples of collaboration amongst Papatipu Rūnanga, central and local government and communities in action.
70. Tangible examples of this collaboration amongst Papatipu Rūnanga, central and local government and communities are the development of the draft Rakahuri/Ashley River Revival Strategy and Ko te Whakahaumanu o te Rakitata Awa/The Rakitata River Revival Strategy as well as the projects the strategies promote (for example large pest control projects).
71. Community engagement is scheduled for both strategies early 2023.
72. Key agencies and organisations continue to work together to directly address the health of the **Ōtūwharekai (Ashburton) Lakes**. The Ōtūwharekai Working Group presented a progress update to the Ashburton Zone Committee in July 2022. The report provided the committee with visibility and an understanding of the range of activities that are under way, including surface water and groundwater monitoring, farm nutrient risk assessment, Mātauranga Māori and Cultural Health Assessment, and the Ashburton District Council's 30-year management plan for Ōtautari/Lake Camp and Te Puna a Taka/Lake Clearwater.
73. In August 2022, Environment Canterbury and the Department of Conservation presented an update on water quality monitoring of Ōtūwharekai lakes and streams. The report shows the lakes are failing to meet most Land and Water Regional Plan objectives in 2021-2022. Algae is increasing in the majority of lakes. Lake Clearwater and Lake Heron are of particular concern. Large nutrient reductions are needed to meet lake objectives, however, a delay in response is expected between nutrient reduction and reduction in algae. Increased monitoring and an understanding of lakes and catchments will inform future action plans and on-farm mitigation.
74. The **Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour programme**, supported by a partnership between Christchurch City Council, Lyttleton Port Company, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke and Environment Canterbury, is progressing well with an increase in the amount of restoration work underway across Whakaraupō.

75. The visibility of Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour across the work of the contributing organisations is increasing with more projects underway and growing community involvement. Highlights from this quarter include the Kai Mahi for Nature project led by Ngāti Wheke which has planted nearly 24,000 plants at Living Springs and Rāpaki and possum, mustelid and rat control has been undertaken on approximately 250ha.
76. The **Te Mōkihi Programme** comprises mana whenua (Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua, Te Rūnanga o Waihao, and Te Rūnanga o Moeraki) and the five agencies (Environment Canterbury, Land Information New Zealand, Department of Conservation, Mackenzie District Council and Waitaki District Council) with statutory responsibility for land and water management in Te Manahuna/ Mackenzie Basin. At the heart of mana whenua's vision for the Mackenzie Basin and the Waitaki catchment is an aspiration to establish a co-governance regime for the area.
77. In June 2022, the Chief Executives of the five agencies met with mana whenua to commission a piece of research that would look into potential co-governance models that might be applied to Te Manahuna and the Waitaki Catchment in the future. Alongside the co-governance research, the Programme is progressing scoping work for several priority projects that will deliver on the ground outcomes for Papatipu Rūnanga as well as agency alignment workstreams that enable greater staff and information sharing to enhance the delivery of core work in the Basin.
78. The **Whakaora Te Waihora Programme** is an ecological and cultural restoration programme for Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere, and an operational programme of the Te Waihora Co-Governance Group (Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Environment Canterbury, Selwyn District Council, Christchurch City Council, and the Department of Conservation). The programme is comprised of multiple projects that are aligned to the strategic aims of the Te Waihora Co-Governance Group.
79. The [Whakaora Te Ahuriri project](#)<sup>8</sup> – which developed a constructed wetland – produced a documentary on the project. The documentary screened on the SBS channel in Australia on 30 August, where it ranked within the top 10 nature documentaries watched on SBS this year.
80. Currently, the largest project in the Programme is the Whakaora Te Waikēkēwai project. This is a \$4.16 million project, led by Te Taumutu Rūnanga, co-managed by Te Taumutu Rūnanga and Environment Canterbury, and funded by the Government's Freshwater Improvement Fund and Environment Canterbury to restore the mid-lower reaches of Te Waikēkēwai/Waikēkēwai Stream. It has mana whenua leadership and decision making at all levels of the project, from delivery to governance.
81. Environment Canterbury's **Soil Conservation and Revegetation (SCAR) Programme** continues to deliver targeted solutions (e.g. planting of poles, supporting the retirement of erosion prone land and enabling improved planning and management of high risk areas) for highly erodible land in the Kaikōura and Hurunui districts.

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<sup>8</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVr-gVr9jms>

82. The current SCAR programme's funding will end in 2023. Environment Canterbury has applied for another four years funding from Ministry for Primary Industries' Hill Country Erosion fund to enable the continuation of the SCAR programme. Successful funding applicants will be notified by November 2022.
83. The following **water infrastructure projects** to improve water quality, increase river flows and groundwater levels continue to be trialled in the region:
- The Waikirikiri/Selwyn Near River Recharge (NRR) scheme successfully completed commissioning processes, with measurably increased targeted river reach and down-gradient spring flows during recharge operations as anticipated. The NRR site connects directly to the Central Plains Water (CPW) irrigation scheme with water sourced from scheme water. Support from CPW has been vital in establishing this project. The aim of the Waikirikiri/Selwyn NRR project is to support the Waikirikiri/Selwyn River system by adding water during dry years, thus avoiding the significant loss of ecosystem health that currently occurs when river flows are low.
  - Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) project is now under the management of the Hekeao Hinds Water Enhancement Trust. Following six years of trials, the project is now focused on the advancement of use and discharge consents before increasing the number of sites (~18) from its current sub-catchment scale to full-catchment (Hekeao Hinds Plains) scale. The project aims to demonstrate the potential for MAR to reduce nutrient (nitrate) concentrations in groundwater and improve groundwater storage levels, leading to improved flows in the lowland waterways to protect environmental and tangata whenua values.

## Attachments

- Attachment 1: Zone Committee Action Plans 2021-2024
- Attachment 2: Zone Committee Action Plan overview July – September 2022





# Kaikōura Water Zone Committee Action Plan July 2021–June 2024



This summary highlights the key actions agreed by the zone committee for the next three years. For more detail on the zone committee and plan, visit [ecan.govt.nz/kaikoura-water-zone](http://ecan.govt.nz/kaikoura-water-zone).

## Our vision:

**Clean Water, Healthy Life** – Waiora, Hauora, Mauri Ora

## Our purpose:

To uphold the mana of the freshwater bodies within Kaikōura by facilitating enduring land and water management solutions that give effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) vision, principles and targets in our zone.

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## Our role:

- **To get involved** in an active programme of community engagement on freshwater management matters.
- **To facilitate relevant advice** to councils and other organisations contributing to freshwater management.
- **To extend the resources** available to implement the CWMS by: working with stakeholders across all sectors and seeking opportunities to promote, support, leverage and expand catchment-based initiatives that deliver the CWMS.
- **To report back** annually to councils and Rūnanga on progress towards delivery of the zone-specific priorities.

## Our Councils’ priorities for our zone committee are:

### Kaikōura District Council

#### Ecosystem health

- Progress improvements to stormwater and wastewater infrastructure to reduce ecological damage to lowland streams from sediment and contaminants and fulfil requirements to obtain and comply with stormwater consents for townships by 2025.
- Review the state and operation of the district’s wastewater treatment plant infrastructure to address and reduce potential impacts on the district’s highly valued rivers.
- Continue regular community education/ behaviour change campaigns on stormwater issues and management.

#### Protecting biodiversity in our district by:

- Implementing a system to protect SNAs and maintain indigenous vegetation and work with Environment Canterbury to develop a biodiversity monitoring strategy.
- Review vegetation clearance rules as part of District Plan review.
- Continue to identify and map SNA sites throughout the district for inclusion in District Plan review in line with NPSIB criteria and requirements by 2026.
- Advocate for indigenous biodiversity through regular education/ behaviour change campaigns to improve understanding of the importance of protecting and conserving indigenous vegetation.

#### Source water quality

- Prioritise planning for water supply wells and treatment plant upgrades, in particular Suburban, Fernleigh and East Coast water supplies.
- Running campaigns to recommend regular testing of private bores and consider options for secure water supply.

#### Water use efficiency

- Improve compliance with national regulations on the measurement and reporting of water takes.
- Manage water demand through meeting requirements under LWRP and continue regular community education/behaviour change campaigns on water use management and conservation.

### Environment Canterbury

#### Kaitiakitanga Wāhi Taonga and mahinga kai targets

Grow support and resources to achieve the goal of five mahinga kai projects.

#### Ecosystem health and biodiversity targets

- Increased riparian management to protect aquatic ecosystems.
- Reducing the number of fish barriers.
- Protection and enhancement of wetlands.

#### Recreation and amenity targets

Achieving the 2025 target to restore priority freshwater recreation opportunities in each zone.



# Kaikōura Water Zone Committee Action Plan 2021–2024



Image - Heath Melville

## We will continue to support “ki uta ki tai” projects and identify future projects within our takiwā by:

### Continuing to support whole catchment management of the Waiau Toa/Clarence by:

- Providing advisory support to maintain or increase predator control of threatened and at-risk bird nesting sites.
- Continuing to support and monitor weed control in the existing four priority areas.
- Continuing to collaborate and build collective knowledge with papatipu rūnanga, stakeholders, landowners, and wider community.

### Continuing to support Waikōau/Lyell Creek catchment recovery by:

- Supporting the monitoring of Waikōau tributaries and all forms of pollution in the catchment and advocate accountability.
- Working with our community to improve amenity sites in the Waikōau.
- Supporting an annual event “Lyell Creek clean up” and promote community engagement.
- Using the Waikōau/Lyell Creek as an exemplar for future projects.
- Public advocacy of responsibility around waterways to residents, businesses and farmers in the area.

### Identifying new “ki uta ki tai” opportunities by:

- Identifying ‘ki uta ki tai’ projects and opportunities that support existing efforts in this space.

## We will support kaitiakitanga within our zone by:

- Continuing to collaborate with local groups to promote kaitiakitanga as a responsibility for all.
- Supporting mana whenua and whānau on mahinga kai projects.
- Supporting the management and water quality monitoring of freshwater mātaimai.
- Advocate for and support actions to address challenges in meeting CWMS targets.

## We will facilitate action to enhance biodiversity and improve amenity and recreation outcomes by:

### Supporting the protection and enhancement of wetlands across the zone by:

- Focusing advocacy on inanga spawning sites.
- Supporting the monitoring of existing funded wetlands.
- Facilitating landowner, community, and our schools’ understanding of the value of wetlands and wetland regulations.
- Coordinating and supporting “on the ground” actions such as trapping and planting.

### Identifying and advocating action for priority areas to improve environmental outcomes, and amenity and recreation opportunities by:

- Working with landowners, rūnanga, whānau, communities, Councils, and others to identify priority improvement areas including priority freshwater recreational opportunities to support.
- Identifying and supporting opportunities along the coastal corridor including South Bay.

## We will support our community to respond to changing requirements, and share resources for good management practice by:

- Sharing information and resources for managing riparian margins with landowners to enable effective and integrated management.
- Sharing information and resources with our community to enable good kaitiakitanga of our zone.
- Supporting farmers, landowners, businesses and our community to understand new legislation requirements around freshwater management.

## We will facilitate understanding of catchment systems within our zone, build community knowledge and connection to these systems and increase public participation by:

- Building our understanding of our zone to enable us to provide robust advice.
- Building our understanding of Environment Canterbury’s water testing regime and the science behind it, so we can share our zones water story and progress.
- Working with mana whenua and whānau to build our community’s cultural understanding of our catchments.
- Building our community collective understanding of the geological and hydrological contexts of our catchments, and the impacts of climate change on our zone.
- Using our collective knowledge to identify mahinga kai opportunities.
- Investigating educational opportunities that encourage learning and research.
- Celebrating and sharing stories of success with our community.

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“ As Kaitiaki (guardians) we will ensure the water in our zone enhances the abundance and quality of life, we will rejuvenate its mauri, as stated in our zone implementation plan.

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# Waimakariri Water Zone Committee Action Plan July 2021–June 2024



Image – Ashley River / Rakahuri

This summary highlights the key actions agreed by the zone committee for the next three years.

For more detail on the zone committee and plan, visit [ecan.govt.nz/waimakariri-water-zone](http://ecan.govt.nz/waimakariri-water-zone).

## Our purpose:

To uphold the mana of the freshwater bodies within the Waimakariri Water Zone by facilitating enduring land and water management solutions that give effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) vision, principles and targets in our zone.

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## Our functions:

**Community engagement** – continuing an active programme of engaging with communities on freshwater management matters and facilitating the provision of advice to councils (relevant territorial authorities and Environment Canterbury) and others (e.g. private sector) contributing to freshwater management.

**Enhancing delivery capability and coalition of the willing** – working with stakeholders across all sectors to extend the resources available to implement the CWMS, including securing additional resources and seeking opportunities to promote, support, leverage and expand catchment-based initiatives that advance CWMS implementation.

**Progress reporting** – annual progress reporting to councils on progress towards delivery of the zone-specific priorities and CWMS target areas identified in the Zone Committee Action Plan.

## Our Councils’ priorities for our zone committee are:

### Waimakariri District Council

#### Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity

- To maintain or improve existing high-quality indigenous dryland ecosystems in intermontane basins and on the plains;
- Reduction of threatened or at-risk status of indigenous fish species compared with 2020;
- All coastal lagoons, hāpua and estuaries show improvement in key ecosystem health indicators compared with 2010.

#### Drinking Water

- Implementation programmes in place for each zone to achieve catchment load limits;
- Achieve nutrient efficiency targets for the zone on all new irrigated land and 80% of other land in major rural land uses (pasture, major arable, and major horticulture crops, and have 100% of rural properties working towards these targets (and for properties within urban boundaries that apply nutrients over significant areas).

#### Recreation and Amenity Opportunities

- Cyanobacterial risk for priority contact recreation sites in Canterbury rivers and lakes is understood and managed for public health;
- Manage water demand through meeting requirements under the Land & Water Regional Plan and continue regular community education/behaviour change campaigns on water use management and conservation.

### Environment Canterbury

#### Kaitiakitanga Wāhi Taonga and mahinga kai targets

Grow support and resources to achieve the goal of five mahinga kai projects.

#### Ecosystem health and biodiversity targets

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- Reducing the number of fish barriers;
- Protection and enhancement of wetlands.

#### Recreation and amenity targets

Achieving the 2025 target to restore priority freshwater recreation opportunities in each zone.



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– Ariki Creative

# Waimakariri Water Zone Committee Action Plan 2021-2024

## Improved monitoring of groundwater and surface water in the zone

To encourage community understanding and awareness of monitoring and clarify future monitoring requirements in the zone by:

- Facilitating collaboration to develop a wider monitoring network in the zone;
- Encouraging more monitoring by catchment and landcare groups.

We will measure this by:

- Establishing a working group to bring together relevant organisations to review existing freshwater monitoring in the zone and address future monitoring requirements across the zone;
- Promoting the benefits of monitoring and establish options for the community to be involved in monitoring;
- Working with ECan and WDC to ensure monitoring results are accessible and understandable to the community;
- Facilitate catchment and landcare groups and the wider community working together with Councils to expand the freshwater monitoring in the Waimakariri and share information.

## Increased indigenous biodiversity in the zone

To protect and improve the indigenous biodiversity, habitat or ecosystems in the zone through:

- Managing and eliminating plant and animal pest species;
- Assisting all landowners and managers to integrate indigenous biodiversity management into the wider aspects of land and water (catchment) management.

We will measure this by:

- Facilitating the establishment of a Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust and provide ongoing support to this Trust;
- Provide ongoing support and encouragement to groups in the zone advancing indigenous biodiversity values;
- Encourage catchment and landcare groups to protect, enhance and create more indigenous biodiversity habitat on properties;
- Promoting greater community understanding about biodiversity, and wetlands, and the benefits of their protection and enhancement.

## Promoting the natural braided character and increased flow of the Ashley River/Rakahuri

To protect the braided river values associated with the Ashley River/Rakahuri, ki uta ki tai, by:

- Promoting an improved community understanding of land and water use impacts on braided river character and the lower catchment ecosystems;
- Working to make the Ashley River/Rakahuri safe for contact recreation, with improved river habitat, fish passage and customary use, and flows that support natural coastal processes.

We will measure this by:

- Encouraging the improved understanding of landowners and wider community of climate change impacts on the Ashley River/Rakahuri;
- Encouraging landowners and agencies to protect the landscape and indigenous biodiversity values in the upper catchment;
- Supporting weed control in the upper and middle sections of the catchment;
- Supporting an investigation into existing consents and water use in the Ashley River/Rakahuri catchment;
- Encouraging landowner and agency efforts to improve the habitat health of lowland spring-fed tributaries;
- Supporting investigations focused on understanding and improving the ecosystem health of Te Aka Aka/Ashley estuary.

## Protection and enhancement of recreation in the zone

To protect and manage the natural landscape and recreation resources in the Waimakariri Water Zone by:

- Facilitating the extension of recreation corridors and amenity space in the zone;
- Encouraging awareness of land use impacts on high value landscapes in the zone.

We will measure this by:

- Supporting the completion of the Silverstream loop;
- Supporting specific Arohatia te Awa marginal strip recreation works;
- Encouraging investigation into the causes of cyanobacteria blooms;
- Encouraging reductions in pollutants/contaminants to help reduce nuisance algal growths in waterways.



Image – Burgess Stream, near Eyreton

## Improved Mahinga Kai within the Waimakariri Water Zone

To protect and enhance mahinga kai practices in waterways within the Waimakariri Water Zone, while also:

- Encouraging a wider understanding of mahinga kai practices in the community;
- Increasing Mahinga kai enhancement and access on the plains.

We will measure this by:

- Supporting the Ngāi Tūāhuriri mahinga kai enhancement projects on the plains and in lowland waterways;
- Encouraging catchment and landcare groups to protect and improve riparian habitat to support mahinga kai practices on the plains and lowland waterways;
- Supporting mahinga kai workshops across the zone.

### Want to get involved?

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New committee member, Martha Jolly



# Christchurch West Melton Water Zone Committee

## Action Plan July 2021–June 2024

This summary highlights the key actions agreed by the zone committee for the next three years.

For more detail on the zone committee and plan, visit [ecan.govt.nz/christchurch-west-melton-water-zone](http://ecan.govt.nz/christchurch-west-melton-water-zone)

### Our purpose:

To uphold the mana of the freshwater bodies within Christchurch West Melton by facilitating enduring land and water management solutions that give effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) vision, principles and targets in our zone.

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### Our role:

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- **To facilitate relevant advice** to councils and other organisations contributing to freshwater management
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- **To report back** annually to councils and Rūnanga on progress towards delivery of the zone-specific priorities.

### Our Councils' priorities for our zone committee are:

#### Christchurch City Council

##### Public awareness and engagement

Model manaakitanga (caring and respect) for our waters and promote takohanga (commitment) and kaitiakitanga (stewardship) through:

- Leading water forums and supporting CCC initiatives to give effect to Te Mana o Te Wai;
- Advocacy of and support for the Community Water Partnership, connections with members' community and professional networks;
- Supporting erosion and sediment control workshops for industry.

#### Selwyn District Council

Align all zone activities with the **overall social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing** for the district.

#### Environment Canterbury

##### Kaitiakitanga Wāhi Taonga and mahinga kai targets

Grow support and resources to achieve the goal of five mahinga kai projects.

##### Ecosystem health and biodiversity targets

- Increased riparian management to protect aquatic ecosystems
- Reducing the number of fish barriers
- Protection and enhancement of wetlands.

##### Recreation and amenity targets

Achieving the 2025 target to restore priority freshwater recreation opportunities in each zone.



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## We will enhance mahinga kai by:

- Seeking ngā rūnanga guidance on priority sites for mahinga kai and wāhi taonga and undertake activities that improve our knowledge. Support ngā rūnanga mahinga kai projects through implementing agreed joint actions and advocating for funding
- Building our understanding of Te Mana o te Wai
- Requesting that the ngā rūnanga and Environment Canterbury Mātauranga Māori monitoring programme begins by 2023
- Supporting implementation of the Iwi Management Plan.

## We will engage with the community and raise awareness by:

- Supporting the Community Waterways Partnership by assisting with community engagement and providing a conduit to councils
- Advocating that Christchurch City Council resources an effective long-term stormwater behaviour change programme, as part of the Community Waterways Partnership
- Advocating that Christchurch City Council effectively engages with the community to develop Stormwater Management Plans. Providing assistance with engagement activities
- Using the Stormwater Superhero mobile resource at events and undertaking other Stormwater Superhero engagement activities about reducing stormwater pollution at source
- Providing Stormwater Superhero awards to deserving businesses/industries to encourage good practice
- Encouraging use of Storminators once available
- Educating influential professions/industries about the impact of building materials on stormwater
- Engaging with key community groups to understand their main issues and explore how we can help, such as support for applications for funding and making recommendations to councils
- Sharing biodiversity success stories with the community
- Educating the community about the groundwater system and how it connects to surface waterways, such as by hosting a field trip and creating a video
- Sharing Christchurch City Council messages about water use efficiency with the community.

## We will enhance ecosystem health by:

### Advocating to local, regional and central government for statutory and non-statutory improvements, research and modelling including:

- Advocating to Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury and others for statutory and non-statutory improvements to erosion and sediment control
- Advocating for national measures to manage urban contaminants at source, such as regulation of materials and industry standards for copper and zinc from roofs, tyres and brake pads
- Advocating for central government and/or university research on the potential link between nitrate levels and colorectal cancer
- Advocating to Environment Canterbury for improvements to groundwater model to understand how groundwater from Waimakariri and Selwyn-Waihora catchments may impact on spring fed streams and drinking water
- Advocating to Christchurch City Council for effective water charging
- Advocating to Christchurch City Council that it implements mechanisms to achieve household rain water collection, such as bylaws
- Advocating that Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council and central government include water sensitive urban design in spatial planning and developments
- Advocating to Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury for reduction of sewer overflows.

### Supporting landowner, community, and local government work in catchments:

- Supporting Cashmere Stream Care Group and Ōtūkaikino Healthy Waterways Partnership by implementing actions that support the projects and organisations involved. Examples of actions: letters of support for funding applications, recommendations to councils
- Supporting catchment approaches in Addington, Haytons, Ōpāwaho Heathcote, Avon Ōtākaro and Styx waterways by implementing actions aligned with land, water and biodiversity work of Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, community groups and others
- Advocating to Environment Canterbury and others for drylands biodiversity protection.

### Want to get involved?

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*He rau ringa e oti ai  
(Many hands make light work)*



# Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū/Banks Peninsula Water Zone Committee Action Plan July 2021–June 2024



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For more detail on the zone committee and plan, visit [ecan.govt.nz/banks-peninsula-water-zone](http://ecan.govt.nz/banks-peninsula-water-zone)

## Our purpose:

To uphold the mana of the freshwater bodies within Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū/Banks Peninsula by facilitating enduring land and water management solutions that give effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) vision, principles and targets in our zone.

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- **To report back annually** to councils and Rūnanga on progress towards delivery of the zone-specific priorities.

## Our Councils' priorities for our zone committee are:

### Christchurch City Council

#### Public awareness and engagement:

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### Environment Canterbury

#### Kaitiakitanga Wāhi Taonga and mahinga kai targets

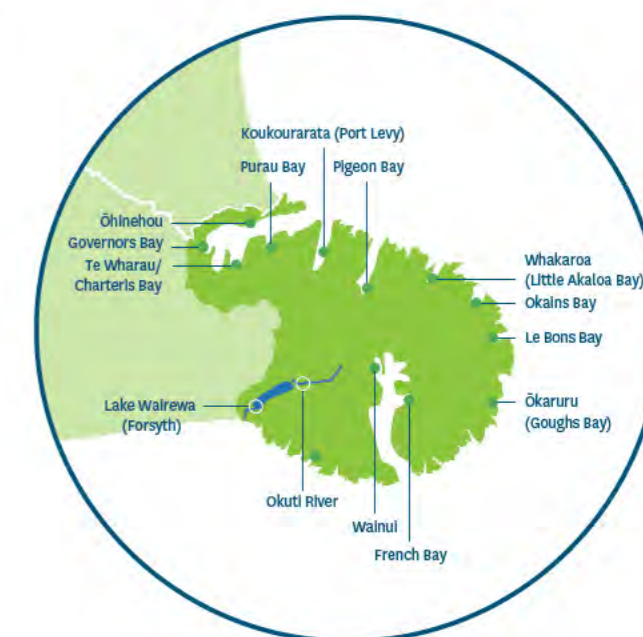
Grow support and resources to achieve the goal of five mahinga kai projects.

#### Ecosystem health and biodiversity targets

- Increased riparian management to protect aquatic ecosystems
- Reducing the number of fish barriers
- Protection and enhancement of wetlands.

#### Recreation and amenity targets

Achieving the 2025 target to restore priority freshwater recreation opportunities in each zone.



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# Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū/Banks Peninsula Water Zone Committee

## Action Plan July 2021- June 2024



### We will enhance mahinga kai by:

- Building mahinga kai and mātauranga Māori into our deliberations and decision making
- Supporting implementation of the Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan
- Modeling manaakitanga and promoting takohanga and kaitiakitanga through our actions
- Supporting ngā rūnanga mahinga kai projects through implementing agreed joint actions and advocating for funding
- Requesting that ngā rūnanga and Environment Canterbury Mātauranga Māori monitoring programme begins by 2023
- Undertaking activities that improve our knowledge of mahinga kai
- Selecting a priority species to be more abundant in the zone. Collaborate and advocate for others to carry out actions that will increase the abundance of this species.

### We will engage with the community and raise awareness by:

- Working with landowners
- Ensuring we are aware of the impacts of our actions on landowners and building this into our deliberations and decision making
- Supporting the trial of a native forestry carbon farming approach on a landowner's property and help share their experience with the community
- Engaging with the community to improve their understanding and uptake of mahinga kai, soil conservation, erosion and sediment control, biodiversity and native forestry carbon farming. Seek opportunities to partner with other organisations to carry out this engagement
- Supporting community organisations that engage with the community about water management, biodiversity, mahinga kai, sustainable land management, soil conservation, erosion and sediment control and native forestry carbon farming. Explore opportunities to partner with these community organisations
- Supporting community engagement about climate change by helping gather local knowledge about values, changes and adaptation. Encourage activities that increase community resilience, mahinga kai, biodiversity, and water quality and quantity. Carry this out in partnership with Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury and community organisations
- Engaging with the community about water efficiency within the context of climate change on Banks Peninsula - meaning the consequence of reduced rainfall and more intense storms
- Assisting Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council to engage with the community about the management or replacement of on-site wastewater treatment systems. Start with engaging with the Wainui community.

### We will enhance ecosystem health by:

#### Advocating to local, regional and central government for statutory and non-statutory improvements, including:

- Advocating to Christchurch City Council that it trials a variety of techniques to find effective erosion and sediment control for roadside cuttings and implements the most effective techniques on roadside cuttings
- Advocating to Christchurch City Council that it improves how it carries out roadside maintenance so that sediment and other contaminant discharges are reduced
- Advocating to Environment Canterbury, Christchurch City Council and others that they support landowners to carry out effective erosion and sediment control
- Promoting the use of soil maps (S-Map) as a freely available online asset for environmental benefits and productivity gains to Whakaraupō (2021) and Banks Peninsula community (2022-23)
- Advocating to Environment Canterbury that it creates practical new rules to optimise Te Mana o te Wai in its allocation of water, and that the allocation of water as is fair as possible while still fulfilling Te Mana o te Wai
- Advocating to Christchurch City Council that they have effective mechanisms to ensure water use is efficient, for example widespread community use of rain water tanks
- Advocating to Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council that they ensure adequate advice is provided to the community about the management and replacement of on-site wastewater treatment systems, so that the negative impacts on freshwater and coastal water quality is reduced
- Advocating that Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury remove barriers to fish passage and support landowners to do so
- Advocating to Environment Canterbury for monitoring and initiatives to improve kai moana and that they support ngā rūnanga initiatives to improve kai moana

- Advocating for our Zone Implementation Programme priority outcomes through engaging in Environment Canterbury's Coastal Plan Review
- Advocating to central government for changes to the Emission Trading Scheme so that it is significantly more favourable to landowners wishing to carry out native forest carbon farming
- Advocating to Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury that they ensure they are aware of the impacts of their actions and decisions on landowners and that they take this into account in their work programmes, policies, plans and decisions.

#### Supporting landowner, community, and local government initiatives in catchments:

- Supporting Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour with implementing the Whakaraupō Catchment Management Plan through implementing agreed joint actions. Focus on priority action projects for reducing sediment into waterways
- Supporting Ki Uta Ki Tai catchment approach 2021-2022 in Wainui Bay, Ōkaruru/Goughs Bay and Pireka/ Peraki Bay by implementing actions that support the landowners, community and Environment Canterbury's land management and biodiversity advice work. Showcase these Ki Uta Ki Tai catchment approaches. Recommend that some of Environment Canterbury's Community Engagement Fund be allocated to these catchments
- Selecting Ki Uta Ki Tai catchments for 2023 and 2024
- Supporting Wairewa Bank Stabilisation Project through implementing actions that align with Environment Canterbury and other organisations' land management, biodiversity and river management work.

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# Selwyn Waihora Water Zone Committee

## Action Plan July 2021–June 2024

This summary highlights the key actions agreed by the zone committee for the next three years.

For more detail on the zone committee and plan, visit [ecan.govt.nz/Selwyn-waihora-zone](http://ecan.govt.nz/Selwyn-waihora-zone).

### Our purpose:

To uphold the mana of the freshwater bodies within Selwyn Waihora by facilitating enduring land and water management solutions that give effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) vision, principles and targets in our zone.

*The CWMS aims to enable present and future generations to gain the greatest social, economic, recreational and cultural benefits from our water resources within an environmentally sustainable framework.*

### Our role:

- **To get involved** in an active programme of community engagement on freshwater management matters
- **To facilitate relevant advice** to councils and other organisations contributing to freshwater management
- **To extend the resources** available to implement the CWMS by: working with stakeholders across all sectors and seeking opportunities to promote, support, leverage and expand catchment-based initiatives that deliver the CWMS
- **To report back** annually to councils and Rūnanga on progress towards delivery of the zone-specific priorities.

### Our Councils' priorities for our zone committee are:

#### Selwyn District Council

Align all zone activities with the **overall social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing** for the district.

#### Christchurch City Council (CCC)

##### Public awareness and engagement

Model manaakitanga (caring and respect) for our waters and promote takohanga (commitment) and kaitiakitanga (stewardship) through:

- Leading water forums and supporting CCC initiatives to give effect to Te Mana o Te Wai;
- Advocacy of and support for the Community Water Partnership, connections with members' community and professional networks;
- Supporting erosion and sediment control workshops for industry.

#### Environment Canterbury

##### Kaitiakitanga Wāhi Taonga and mahinga kai targets

Grow support and resources to achieve the goal of five mahinga kai projects.

##### Ecosystem health and biodiversity targets

- Increased riparian management to protect aquatic ecosystems
- Reducing the number of fish barriers
- Protection and enhancement of wetlands.

##### Recreation and amenity targets

Achieving the 2025 target to restore priority freshwater recreation opportunities in each zone.



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# Selwyn Waihora Water Zone Committee

## Action Plan 2021-2024



### We will help raise awareness about the risks to private drinking water supplies by:

- Requesting and assisting with consolidation of information to raise awareness about the safety of private drinking water supplies by July 2021
- Attending or hosting at least one public event each year to raise awareness about water quality in private drinking water supplies and wider water quality trends
- Investigating opportunities for accessible community testing by late 2021.

### We will enhance mahinga kai, biodiversity and recreation opportunities by:

- Hosting or attending at least one public information session on mahinga kai each year
- Developing 'prompt questions' to ensure mahinga kai is built into decision making and projects by December 2022
- Using at least one method each year to support rūnanga and agencies to implement mahinga kai projects
- Hosting at least one biodiversity-focused celebration each year
- Publicising and celebrating measurable improved biodiversity outcomes for at least one project each year
- Publicising and supporting at least two planting days per year
- Co-hosting a 2021 Rakaia field trip with Ashburton Water Zone Committee, with a focus on biodiversity and recreation
- Recommending full allocation of Immediate Steps each financial year
- Requesting Environment Canterbury and Department of Conservation briefings on progress in the identification of fish passage issues, improved guidelines, and Environment Canterbury's prioritised approach to improving intake design.

### We will facilitate actions to achieve catchment nutrient targets and water quality outcomes by:

- Identifying and suggesting at least one role model farmer each year to be promoted
- Requesting at least two verbal or written updates each year on progress, including current rules, consent updates, audit results, meeting the PC1-modelled nitrogen load
- Hosting at least one community meeting per year on progress and challenges with meeting nutrient limits (rural and urban)
- Attending at least three Environment Canterbury farm advisory drop-ins per year
- Hosting or attending at least one community engagement event per year that assists with community understanding about Central Plains Water
- Communicating with at least three people or organisations driving positive change in the rural sector each year.

### We will support actions to restore Te Waihora to a healthy state by:

- Attending and contributing to Te Waihora Co-Governance and Whakakōhanga Kōrero Group meetings
- Advocating for and contributing to a map of all projects in the catchment by December 2021
- Assisting Te Waihora Co-Governance with community engagement and communications
- Requesting and completing regular reporting to/engagement with Te Waihora Co-Governors.

### We will facilitate a community-wide approach to restore the Waikirikiri/Selwyn River back to a healthy state by:

#### Seeking support in the form of a partnership and actively seeking resources and practical projects, including:

- Identifying and requesting specific priorities/actions/locations/funding for councils and agencies to prioritise by June 2022
- Writing at least one story for publication on the Waikirikiri each year
- Attending and contributing to relevant community/partner meetings
- Investigating a "scorecard" for the river for community reporting by December 2023 and seeking assistance with measurable criteria for a healthy Waikirikiri/Selwyn River
- Promoting and enabling school engagement and citizen science.

#### Ensuring all practical work is based on best practice and evaluation, including:

- Actively pursuing research into the effectiveness of riparian planting to ensure best practice and positive environmental outcomes
- Requesting regular reporting to track sediment loads in Silverstream catchment, and providing this information to the community
- Recommending 2021-22 summer student internships to relevant councils for specific research
- Requesting regular Waikirikiri/Selwyn-related project updates and contributing ideas and support to ensure projects progress
- Supporting Greendale School's EnviroSchools work in the Near River Recharge project and supporting the NRR and Targeted Stream Augmentation projects
- Investigating the impact of 4WD use and rubbish dumping in the river, and options for low-impact recreational 4WD use.

#### Support landowner work in the catchment:

- Supporting the Environment Canterbury zone team to encourage catchment groups and implement the Swimmable Selwyn at Coes Ford project
- Supporting funding bids and land purchases.

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# Ashburton Water Zone Committee

## Action Plan July 2021–June 2024

This summary highlights the key actions agreed by the zone committee for the next three years.

For more detail on the zone committee and plan, visit [ecan.govt.nz/ashburton-water-zone](http://ecan.govt.nz/ashburton-water-zone)

### Our purpose:

To uphold the mana of the freshwater bodies within Ashburton by facilitating enduring land and water management solutions that give effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy vision, principles and targets in our zone.

*The CWMS aims to enable present and future generations to gain the greatest social, economic, recreational and cultural benefits from our water resources within an environmentally sustainable framework.*

### Our role:

- **Facilitate community engagement and collaboration** by continuing an active programme of engaging with communities on freshwater management matters
- **Facilitate the provision of advice** through to councils (relevant territorial authorities and Environment Canterbury) and others (e.g. private sector) contributing to freshwater management
- **Enhance delivery capability and coalition of the willing** – working with stakeholders across all sectors to extend the resources available to implement the CWMS, including connecting others to additional resources and seeking opportunities to promote, support, leverage and expand catchment-based initiatives that deliver the CWMS
- **Provide progress reports** – annual progress reporting to councils and rūnanga on progress towards delivery of the zone-specific priorities and CWMS target areas identified in the Zone Committee Action Plan.

### Our Councils’ priorities for our zone committee are:

#### Ashburton District Council

**Ashburton Lakes water quality and future preservation**

**Carters Creek enhancement project**

**Wakanui hāpua project**

#### Environment Canterbury

**Kaitiakitanga Wāhi Taonga and mahinga kai targets**

Working alongside landowners, rūnanga, communities, and others to inspire and grow support for and resources needed to achieve the 2025 mahinga kai goal of five mahinga kai projects in each zone.

**Ecosystem health and biodiversity targets**

Working alongside landowners, Rūnanga, communities, councils and others to inspire and grow support and resources to achieve the 2025 target goal covering all freshwater ecosystems through

- increased riparian management to protect aquatic ecosystems
- reducing the number of fish barriers in the zone
- protection and enhancement of named wetlands.

**Recreation and amenity targets**

Working alongside landowners, rūnanga, communities, councils and others to support and grow resources to achieve the 2025 target to restore priority freshwater recreation opportunities in each zone that do not meet contact recreation standards, and developing plans and actions to achieve and show measurable progress.



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# Ashburton Water Zone Committee Action Plan 2021-2024

## We will focus on several waterbodies:

- Ō Tū Wharekai/Ashburton Lakes,
- Hakatere/Ashburton River and its tributaries (including Carters Creek and Wakanui hāpua) and
- Hekeao/Hinds catchment

## We will work to enhance mahinga kai values by:

- Working in partnership with papatipu rūnanga, with councils, government agencies, catchment and community groups, and landowners championing five mahinga kai projects across the zone
- Increasing our knowledge of mahinga kai, including by attending a hui on mahinga kai at T Pā o Moki Marae with Te Taumutu Rūnanga in 2021
- Utilising our members' communications channels such as newsletters, news media and social media to educate and promote mahinga kai and tangata whenua values
- Ensuring mahinga kai is considered in all projects and decisions.

## We will work towards improving ecosystem health and meeting biodiversity targets by:

- Advocating for the protection of native fish species including uninterrupted access to the sea and the reduction of fish barriers where appropriate
- Co-hosting a 2021/22 Rakaia field trip with the Selwyn Waihora Water Zone Committee, with a focus on biodiversity and recreation
- Supporting the Ō Tū Wharekai / Ashburton Lakes recovery project by keeping abreast of the project implementation and assisting with recommendations where appropriate, which may include community engagement and education
- Working with partners and the community to review progress with the Hinds Drains Working Party recommendations and help facilitate the development of the Hekeao / Hinds biodiversity vision and providing ongoing support for agreed actions
- Facilitating a collaborative process to agree and support priority projects within the Hakatere / Ashburton River catchment. Examples of existing projects include the Hakatere river mouth enhancement, Ashburton consent review and biodiversity corridor Ki Uta Ki Tai
- Supporting the Carters Creek Enhancement project group by assisting with community engagement, education and communications, to encourage behaviours that positively impact water quality in Carters Creek
- Engaging with councils, rūnanga, catchment groups and schools to support further restoration activities which positively impact the biodiversity and mahinga kai values of the Wakanui hāpua area.

## We will support measures to enhance recreation and amenity targets by:

- Identifying waterways that do not meet contact recreation standards, and supporting and encouraging catchment groups and community groups to implement actions that achieve water quality improvements for contact recreation
- Supporting the Ō Tū Wharekai / Ashburton Lakes recovery project to arrest the decline in high-country lake water quality for contact recreation by assisting with the implementation of recommendations where appropriate, which may include community engagement and education.

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# Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora (OTOP) Water Zone Committee Action Plan 2021-2024



Image - Washdyke Waitaraka Lagoon

This summary highlights the key actions agreed by the zone committee for the next three years.

For more detail on the zone committee and plan, visit [ecan.govt.nz/otop](http://ecan.govt.nz/otop)

## Our purpose:

To uphold the mana of the freshwater bodies within the OTOZ Zone by facilitating enduring land and water management solutions that give effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) vision, principles and targets in our zone.

## Our role:

- To get involved in an active programme of community engagement on freshwater management matters;
- To facilitate relevant advice to councils and other organisations contributing to freshwater management;
- To extend the resources available to implement the CWMS by: working with stakeholders across all sectors and seeking opportunities to promote, support, leverage and expand catchment-based initiatives that deliver the CWMS;
- To report back annually to councils and Rūnanga on progress towards delivery of the zone-specific priorities.

## Our Councils' priorities for our zone committee are:

### Waimate District Council

- Safe drinking water free of contaminants for humans and animals;
- Rivers and wetlands have healthy ecological flows and high-quality water;
- Rural and urban communities are fully engaged and have ownership of water management processes;
- Native and indigenous wildlife associated with waterways have adequate habitats.

### Mackenzie District Council

- Support Catchment Groups;
- Drinking water supplies (awareness and education);
- Recognise and protect culturally significant sites;
- Protect and enhance mahinga kai; and
- Protect and enhance biodiversity.

### Timaru District Council

- **Lowland stream health** – collaborate to reduce ecological damage to stream health from sediment and contaminants from stormwater and wastewater. Community education/ behaviour change campaigns on stormwater issues and management;
- **Indigenous biodiversity** – advocate for indigenous biodiversity. Education/behaviour change campaigns to improve understanding of the importance of protecting and conserving indigenous vegetation as well as the management of Significant Natural Areas;
- **Safe drinking water** – collaborate to ensure Drinking-water Standards for New Zealand are met. Education on land-use activities within drinking water protection zones;
- **Water use management and conservation** – community education/behaviour change campaigns on water use management and conservation.

### Environment Canterbury

#### Kaitiakitanga Wahi Taonga and mahinga kai targets

Grow support and resources to achieve the goal of five mahinga kai projects.

#### Ecosystem health and biodiversity targets:

- Increased riparian management to protect aquatic ecosystems;
- Reducing the number of fish barriers;
- Protection and enhancement of wetlands.

#### Recreation and amenity targets

Achieve the 2025 target to restore priority freshwater recreation opportunities in each zone.



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# Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora (OTOP) Water Zone Committee **Action Plan 2021-2024**



Image - Opihi River

## Our vision:

Te Mana o te Wai - When managing freshwater, it ensures the health and well-being of the water is protected and human health needs are provided for before enabling other uses of water for us and our children after us.

CWMS - To enable present and future generations to gain the greatest social, economic, recreational and cultural benefits from our water resources within an environmentally sustainable framework. The first order priorities are environment, customary use, community supplies and stock water.

## We commit to protecting, enhancing, and restoring mahinga kai and tuhituhi neherā sites:

- Zone committee to attend a session at the Te Ana Maori Rock Art Centre and host a field trip to Taniwha Gully with invited catchment group members. Focus on tuhituhi neherā sites and mahinga kai and how best to manage these.

## We commit to raising awareness of how to engage in a more positive manner with Rūnanga:

- Host an annual Te Tiriti o Waitangi workshop for community members to attend;
- Work with papatipu rūnanga and relevant landowners to host at least one hikoi for the community. Areas of interest include Waitarakao Washdyke Lagoon, Te Ahi Tarakihi Reserve and Creek, and Milford Lagoon.

## We commit to raising awareness of Te mana o te Wai and te mana o te awa in a rural, urban, and industrial context:

- Host a public forum, combined with other Southern Canterbury zone committees, to assist the public in understanding what Te Mana O Te Wai and te mana o te awa means for them;
- Request briefings from Environment Canterbury on the state of our water resources and results from monitoring and share with relevant catchments.

## We champion safe and reliable drinking water for the OTOP community:

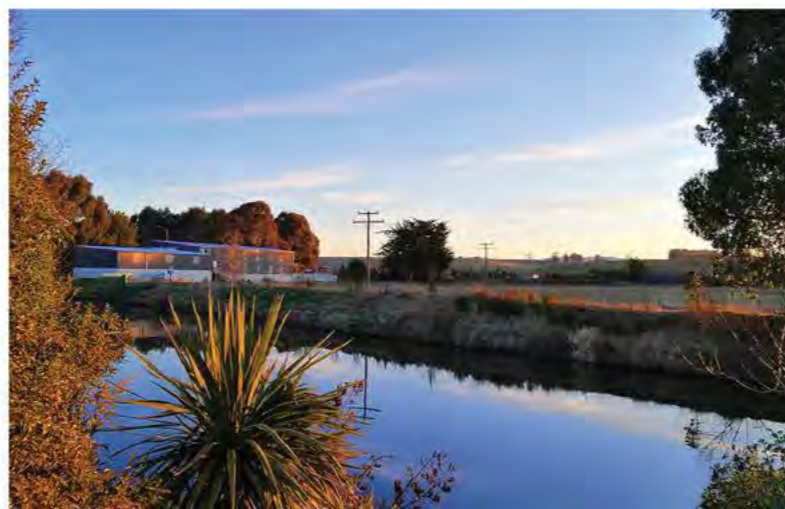
- Host at least one community session offering on-site indicative private drinking water testing. Include presentations of possible solutions and research on reducing high nutrient levels.

## We engage with the community and raise awareness of the impacts of human activity on land and water:

- Support the Catchment Collective South Canterbury Society Incorporated;
- Every zone committee member to be a member of one catchment group and report back regularly to the committee on catchment group needs and initiatives;
- Assist in establishing a Washdyke catchment group and help align this with the Waitarakao Washdyke working group.

### Want to get involved?

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# Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee

## Action Plan 2021-2024



Image - Native planting at Twaddle's Swamp

This summary highlights the key actions agreed by the zone committee for the next three years.

For more detail on the zone committee and plan, visit [ecan.govt.nz/upper-waitaki-water-zone](http://ecan.govt.nz/upper-waitaki-water-zone)

### Our purpose:

To uphold the mana of the freshwater bodies within the Upper Waitaki Zone by facilitating enduring land and water management solutions that give effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) vision, principles and targets in our zone.

*The CWMS aims to enable present and future generations to gain the greatest social, economic, recreational and cultural benefits from our water resources within an environmentally sustainable framework.*

### Our role:

- To get involved in an active programme of community engagement on freshwater management matters;
- To facilitate relevant advice to councils and other organisations contributing to freshwater management;
- To extend the resources available to implement the CWMS by: working with stakeholders across all sectors and seeking opportunities to promote, support, leverage and expand catchment-based initiatives that deliver the CWMS;
- To report back annually to councils and Rūnanga on progress towards delivery of the zone-specific priorities.

### Our Councils' priorities for our zone committee are:

#### Waitaki District Council

- Safe drinking water free of contaminants for humans and animals;
- Rivers and wetlands have healthy ecological flows and high water quality;
- Rural and urban communities are fully engaged and have ownership of water management processes;
- Native and indigenous wildlife associated with waterways have adequate habitats;
- The objectives of the Waitaki Whitestone Geopark are supported and strengthened through the above;
- The objectives of the Mackenzie Basin Alignment Programme are supported and strengthened through the above.

#### Mackenzie District Council

- Managing impacts of recreational use on lakes and rivers;
- Enabling biodiversity enhancement;
- Understanding cultural values – rehabilitation of nohoanga and mahinga kai.

#### Environment Canterbury

##### Kaitiakitanga Wāhi Taonga and mahinga kai targets

Grow support and resources to achieve the goal of five mahinga kai projects.

##### Ecosystem health and biodiversity targets

- Increased riparian management to protect aquatic ecosystems;
- Reducing the number of fish barriers;
- Protection and enhancement of wetlands.

##### Recreation and amenity targets

Achieve the 2025 target to restore priority freshwater recreation opportunities in each zone.

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# Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee Action Plan 2021-2024



Image - Lake Ruataniwha

## We will commit to the enhancement of Nohoanga, improved health of key waterways for customary use and enhancement of mahinga kai opportunities by:

- Gaining insight into cultural values and areas of significance relating to mahinga kai;
- Engaging with schools and youth to illustrate the importance of mahinga kai and the local history
- Increasing engagement with Ngāi Tahu regarding enhancement of Nohoanga sites;
- Recommending biodiversity funding with a priority focus on mahinga kai sites;
- Improving understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi;
- Hosting hāngī for stakeholders and local schools.

## We will commit to the improved management and preservation of recreational values of the Waitaki Lakes by:

- Supporting and enhancing our Love Our Lakes Campaign;
- Engaging with agencies, catchment groups and stakeholders to enhance and protect recreational areas such as the Twizel River and Lake Ruataniwha;
- Educating the community about how to protect our environment through actions such as responsible toilet use.

## We will support catchment groups taking collective action to reduce losses of contaminants, prioritised where they are addressing identified at-risk areas by:

- Exploring opportunities to partner with key community groups who are focused on waterways, such as the Ahuriri Catchment Community Group;
- Supporting establishment of new catchment groups and build on what is already on the ground in the community;
- Requesting bi-annual reports from Environment Canterbury on Farm Environment Plan audit results and consenting follow-up and sharing this information with relevant catchments;
- Requesting briefings from Environment Canterbury on the state of our water resources and results from monitoring and sharing with relevant catchments.

## We will communicate and engage with our communities by:

- Investigating additional channels for sharing the Zone Committee story within local townships around the Upper Waitaki zone;
- Increasing engagement with local community boards, such as Tekapo Community Board, and discussing opportunities for collaboration;
- Developing and maintaining relationships with industry, rūnanga, councils, and catchment groups to be an intermediary for when community members need advice;
- Sharing and celebrating successes.

## Upper Waitaki Water Zone



### Want to get involved?

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# Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Action Plan July 2021–June 2024



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## Our purpose:

To uphold the mana of the freshwater bodies within Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury by facilitating enduring land and water management solutions that give effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy vision, principles and targets in our zone.

*The CWMS aims to enable present and future generations to gain the greatest social, economic, recreational and cultural benefits from our water resources within an environmentally sustainable framework.*

## Our role:

- **Facilitate community engagement and collaboration** – continuing an active programme of engaging with communities on freshwater management matters
- **Facilitate the provision of advice through to councils** (relevant Territorial Authorities and Environment Canterbury) and others (e.g. private sector) contributing to freshwater management
- **Enhance delivery capability and coalition of the willing** – working with stakeholders across all sectors to extend the resources available to implement the CWMS, including connecting others to additional resources and seeking opportunities to promote, support, leverage and expand catchment-based initiatives that deliver the CWMS
- **Provide progress reports** – annual progress reporting to councils and rūnanga on progress towards delivery of the zone-specific priorities and CWMS target areas identified in the Zone Committee Action Plan.

## Our Councils’ priorities for our zone committee are:

### Waitaki District Council

#### Overarching Priorities

- Promoting & encouraging the responsible use of our water resources to sustain the four wellbeings identified in the Local Government Act “Purpose” clause for TLAs (improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of our communities)
- Enable people to sustainably and environmentally appropriately use water for the benefit of its communities
- Support farmers adjusting to the requirements of the Governments “Action for Healthy Waterways”.

#### Focused Priorities

- Increased community engagement on water quality issues and improvement opportunities across the wider community (including schools)
- Achieving a higher level of engagement and support from landowners to ensure water quality improves as it travels along the waterway system
- The objectives of the Waitaki Whitestone Geopark are supported and strengthened through the above.

### Waimate District Council

- Increased community engagement on water quality issues and improvement opportunities across the wider community (including schools)
- Improving water quality and enhance immediate environs of Wainono Lagoon and the Waihao River and catchment area
- Achieving a higher uptake of water quality responsibility from landowners to ensure water quality improves as it travels along the waterway system.

### Environment Canterbury

#### Kaitiakitanga Wāhi Taonga and mahinga kai targets

Grow support and resources to achieve the goal of five mahinga kai projects.

#### Ecosystem health and biodiversity targets

- Increased riparian management to protect aquatic ecosystems
- Reducing the number of fish barriers
- Protection and enhancement of wetlands.

#### Recreation and amenity targets

Working alongside organisations and communities to achieve the 2025 target to restore priority freshwater recreation opportunities in each zone that do not meet contact recreation standards, and developing plans and actions to achieve and show measurable progress.



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# Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Action Plan 2021-2024



**We will work alongside landowners, rūnaka, communities, and others to achieve the 2025 goal of five mahika kai projects in Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury. We will achieve this by:**

- Inspiring and growing support and resources
- Rūnaka identifying five mahika kai projects
- Kaitiakitanga will be at the heart of all zone committee actions.

**We will work alongside landowners, rūnaka, communities, councils and others towards ecosystem health and biodiversity targets by:**

- Identifying and championing new and existing riparian, stream and wetland projects providing the most benefit for water quality in the zone.

**We will promote and encourage the responsible use of water resources to sustain the “Four Wellbeings” identified in the Local Government Act by:**

- Having regard to the four wellbeings in all zone committee activities and decisions in conjunction with Te Mana o Te Wai and the CWMS order of priorities
- Ensuring all Zone Committee members are familiar with the four wellbeings; Te Mana o Te Wai; and the CWMS First Order Priorities.

**We will work alongside landowners, rūnaka, communities, councils and others to restore priority freshwater recreation opportunities in the zone and develop plans and actions to achieve and show measurable progress. We will achieve this by:**

- Identifying waterways that do not meet contact recreation standards
- Supporting and growing resources to restore identified priority freshwater recreation opportunities
- Supporting the work already underway on the Waihao River (Black Hole) by the Waihao Wainono Catchment Community Group.

**We will improve water quality and enhance immediate environs of Wainono Lagoon and the Waihao River and catchment area by:**

- Identifying and championing projects across the catchment
- Supporting the Waihao Wainono Catchment Community Group, particularly with their work on the upper Waihao River by attending meetings, supporting funding applications, and linking with other groups
- Investigating the urban impact on Wainono Lagoon and working with Waimate District Council to develop and deliver an educational programme and community engagement
- Staying abreast of industry initiatives such as augmentation proposals.

**We will support farmers adjusting to the requirements of the Government’s Action for Healthy Waterways proposal by:**

- Maintaining close networks with the farming community, listen to issues, and connect with relevant support networks and authorities when appropriate
- Working with councils, industry and community groups (e.g. South Canterbury Catchment Collective), encourage timely education and information sharing
- Participating in the review of the Waitaki Water Allocation Plan as appropriate.

**We will strive for increased engagement to identify and support improvement opportunities in water quality across the wider community, including schools.**

**We want to achieve a higher level of engagement and support from landowners to ensure water quality improves as it travels along the waterway system by:**

- Developing an engagement plan on water quality issues and improvement
- Engaging with the Waihao Wainono Catchment Community Group and the Hakataramea Sustainability Collective to agree how they can best work with the zone committee
- Engaging with the community to set up a northern streams catchment group
- Advocating for the funding of catchment coordinators to set up and sustain catchment groups
- Encouraging and supporting initiatives to improve water quality, including community events, field days and educational events
- Educating, motivating and inspiring communities, both rural and urban, through the use of community events, newsletter and other communications channels. We will tell the real story and advocate for change; and we will involve schools – through Enviroschools and other direct engagement.

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## Attachment 2: Zone Committee Action Plan overview July – September 2022

CWMS Zone	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<b>Regional Committee</b>	<b>To be developed once Committee established</b>	TBC
<b>Kaikōura</b>	<p><b>Supporting “ki uta ki tai” projects and identifying future projects</b></p> <p><b>Enhance biodiversity, and improve amenity and recreation values</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiau Toa/Clarence workshop held to confirming several actions to support the ongoing efforts in this catchment. A key action is to hold Waiau Toa community event to celebrate achievements, tell the Waiau Toa story and strengthen collaboration between involved parties.</li> <li>• Received updates from ECan Zone Delivery on work undertaken relative to CWMS targets and ZC Action Plan and Groundwater Science update on long-term trends in the zone received for the Committee’s consideration against their Action Plan.</li> <li>• DOC Community Trap Library was supported by funding from the 2021/22 ZC Action Plan Budget. A range of traps have been purchased and community trap workshops are being organised.</li> <li>• Puhi Peaks Shearwater Stream Trapline project was supported by funding from the 2021/22 ZC Action Plan Budget. The project sees the installation of two traplines totalling 5 km to further protect breeding colonies of Hutton’s shearwaters (<i>Puffinus huttoni</i>). The first trapline was installed late September.</li> </ul>
<b>Hurunui Waiau</b>	<b>To be developed once Committee established</b>	TBC

CWMS Zone	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<b>Waimakariri</b>	<p><b>Improved monitoring of water resources</b></p> <p><b>Biodiversity improvements</b></p> <p><b>Braided Rivers</b></p> <p><b>Recreation resources</b></p> <p><b>Mahinga kai improvements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An inanga spawning habitat enhancement project in Taranaki Stream is being funded in partnership between Environment Canterbury and Waimakariri District Council. Regrading and planting of 105m of the true right bank of the Taranaki Stream (above the floodgate) to improve inanga spawning habitat is underway.</li> <li>• Supporting two monitoring projects in the lower Ashley Rakahuri River catchment by funding the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group to extend their monitoring of shorebirds around the Estuary during the coming breeding season.</li> <li>• Funding the Sefton Saltwater Creek Catchment Group to monitor two intermittent hill fed streams and three spring fed streams with the aims of providing long term 'current state' monitoring data to support a better whole of catchment understanding to identify issues and mitigation options.</li> <li>• Funding the newly formed Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust has helped to establish its vision and approach to supporting biodiversity in the district. The Trust has also received funding from the Waimakariri District Council to assist the Trust's establishment, including a co-ordinator role.</li> <li>• Funding Pines Beach wetland project to undertake willow control work and extend the Tūhaitara Coastal Park Trust vision for this area, balancing biodiversity and cultural values with recreational access through the park.</li> <li>• The Northbrook Trail project is situated beside working farmland with the proposed trail providing an opportunity to build a rural and urban connection. The walkway aims to highlight the cultural and historic significance of the area and allow space for riparian restoration and mahinga kai improvements.</li> </ul>
<b>Christchurch-West Melton</b>	<p><b>Enhance mahinga kai</b></p> <p><b>Engage community</b></p> <p><b>Enhance ecosystem health</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting a number of community organisations by funding willow control, litter removal, stream restoration and educational projects.</li> <li>• Funding Te Tiriti training for senior high school students and community group members</li> <li>• Established a Stormwater Superhero Awards programme for businesses.</li> <li>• Provided advice to Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury on erosion and sediment control and recommended the need for an independent audit of all dimensions (regulation, education, capacity etc).</li> <li>• Provided advice to Christchurch City Council on its development of a Stormwater Management Plan for the Ōtukaikino River and the proposed restoration of Addington Brook (for which the Committee helped develop a living catchment plan in 2019).</li> </ul>

CWMS Zone	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<b>Banks Peninsula</b>	<p><b>Enhance ecosystem health</b></p> <p><b>Engage community</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supported a number of community initiatives covering operational support for the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust, monitoring of biodiversity on farms and feral pig control.</li> <li>At the request of the Committee to support its community engagement work, the Christchurch City Council prepared four information brochures targeted at landowners and residents on stream care covering mahinga kai, fish passage, flooding and managing banks.</li> </ul>
<b>Selwyn-Waihora</b>	<p><b>Healthy Waikirikiri/Selwyn River</b></p> <p><b>Enhance mahinga kai, recreation and amenity values</b></p> <p><b>Catchment nutrient targets and water quality outcomes</b></p> <p><b>Healthy Te Waihora</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Zone Committee received updates on the Action Plan Budget funding provided to support the establishment of a catchment group in the Waikirikiri/Selwyn River Catchment. This led to a further Action Plan Budget project supporting a focus in the upper catchment of the Waikirikiri/Selwyn River, and specifically on the establishment of a biodiversity corridor. This project is now underway.</li> <li>The Boat Creek Reserve Native Restoration project, which has local volunteers being supported by the Water and Wildlife Habitat Trust, is another Action Plan project now underway.</li> <li>Muriwai o Whata/Coopers Lagoon is an area of cultural, natural, historic and recreational importance located within the Selwyn District. The Zone Committee's Action Plan Budget has provided support to Te Taumutu Rūnanga, who oversees this project, to fund initial plantings with the aim of enhancing mahinga kai, biodiversity and recreation opportunities at Muriwai o Whata. The committee received an update on this project which included an overview of the impact of coastal inundation, particularly how it impacts fish passage.</li> </ul>
<b>Ashburton</b>	<p><b>Focus on the Hekeao Hinds Catchment</b></p> <p><b>Enhancing biodiversity and mahinga kai values</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received an update from the working group (Ashburton District Council, Environment Canterbury, landowners and Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua) reviewing the Hinds Drains Working Party recommendations to develop a vision for biodiversity in the Hekeao Hinds.</li> <li>The review has ensured that any future work is aligned to changes in technology, new information and changes to the environment. It will also provide an updated resource to inform future priorities and actions by the community and stakeholders.</li> <li>Ongoing work taking place with partners and the community to facilitate the development of the vision.</li> </ul>
<b>Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora</b>	<b>We champion safe and reliable drinking water for the OTOP community</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Action Plan was reviewed by the Zone Committee with some minor amendments.</li> <li>In August the Committee reviewed the well water checking events held at Temuka and Farlie in May. The Committee agreed to hold the water checks as a regular annual event;</li> </ul>

CWMS Zone	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
		with the next sessions potentially at Geraldine and Pleasant Point as well as a joint session with the Lower Waitaki Water Zone Committee.
<b>Upper Waitaki</b>	<b>Supporting catchment groups taking collective action to reduce losses of contaminants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee received a report from Environment Canterbury in May, on the work within the Ahuriri Catchment relating to the exceedance of the Trophic Level Index (TLI) and the mitigations being investigated and implemented. The committee maintains a close interest in progress and expects an updated TLI report to the Zone Committee in December 2022.</li> </ul>
<b>Lower Waitaki</b>	<b>Working towards the 2025 goal of five mahinga kai projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In August the Zone Committee visited Te Rūnanga o Moeraki's "Te Whiria o Waitaki" ecological restoration sites to understand the scope of the projects and the cultural significance of the sites. Korotuakeka, near the Waitaki river mouth, and Te Puna a Maru, near Duntroon, are ambitious restoration projects aiming to increase the health and abundance of habitats for indigenous plant and animals that are important mahinga kai resources for mana whenua.</li> </ul>

# Canterbury Mayoral Forum

**Date:** 25 November 2022

**Presented by:** Peter Scott, Chair Environment Canterbury

## **Central government co-investment in river management for flood protection**

### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide background information to support a discussion about central government co-investment in flood protection schemes.
2. A presentation will be provided on the day.

### **Recommendations**

**That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:**

- 1. receives the information provided with this paper to support a discussion about central government co-investment in flood protection schemes**
- 2. considers what action it wishes to take to ensure a Canterbury perspective is reflected in next steps from central government.**

### **Background**

3. In January 2022, Te Uru Kahika / Regional and Unitary Councils Aotearoa issued a call for national leadership and urgent action to meet the flood hazard risks arising from climate change. This is the “Central Government Co-investment in Flood Protection January 2022 Supplementary Report” attached to this paper (Attachment 1).
4. The Supplementary Report noted that there is a strong case for central government to return, as a legitimate and justifiable co-investor, in improved flood protection schemes. For the past three decades, Crown-owned and related assets have received flood protection at a cost to regional and targeted local ratepayers, with little contribution from the Crown.
5. With the exception of some ‘shovel ready’ projects’, the response from Central Government thus far has emphasised a focus on vulnerable communities, focusing on socio-economic vulnerability and susceptibility to flood hazard (see Attachment 2). While this focus is relevant, the approach proposed in the Supplementary Report identifies the need to satisfy a wider spectrum of community, environmental, cultural, climate change and economic objectives. In addition, there needs to be consideration of the Canterbury and South Island context in any national approach.

## Attachments

Note: these attachments have been sent separately via BoardPro's Between Meetings function due to size.

- Attachment 1: Central Government Co-investment in Flood Protection Supplementary Report January 2022, Te Uru Kahika
- Attachment 2: Vulnerable Communities Exposed to Flooding Report 2022, Department of Internal Affairs



# Canterbury Mayoral Forum

**Date:** 25 November 2022

**Presented by:** Ben Clark, Regional Public Service Commissioner

## Regional Public Service Commissioner Update

### Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide an update from the Regional Public Service Commissioner on regional public service priorities and next steps, and the activities of the Regional Leadership Group.

### Recommendations

**That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:**

1. receive the Regional Public Service Commissioner update.

### Background

2. The Regional Leadership Group was established to ensure the region's system response to the COVID Protection Framework (CPF) is well prepared and has been meeting weekly. Given the lifting of the CPF the final meeting of this group was on 6 October 2022. Should the need arise the group is prepared to quickly reconvene.
3. The Regional Public Service Commissioner is also responsible to identify shared priorities that the public service can jointly work towards for Canterbury. The shared plans and priorities are to be locally-informed, regionally-led and centrally-supported.

## Regional Public Service Commissioner Update

4. A written report is attached.

### Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Regional Public Service Commissioner Update
- Attachment 2: National priorities delivery via RSLF
- Attachment 3: Police WPG Youth Presentation (courtesy of Superintendent Karyn Malthus, Relieving District Commander Canterbury)

## Regional Public Service Commissioner (RPSC) update:

### Mayoral Forum 25.11.2022

#### Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to provide a brief update from the Regional Public Service Commissioner (Ben Clark) on:

- The Regional Leadership Group (RLG) - established to ensure the region's system response to the COVID Protection Framework (CPF) was well prepared
- The Waitaha Priorities Group (WPG) - Regional Leaders operating under the Regional Systems Leadership Framework (RSLF). This framework is intended to improve how the public service works in regions and ultimately support improvements in the wellbeing of New Zealand's communities

Note: RPSC will be able to expand on these if necessary

#### Canterbury RLG:CPF

##### Background

The Canterbury RLG:CPF is the regional body that oversaw the implementation of the CPF – ensuring alignment across agencies and stakeholders.

##### Current State

As CPF has been 'retired', there has been a continuing downward trend of COVID-19 case numbers and hospitalisations, and our communities are now 'living with COVID-19' our health colleagues have agreed that it is appropriate to stand down this meeting for now. Therefore the final meeting was held on 6 October 2022.

If needed, (due to any significant pandemic developments), we will re-convene.

We will continue to use the RLG membership should we need to seek feedback (for example on CPF/health measures via Dept. of Prime Minister and Cabinet), or if we have key information to distribute.

#### **Waitaha Priorities Group (WPG)** – previously known as the Canterbury Public Service Leadership Group

The broad priorities are as follows:

- All tamariki and rangatahi in Canterbury reach their full potential
- Workforce Development – transitioning Canterbury to become a more highly productive and sustainable economy
- Addressing housing concerns
- Supporting Mental Wellbeing: Improving access to health care for people with mild to moderate mental health needs
- Addressing family violence and sexual violence concerns



## Work Programme

Regional agency leads in Waitaha are identifying interagency synergies that exist across the range of current national strategies and to identify how they support each of the priority areas. *See Attachment: National priorities delivery via RSLF*

WPG has agreed to:

- Oversee the joined up response these strategies call for, particularly noting where they align to the regional priorities
- Confirm and monitor actions, considering
  - the current state, and areas of focus required in our region
  - overlaps across the region's other priorities

As the work programme develops, it is expected that duplication of activity across priorities is highlighted; creating opportunities to further streamline a collective response.

The first national strategy the group has focused on is the Oranga Tamariki Action plan – to be followed by the Ministry of Education Attendance and Engagement Strategy and then Te Aorerekura (National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence).

In addition to this, WPG has agreed on an approach to further refine the regional priorities. This approach comprises three parts: defining a clear outcomes statement for each priority area (desired state), focus areas under each outcome statement and defining action(s) under each focus area. These will be supported by data, insights and measurable indicators.

To this end, WPG has started to convene smaller working groups with agencies directly involved in each priority area. Recommendations from these groups will be taken to WPG for endorsement.

WPG are also focusing on regional issues such as youth crime in Christchurch given the recent media attention. WPG provides an opportunity for agencies to work together to understand the data and insights available, but more importantly to ensure a collective response to mitigate these issues. *See Attachment: Police WPG Youth Presentation (courtesy of Superintendent Karyn Malthus, Relieving District Commander Canterbury)*

## New Members

The group now includes representation from Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and the Ministry of Justice.

Dawn Baxendale will also join Hamish Riach, providing local government input and perspectives. In doing so, we seek to continue to strengthen collaboration and relationships across local and central government in our region.

## **Regional Public Service (RPS) team**

Staff Updates:

- Ben Clark returned to his RPSC role on 28 October 2022 (Diane McDermott has been acting RPSC in the interim)
- Eamon Coulter (Director) will be the point of contact for RPS matters during December, while Ben is on leave ([eamon.coulter@corrections.govt.nz](mailto:eamon.coulter@corrections.govt.nz))





# National Priorities confirmed and proposed for RPSC roles as at 16 November 2022

## COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF)

**RPSC Role:** Cabinet mandate to regionally align and coordinate public service contribution to the CPF, including health, housing, welfare; work with regional leadership groups.

**RPSCs funded:** Yes. \$18.1m to 6/2023

**Priority:** High, resurgence preparedness and planning for ongoing resilience

**Regions:** All

## Regional Public Service Priorities

**RPSC Role:** Support collaborative, cross-agency work to address shared public service priorities to support community wellbeing, with national priorities, such as housing, child wellbeing and employment growth. Work with regional leaders, including iwi, Māori groups, local government, business and community to inform priorities.

**RPSCs funded:** Currently absorbed under CPF funding to June 2023

**Priority:** Varies by region as prioritisation of actions reflect community needs.

**Regions:** All

## Child Youth Wellbeing Strategy (CPWC)

**RPSC Role:** Within the existing RPSC model, strengthen the infrastructure for whānau centred, locally led, regionally enabled ways of working and learning up and down the system.

**RPSCs funded:** No

**Priority:** High

**Regions:** All

## Oranga Tamariki Action Plan (OT)

**RPSC Role:** Action Work with RPSCs on how they can help drive support for and engagement in the Action Plan and actions through regional leadership (agencies, iwi, local government and partners) to enable locally-led solutions

**RPSCs funded:** No

**Priority:** High, early development stage

**Regions:** All

## Te Aorere Kura (Te Puna Aonui)

**RPSC Role:** Action 7 - Support and facilitate implementation to give effect to the strategy with communities

**RPSCs funded:** No. FVSV may contribute to locally led projects.

**Priority:** High, planning underway

**Regions:** All

## Social Sector Commissioning (MSD)

**RPSC Role:** Action Plan launched Nov 22 – working through role in facilitating regional stewardship of the transformation that is envisaged

**RPSCs funded:** No

**Priority:** Medium, high interest, early development stages

**Regions:** All regions by 2028.

## Health Localities Planning (Te Whatu Ora)

**RPSC Role:** Support and connect Public Service with localities planning activity

**RPSCs funded:** No

**Priority:** High

**Regions:** All regions by 2023

## School Engagement/Attendance (MoE)

**RPSC Role:** Request from Secretary for Education to co-ordinate agencies at the regional level to support Ministry of Education-led response to school engagement and attendance

**RPSCs funded:** No

**Priority:** High

**Regions:** All

## Youth Crime (Police, MSD)

**RPSC Role:** Ministerial request to scale up responses to youth crime (July 22)

**RPSCs funded:** No

**Priority:** High, working with policy on options to scale up response

**Regions:** Northland, Auckland, Waikato

## Kia Manawanui Aotearoa (MoH)

**RPSC Role:** Help strengthen coordination of strategies and activities that contribute to mental wellbeing and raise awareness and understanding

**RPSCs funded:** No

**Priority:** Medium

**Regions:** All

## Resource Management (MfE)

**RPSC Role:** TBC – Supporting proposed central government representation in spatial planning process at regional level, working with iwi and local government

**RPSCs funded:** TBC

**Priority:** To be determined, early development stage of legislation

**Regions:** All

## Just Transitions (MBIE)

**RPSC Role:** Southern: RPSC on the JTP Enduring Oversight Group, key role in coordination and collaboration. Taranaki: RPSC on JTP group, role in coordination and collaboration.

**RPSCs funded:** No.

**Priority:** Medium (Taranaki) High (Southland)

**Regions:** Taranaki and Southland

## Regional Economic Development (Kānoa - RDU)

**RPSC Role:** member of regional economic development partnership group which considers opportunities for RED and supports regional projects that meet RED priorities

**RPSCs funded:** No.

**Priority:** Medium

**Regions:** All regions

## Regional Skills Leadership Group (MBIE)

**RPSC Role:** A member of the RSLG, developing Regional Workforce Plans, implementing regional economic strategies

**RPSCs funded:** No.

**Priority:** Medium priority, high input

**Regions:** All regions

## Jobs for Nature (DoC/MBIE Tourism)

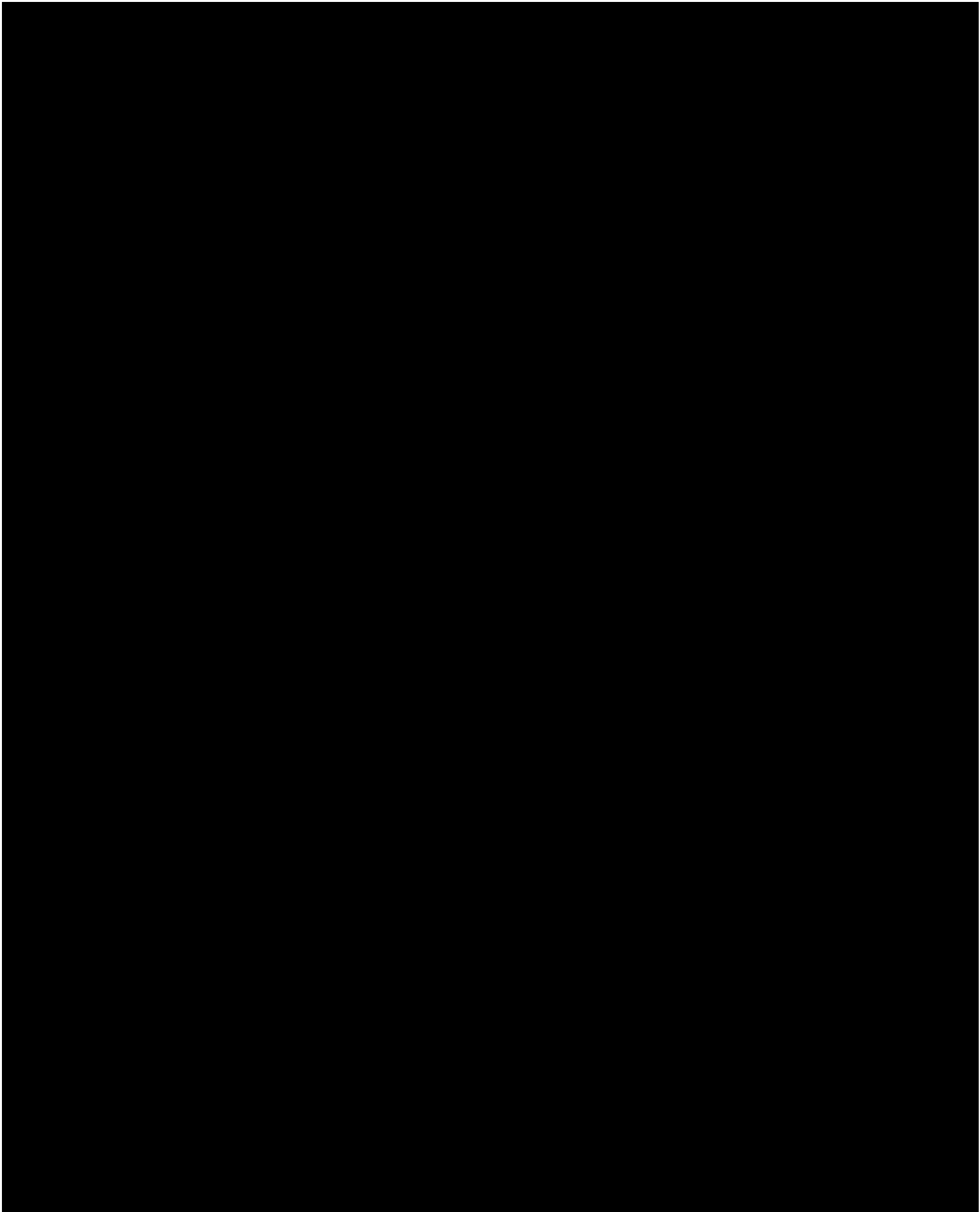
**RPSC Role:** Support DoC/MBIE/MSD in the development of sustainable conservation/tourism employment partnership model.

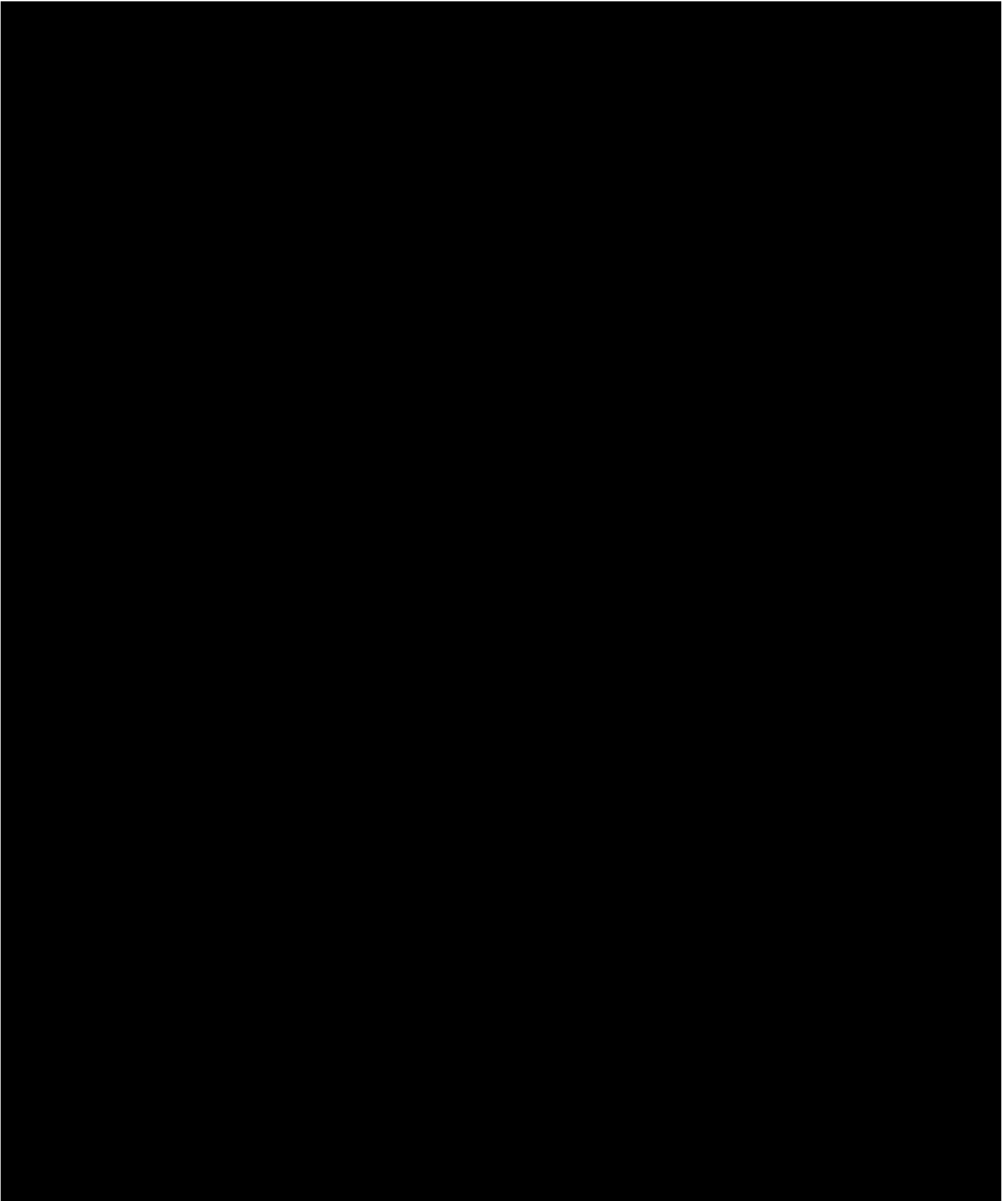
**RPSCs funded:** No.

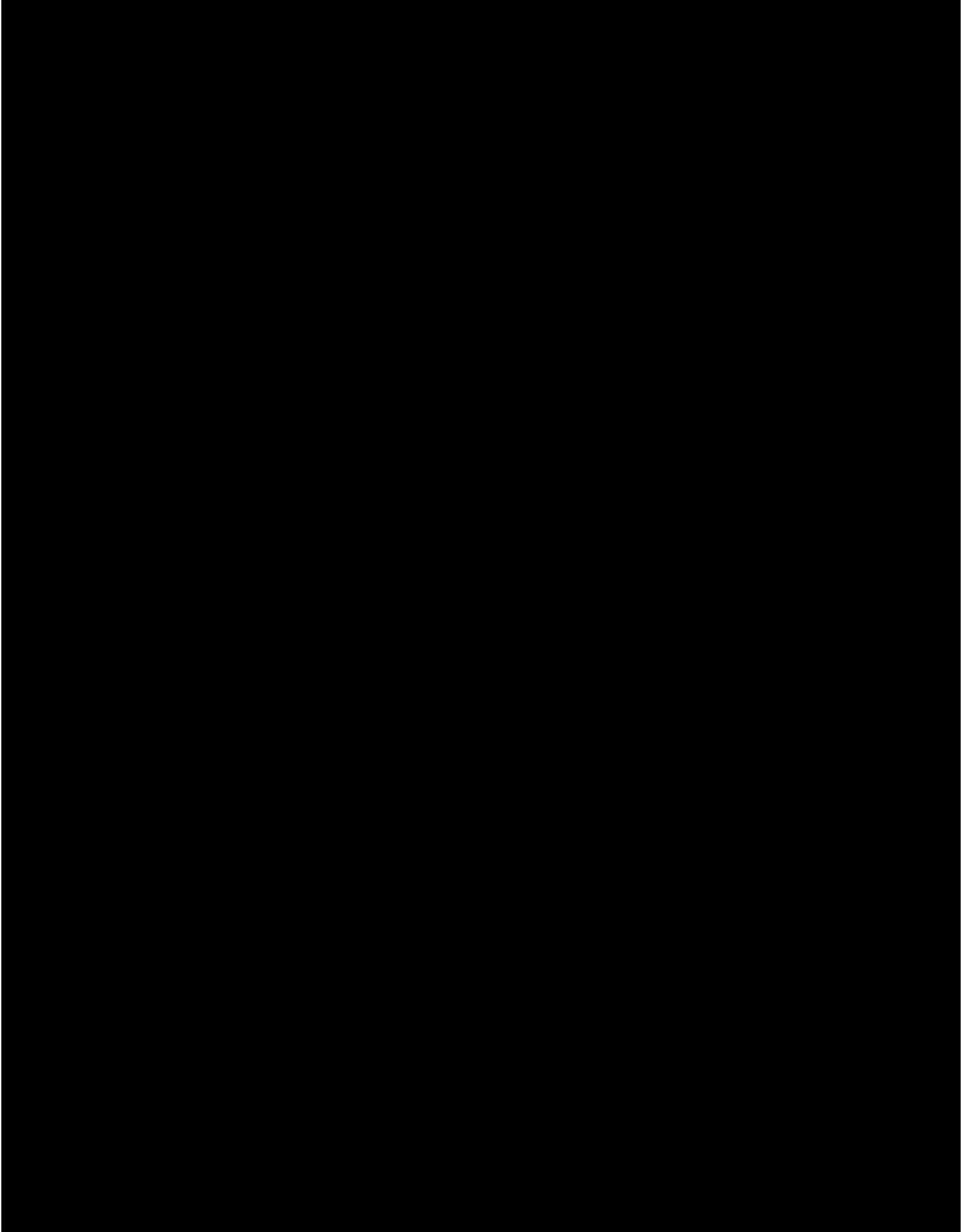
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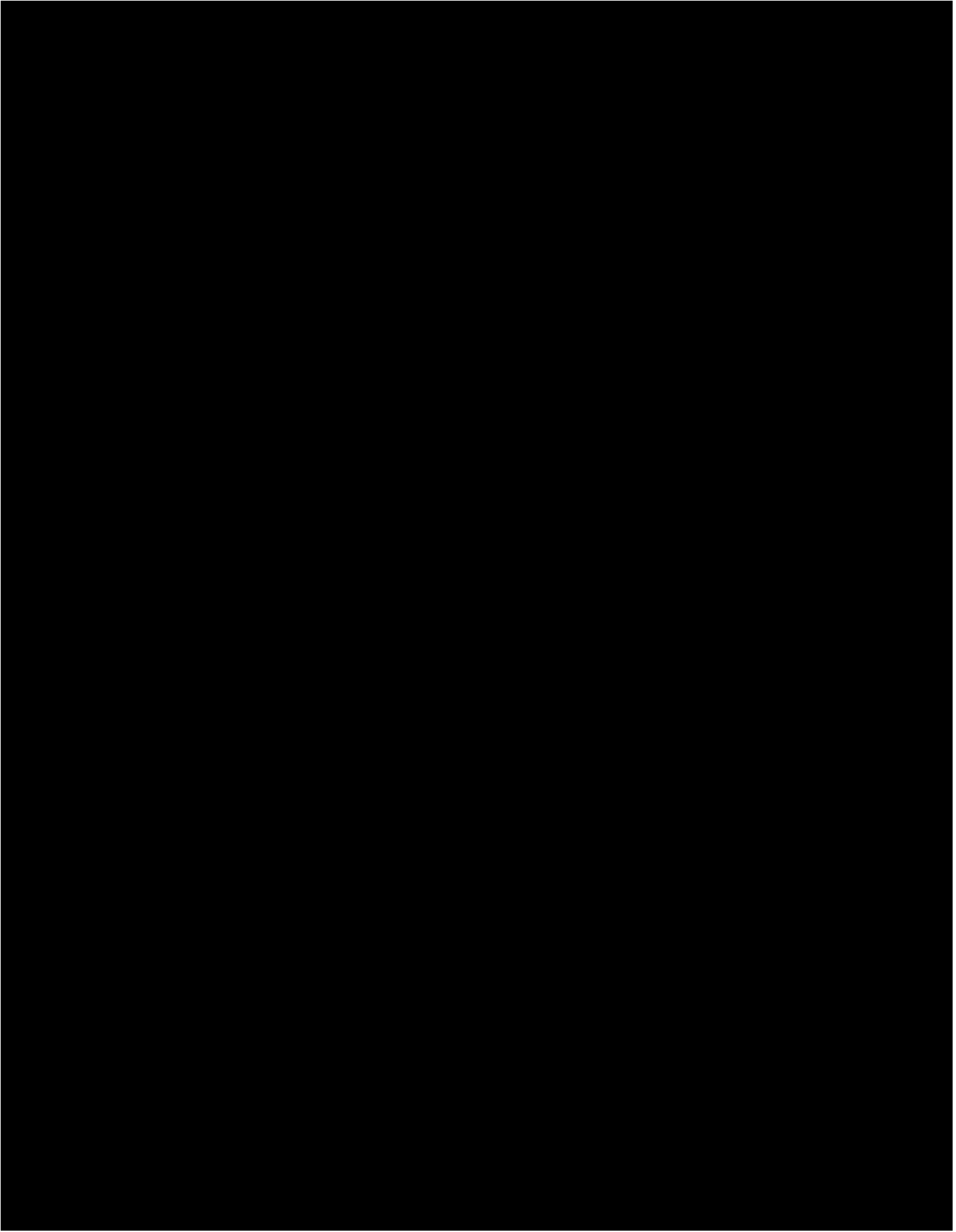
**Regions:** West Coast

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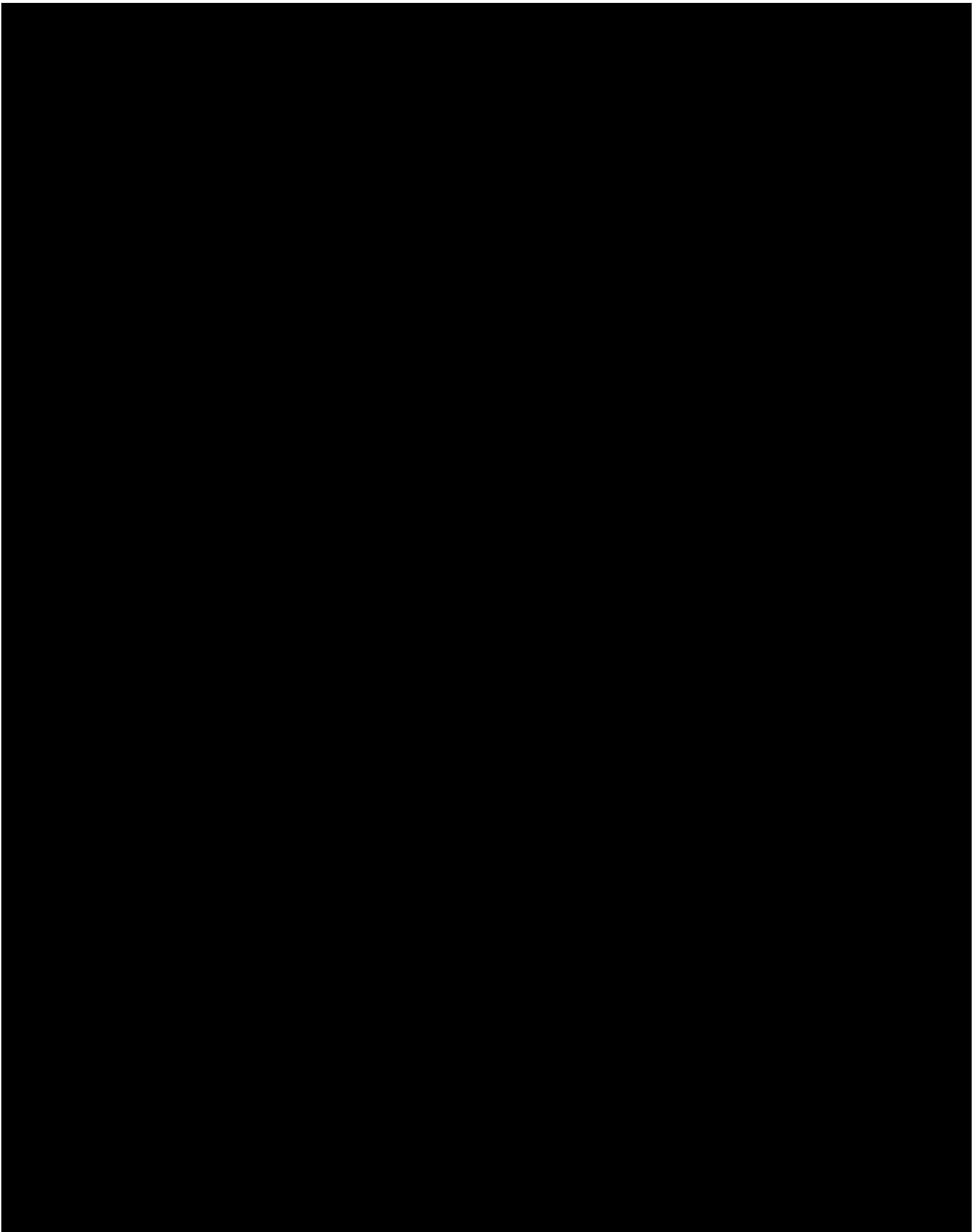


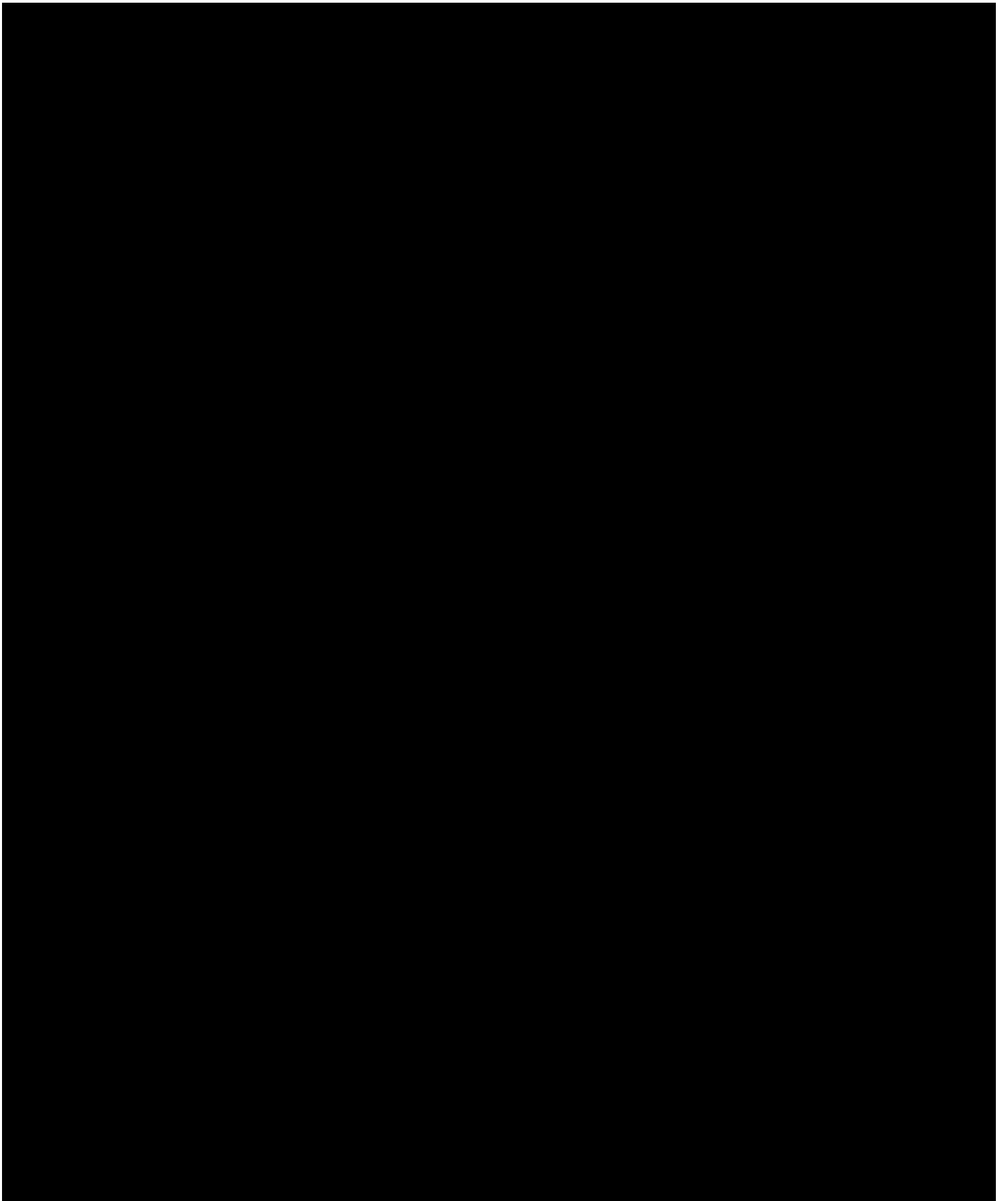


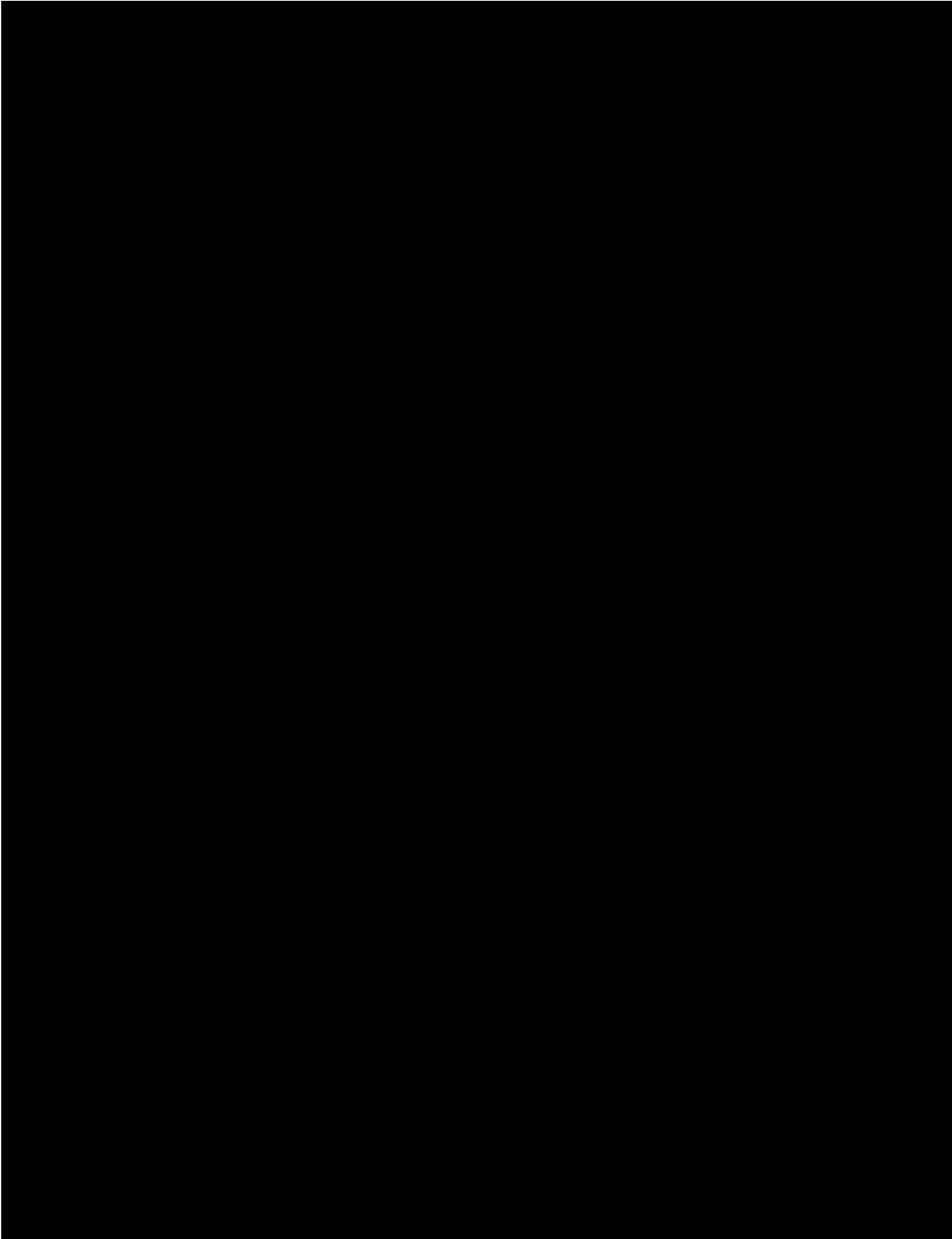


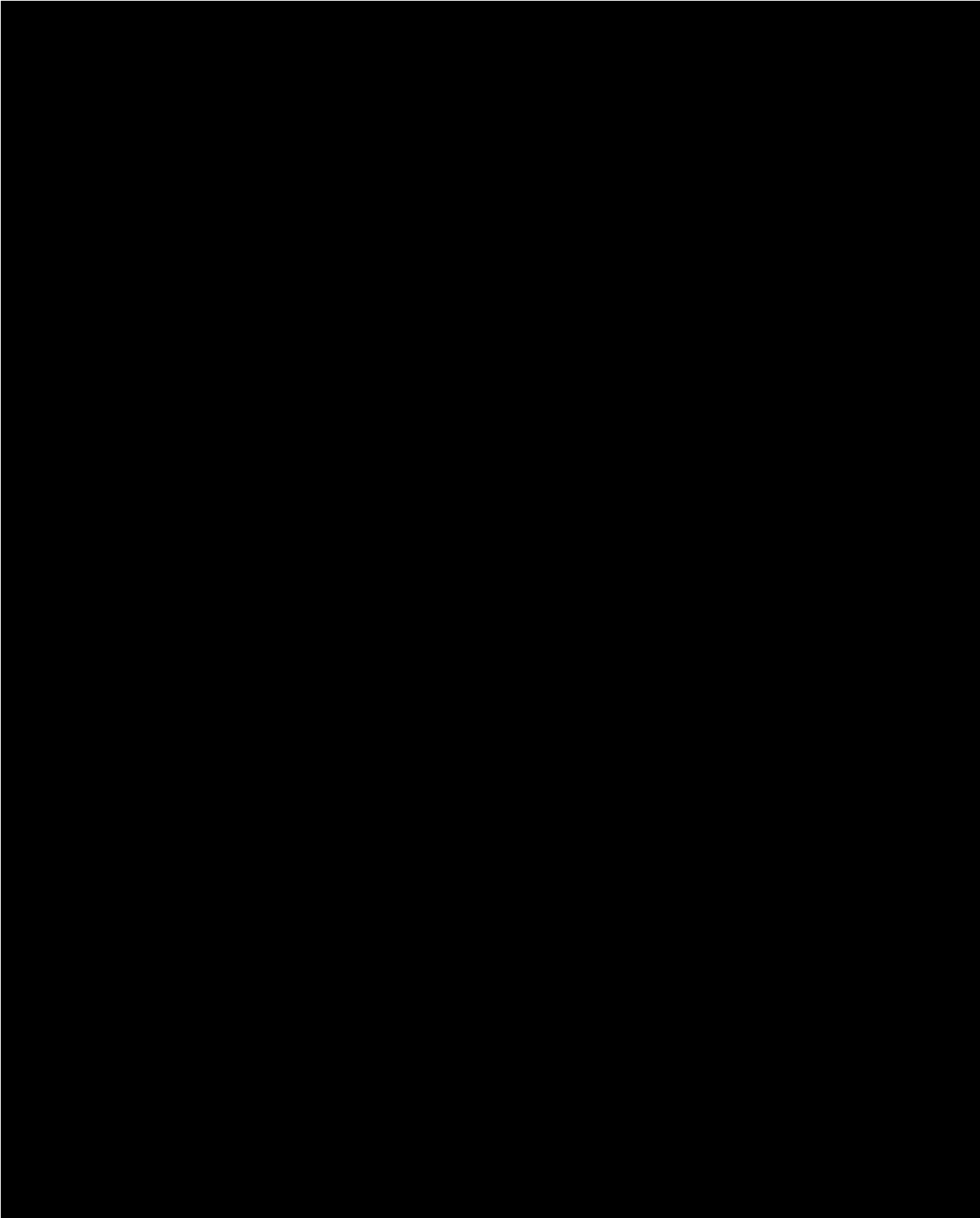


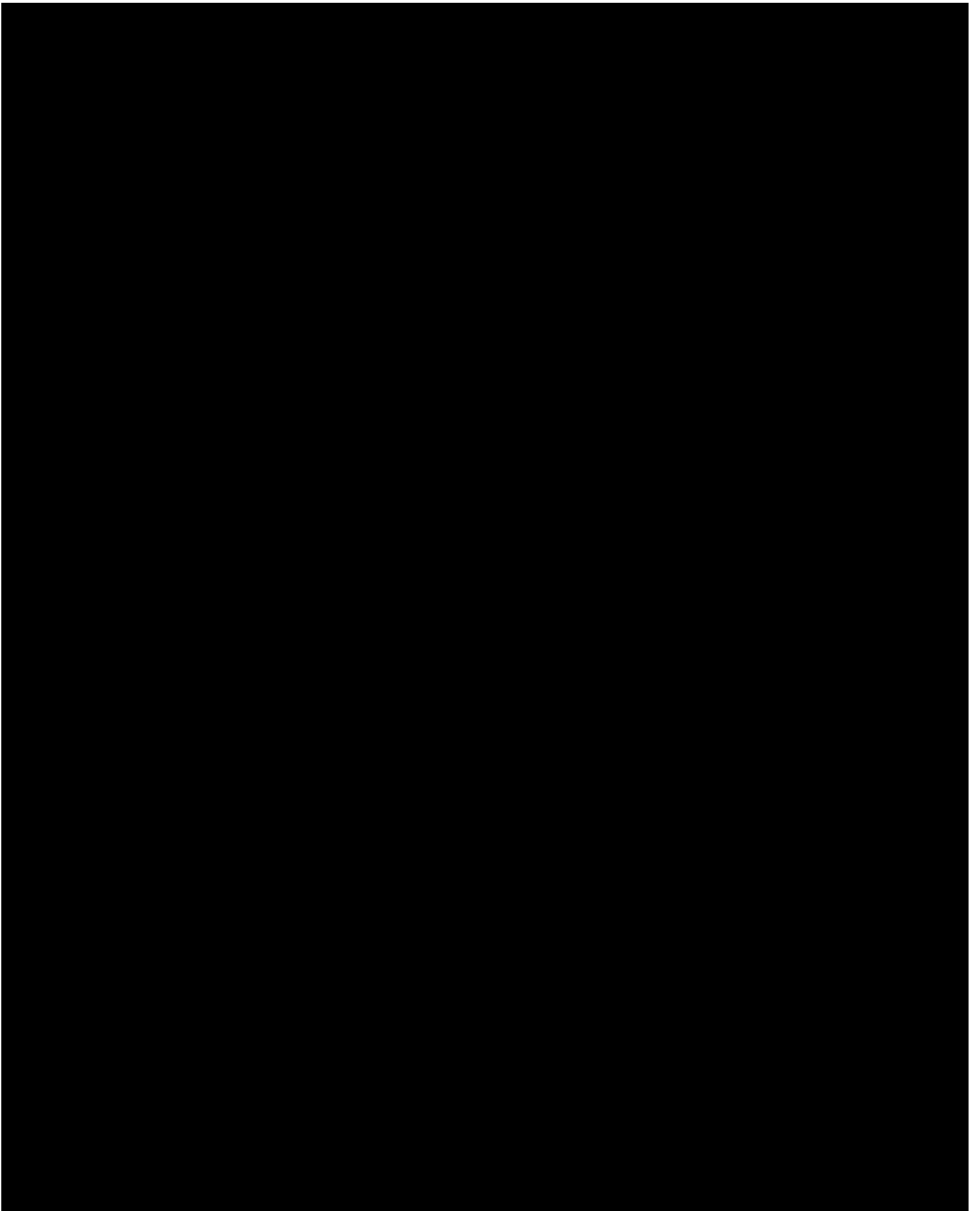












# Canterbury Mayoral Forum

**Date:** 25 February 2022

**Presented by:** Hamish Riach

## Future for Local Government update

### Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide a high-level summary of Review into the Future for Local Government (2022) *He mata whāriki, he matawhānui: Draft report* and seek advice from the Mayoral Forum on whether they wish to make a regional submission to the Future for Local Government Review Panel.

### Recommendations

**That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:**

1. **agree to develop a Mayoral Forum regional submission to the review into the Future for Local Government (2022) *He mata whāriki, he matawhānui: Draft report***
2. **agree to the Policy Forum developing key submission points for the Mayoral Forum submission**
3. **agree to finalise the CMF regional submission at the February Mayoral Forum meeting.**

### Key points

2. The Future for Local Government Review was established by the Minister for Local Government in April 2021.
3. The review panel released an interim report, *Ārewa ake te Kaupapa Raising the platform, in September 2021* which set out the broad direction and priority questions for consideration by the panel and through the engagement processes.
4. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum did not make a regional submission on the Panel's interim report.
5. The review panel has now released their draft report *He mata whāriki, he matawhānui* and is seeking submissions by 28 February 2023.

## Background

6. The review was established by the Minister in the context of significant reform programme and the traditional roles and functions of local government changing, noting that the last substantive change had been in 1989, although there have been numerous reviews and multiple ad-hoc legislation changes since then.
7. The Minister is seeking recommendations from the Future for Local Government Review Panel that achieve:
  - a resilient and sustainable local government system
  - public trust in local authorities and the local regulatory system
  - effective partnerships between mana whenua, and central and local government
  - a local government system that actively embodies the Treaty partnership.

## Review into the Future for Local Government (2022) *He mata whāriki, he matawhānui: Draft report*

8. The draft report has 29 recommendations and poses 13 questions over nine different topic areas. The recommendations and questions are provided at attachment 1 and cover the following topic areas:
  - revitalising citizen-led democracy
  - a Tiriti-based partnership between Māori and local government
  - allocating roles and functions in a way that enhances wellbeing
  - local government as champion and activator of wellbeing
  - a stronger relationship between central and local government
  - replenishing and building on representative democracy
  - building an equitable, sustainable funding and financing system
  - designing the local government system to enable the change we need
  - system stewardship and support.
9. Some of the recommendations proposed could be implemented by local government immediately, should there be the funding and appetite to do so, while others would potentially require major reform (see attachment 1).

## Proposed CMF regional submission

10. The review is independent of government, but subject to a government response. If change is to occur a strong case from the local government sector will be required to influence central government

11. To help inform this case the Mayoral Forum may wish to make a submission on all, or part of the draft report prepared by the Review Panel.
12. The attached table sets out the Panel recommendations and questions posed, including a section on who would be responsible for specific recommendations (local/central government), along with notes on the level of reform (major/minor) and whether legislative change is required.
13. If the Mayoral Forum wish to progress a regional submission the following is proposed:
  - review the attached table and indicate those recommendations that it is considered would benefit from a regional submission
  - provide feedback on particular detail to be included in any submission
  - Policy Forum to review and develop key submission points
  - Final submission reviewed at February Mayoral Forum meeting

## **Next steps**

14. The Policy Forum will review and develop key submission points.
15. A draft submission will be socialised through the Chief Executives Forum.
16. The final submission will be reviewed and agreed at the February Mayoral Forum meeting.

## **Attachments**

- Attachment 1: Future for Local Government draft report recommendations and questions for feedback



Future for Local Government draft report recommendations and questions for feedback

PANEL DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS and QUESTIONS	WHO	ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT	Regional submission
<b>Chapter 2 (pg. 40-61) - REVITALISING CITIZEN-LED DEMOCRACY</b>			
1. That local government adopts greater use of deliberative and participatory democracy in local decision-making.	Local Govt	Could be implemented without legislative change/ major reform	
2. That local government, supported by central government, reviews the legislative provisions relating to engagement, consultation, and decision-making to ensure they provide a comprehensive, meaningful, and flexible platform for revitalising community participation and engagement.	Local Govt + Central Govt	Further review led by Local Govt	
3. That central government leads a comprehensive review of requirements for engaging with Māori across local government related legislation, considering opportunities to streamline or align those requirements.	Central Govt	Further review led by Central Govt	
4. That councils develop and invest in their internal systems for managing and promoting good quality engagement with Māori.	Local Govt	Could be implemented without major reform (question of funding)	
5. That central government provides a statutory obligation for councils to give due consideration to an agreed, local expression of tikanga whakahaere in their standing orders and engagement practices, and for chief executives to be required to promote the incorporation of tikanga in organisational systems.	Central Govt	Could be implemented to some degree without legislative change?	
<i>Q. What might we do more of to increase community understanding about the role of local government, and therefore lead to greater civic participation?</i>		<i>Dependent on final recommendation - some action could be taken without reform</i>	

Future for Local Government draft report recommendations and questions for feedback

PANEL DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS and QUESTIONS	WHO	ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT	Regional submission
<b>Chapter 3 (pg. 62-98) - TIRITI-BASED PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MĀORI AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
6. That central government leads an inclusive process to develop a new legislative framework for Tiriti-related provisions in the Local Government Act that drives a genuine partnership in the exercise of kāwanatanga and rangatiratanga in a local context and explicitly recognises te ao Māori values and conceptions of wellbeing.	Central Govt	Further review by Central Govt	
7. That councils develop with hapū/iwi and significant Māori organisations within a local authority area, a partnership framework that complements existing co-governance arrangements by ensuring all groups in a council area are involved in local governance in a meaningful way.	Local Govt	Could be implemented without major reform	
8. That central government introduces a statutory requirement for local government chief executives to develop and maintain the capacity and capability of council staff to grow understanding and knowledge of Te Tiriti, the whakapapa of local government, and te ao Māori values.	Central Govt	Could be implemented without major reform and local govt could go some way without legislative change (question of co-investment)	
9. That central government explores a stronger statutory requirement on councils to foster Māori capacity to participate in local government.	Central Govt	Could be implemented to some degree without legislative change? (question of co-investment)	
10. That local government leads the development of coordinated organisational and workforce development plans to enhance the capability of local government to partner and engage with Māori.	Local Govt	Further work by LG, major reform not required (question of co-investment)	
11. That central government provides a transitional fund to subsidise the cost of building both Māori and council capability and capacity for a Tiriti-based partnership in local governance.	Central Govt	Dependent on Central Govt	

Future for Local Government draft report recommendations and questions for feedback

PANEL DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS and QUESTIONS	WHO	ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT	Regional submission
<b>Chapter 4 (pg. 102-114) - ALLOCATING ROLES AND FUNCTIONS IN A WAY THAT ENHANCES WELLBEING</b>			
12. That central and local government note that the allocation of the roles and functions is not a binary decision between being delivered centrally or locally.	Local Govt + Central Govt	Not a recommendation (how would this be achieved) refer questions	
13. That local and central government, in a Tiriti-consistent manner, review the future allocations of roles and functions by applying the proposed approach, which includes three core principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the concept of subsidiarity</li> <li>local government’s capacity to influence the conditions for wellbeing is recognised and supported</li> <li>te ao Māori values underpin decision-making.</li> </ul>	Local Govt + Central Govt	Further review required (who leads/) feedback sought on process design	
<i>Q: What process would need to be created to support and agree on the allocation of roles and functions across central government, local government, and communities?</i>			
<i>Q: What conditions will need to be in place to ensure the flexibility of the approach proposed does not create confusion or unnecessary uncertainty?</i>			
<i>Q: What additional principles, if any, need to be considered?</i>			
<b>Chapter 5 (pg 115-132) LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS CHAMPION AND ACTIVATOR OF WELLBEING</b>			
14. That local government, in partnership with central government, explores funding and resources that enable and encourage councils to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lead, facilitate, and support innovation and experimentation in achieving greater social, economic, cultural, and environmental wellbeing outcomes</li> </ol>	Local Govt + Central Govt	Further review required – CG and LG	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. build relational, partnering, innovation, and co-design capability and capacity across their whole organisation</li> <li>c. embed social/progressive procurement and supplier diversity as standard practice in local government with nationally supported organisational infrastructure and capability and capacity building</li> <li>d. review their levers and assets from an equity and wellbeing perspective and identify opportunities for strategic and transformational initiatives</li> <li>e. take on the anchor institution role, initially through demonstration initiatives with targeted resources and peer support</li> <li>f. share the learning and emerging practice from innovation and experimentation of their enhanced wellbeing role.</li> </ul>			
<p><i>Q. What feedback do you have on the roles councils can play to enhance intergenerational wellbeing?</i></p>			
<p><i>Q. What changes would support councils to utilise their existing assets, enablers, and levers to generate more local wellbeing?</i></p>			
<p><b>Chapter 6 (pg. 134-158) A STRONGER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b></p>			
<p><i>Q. To create a collaborative relationship between central and local government that builds on current strengths and resources, what are:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>a. the conditions for success and the barriers that are preventing strong relationships?</i></li> <li><i>b. the factors in place now that support genuine partnership?</i></li> <li><i>c. the elements needed to build and support a new system?</i></li> </ul>			

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<p>d. <i>the best options to get there?</i>                      e. <i>potential pathways to move in that direction and where to start?</i>                      f. <i>the opportunities to trial and innovate now?</i></p>			
<p>Q. <i>How can central and local government explore options that empower and enable a role for hapū/iwi in local governance in partnership with local and central government? These options should recognise the contribution of hapū/iwi rangatiratanga, kaitiakitanga, and other roles.</i></p>			
<b>Chapter 7 (pg 161-184) REPLENISHING AND BUILDING ON REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY</b>			
<p>15. That the Electoral Commission be responsible for overseeing the administration of local body elections.</p>	<p>Electoral Commission</p>	<p>Legislative and administrative change required</p>	
<p>16. That central government undertakes a review of the legislation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. adopt Single Transferrable Vote as the voting method for council elections</li> <li>b. lower the eligible voting age in local body elections to the age of 16</li> <li>c. provide for a 4-year local electoral term</li> <li>d. amend the employment provisions of chief executives to match those in the wider public sector and include mechanisms to assist in managing the employment relationship.</li> </ul>	<p>Central Govt</p>	<p>Further review and legislative change required (note electoral review too)</p>	
<p>17. That central and local government, in conjunction with the Remuneration Authority, review the criteria for setting elected member remuneration to recognise the increasing complexity of the role and enable a more diverse range of people to consider standing for election.</p>	<p>Local Govt + Central Govt</p>	<p>Further review required (who leads?)</p>	

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<p>18. That local government develops a mandatory professional development and support programme for elected members; and local and central government develop a shared executive professional development and secondment programme to achieve greater integration across the two sectors.</p>	<p>Local Govt</p>	<p>Could be implemented without reform – question of funding</p>	
<p>19 That central and local government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. support and enable councils to undertake regular health checks of their democratic performance</li> <li>b. develop guidance and mechanisms to support councils resolving complaints under their code of conduct and explore a specific option for local government to refer complaints to an independent investigation process, conducted and led by a national organisation</li> <li>c. subject to the findings of current relevant ombudsman’s investigations, assess whether the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and how it is being applied, support high standards of openness and transparency.</li> </ul>	<p>Local Govt + Central Govt</p>	<p>Some could be implemented no/ others require further work on how and who this would be done by</p>	
<p>20. That central government retain the Māori wards and constituencies mechanism (subject to amendment in current policy processes), but consider additional options that provide for a Tiriti-based partnership at the council table</p>	<p>Central Govt</p>	<p>Further review by CG (and legislative change)</p>	
<p><i>Q. How can local government enhance its capability to undertake representation reviews and, in particular, should the Local Government Commission play a more proactive role in leading or advising councils about representation reviews?</i></p>			

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PANEL DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS and QUESTIONS	WHO	ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT	Regional submission
<p><i>Q. To support a differentiated liberal citizenship, what are the essential key steps, parameters, and considerations that would enable both Tiriti- and capability-based appointments to be made to supplement elected members?</i></p>			
<p><b>Chapter 8 (pg187-204) EQUITABLE FUNDING AND FINANCE</b></p>			
<p>21. That central government expands its regulatory impact statement assessments to include the impacts on local government; and that it undertakes an assessment of regulation currently in force that is likely to have significant future funding impacts for local government and makes funding provision to reflect the national public-good benefits that accrue from those regulations.</p>	<p>Central Govt</p>	<p>Dependent on CG</p>	
<p>22. That central and local government agree on arrangements and mechanisms for them to co-invest to meet community wellbeing priorities, and that central government makes funding provisions accordingly.</p>	<p>Local Govt + Central Govt</p>	<p>How to agree? What change required?</p>	
<p>23. That central government develops an intergenerational fund for climate change, with the application of the fund requiring appropriate regional and local decision-making input.</p>	<p>Central Govt</p>	<p>Dependent on CG</p>	
<p>24. That central government reviews relevant legislation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. enable councils to introduce new funding mechanisms</li> <li>b. retain rating as the principal mechanism for funding local government, while redesigning long-term planning and rating provisions to allow a more simplified and streamlined process.</li> </ul>	<p>Central Govt</p>	<p>Further review by CG</p>	
<p>25. That central government agencies pay local government rates and charges on all properties.</p>	<p>Central Govt</p>	<p>Dependent on CG</p>	

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PANEL DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS and QUESTIONS	WHO	ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT	Regional submission
<i>Q: What is the most appropriate basis and process for allocating central government funding to meet community priorities?</i>			
<b>Chapter 9 (pg. 206-220) - SYSTEM DESIGN</b>			
26. That central and local government explore and agree to a new Tiriti-consistent structural and system design that will give effect to the design principles.	Local Govt + Central Govt	Further work by central and local govt (who leads/how)	
27. That local government, supported by central government, invests in a programme that identifies and implements the opportunities for greater shared services collaboration.	Local Govt + Central Govt	Local govt could implement, depending on support/appetite	
28. That local government establishes a Local Government Digital Partnership to develop a digital transformation roadmap for local government.	Local Govt	Local govt could implement, depending on support/appetite	
<i>Q. What other design principles, if any, need to be considered?</i>			
<i>Q. What feedback have you got on the structural examples presented in the report?</i>			
<b>Chapter 10 (pg. 227-233) SYSTEM STEWARDSHIP AND SUPPORT</b>			
29. That central and local government considers the best model of stewardship and which entities are best placed to play system stewardship roles in a revised system of local government.	Local Govt + Central Govt	Further work required by Central and Local Govt	
<i>Q. How can system stewardship be reimagined so that it is led across local government, hapū/iwi, and central government?</i>			



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PANEL DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS and QUESTIONS	WHO	ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT	Regional submission	
<i>Q. How do we embed Te Tiriti in local government system stewardship?</i>				
<i>Q. How should the roles and responsibilities of 'stewardship' organisations (including the Secretary of Local Government (Department of Internal Affairs), the Local Government Commission, LGNZ, and Taituarā) evolve and change?</i>				
<b>Chapter 11 (pg. 236) THE PATHWAY FORWARD</b>				
What is missing from the report? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measuring wellbeing outcomes</li> <li>• Cost implications of reforms</li> </ul>				
Next steps				

<b>KEY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further review required</li> <li>• Potentially major reform</li> <li>• Dependant on Central Govt decision</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative change required</li> <li>• Could be implemented to certain degree</li> <li>• Unlikely to be major reform</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Govt could implement independent of Central Govt (subject to appetite/funding)</li> <li>• Not major reform</li> </ul>

# Canterbury Mayoral Forum

**Date:** 25 November 2022

**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 June 2022 and implementation of the three-year work programme.

### Recommendation

**That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:**

1. **receive the quarterly report from the Chief Executives Forum and note updates to the three-year work programme.**

### Regional forums activity since June 2022

2. Since the Mayoral Forum's last meeting of the triennium on 26 August:
  - the Chief Executives Forum met on 12 September and 31 October 2022
  - The Corporate and Operations Forums met on 19 September 2022
  - the Policy Forum met on 30 September 2022.

### Chief Executives Forum

#### *September strategic planning session*

3. The Chief Executives Forum met on 12 September to workshop strategic planning for the upcoming triennium.
4. At this workshop, chief executives discussed how the Chief Executives Forum can support the Mayoral Forum to define the top priorities for Canterbury in the 2022-25 triennium, and shared ideas on how a new strategy or refreshed Plan for Canterbury might be delivered through the existing regional forums, how it could support collaboration for Canterbury, and how chief executives can support the Mayoral Forum to present a new or refreshed plan to Canterbury's communities.
5. In discussing key issues for the local government term, chief executives identified that climate change adaptation, iwi relationships, the Government reform programme, and funding challenges would likely be top priorities.

### ***Quarterly meeting***

6. The Forum held its regular quarterly meeting on 31 October. Key agenda items included:
- discussing progress on the three waters transition process with the National Transition Unit's Entity D Council Interface Manager
  - considering a proposed process to refresh the Plan for Canterbury, for recommendation to the Mayoral Forum
  - discussing ongoing concerns about the audit process, and how some of these concerns might be mitigated by Audit New Zealand and the Office of the Auditor-General
  - discussing a proposal for collaborative climate change action planning in Canterbury
  - noting the recommendations and questions for feedback in the Review into the Future for Local Government's draft report
  - agreeing to establish an officer-level Communications and Engagement Forum
  - selecting regional forum chairs for 2023
  - receiving updates on recent Operations, Corporate and Policy Forum meetings and progress with the regional forums work programme
  - receiving an update on the CWMS strategy
  - discussing a draft Mayoral Forum agenda for the November meeting.

### **Three-year work programme**

7. Updates to the three-year work programme since this as last presented to the Mayoral Forum in August are highlighted in the attached document. The work programme will be refreshed once the Mayoral Forum has agreed its priority areas and actions for this local government term.

### **Attachments**

- Attachment 1: Three-year work programme

Three-year work programme 2020–22

as at 17 November 2022

WHAT	TASK	PLAN FOR CANTERBURY PRIORITY	REPORTING TO	LEAD	ACTION	DUE	STATUS	UPDATE
Canterbury Water Management Strategy	To continue providing governance oversight and strategic support to the implementation of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS)	Sustainable environmental management of our habitats	Mayoral Forum	Jenny Hughey	Request the Regional Committee to work with CWMS partners to re-engage communities and stakeholders on actions undertaken to deliver the CWMS across the region in order to maintain and nurture commitment to the delivery of the CWMS	30/09/2022	Complete	Updated Zone Committee terms of reference approved at the Mayoral Forum 27 November 2020
	Renew community acceptance and commitment to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy				CWMS Regional Committee reports on progress towards the 2025 and 2030 goals	30/06/2022	Complete	Work in progress with CWMS team
Build capacity and influence to understand climate impacts, risks and opportunities and incorporate these into regional planning documents and community awareness.	Complete our first regional climate change risk assessment, aligned with the national climate change assessment, and identify critical gaps in our adaptation planning	Climate change mitigation and adaptation	Mayoral Forum	Climate Change Working Group	Progress Stage 3 of the Climate Change Risk Assessment	30/09/2022	On track	Climate Change Risk Assessment published February 2022. Project scope and approach for regional adaptation planning to be discussed at October CE Forum and November CMF
	Encourage all Canterbury local authorities to complete carbon footprint assessments, to inform action plans for reductions		Policy Forum					
CREDS 2016–2019 continuing work programmes	Food, Fibre and Innovation	Shared economic prosperity	Mayoral Forum	Secretariat	High value manufacturing Value added production	30/06/2023	On track	Work on industry roadmaps is nearing completion, industry clusters continue to be supported, and final report preparation is underway and due to be delivered in December.
Freshwater Package investments	Advocate with Government for the region's interests to be addressed in the investment decisions to support the Government's Freshwater Package	Sustainable environmental management of our habitats	Mayoral Forum		Add to the agenda for the Mayoral Forum meetings with Ministers.	30/09/2022	Complete	Essential Freshwater Steering Group established in March 2021. Hon David Parker met with the Mayoral Forum in October 2021. Ashburton DC has prepared economic and social impact reports on the new Essential Freshwater regulations for the Ashburton district, which have been shared with CMF
Education Forum	Facilitate a forum of key tertiary education and training providers to enable the exchange of ideas and information and support collaboration Advocate for transition of secondary students to further study and training or work	Shared economic prosperity	Mayoral Forum	Dan Gordon	Forum meets at least twice each year	30/09/2022	Complete	The Education and Training Governance Group was wound up on 5 September 2022 with the work was doing now fully covered by the Regional Skills Leadership Group. The Regional Skills Leadership Group will engage with the Mayoral Forum directly going forward.
Skilled Workforce	Advocate with Government for education and immigration policies that deliver a skilled workforce now and into the future	Shared economic prosperity	Mayoral Forum		Add to the agenda for the Mayoral Forum visit(s) to Wellington	30/09/2022	On track	A submission has been made on the Productivity Commission's review of immigration settings.

Better freight options	Collaborate with South Island chairs of RLTC to drive multi-modal transport planning investment	Better freight transport options	Mayoral Forum			30/09/2022	On track	Regional Transport Committee and Mayoral Forum members travelled around some of Kiwirail's network on 15 August to gain understanding of issues and
	Advocate with Government for investment in multi-modal transport outcomes, especially moving more long-distance freight by rail				Write to Ministers to advocate for Canterbury's position Add to agenda for Mayoral Forum visit(s) to Wellington	30/09/2022	On track	Met with Minister Wood 27 May 2021. The Forum has written to Minister Wood to raise issues with funding for the RLTP, and in particular resilience, maintenance and timing of NLTP decisions. Working with RTC to continue to advocate with Ministers, Ministry and NZTA.
Three Waters	Support councils with Three Waters transitions	Three Waters services					On track	Details for this activity are to be developed. The CE Forum will lead, with aspects of relevance to be handled by the relevant forums as they arise.
Update Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy	Oversee the review of the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy 2008 to ensure alignment with the NZ Biodiversity Strategy 2020 and the proposed National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity	Sustainable environmental management of our habitats	Policy Forum		Agenda	30/09/2022	Complete	A Canterbury Regional Biodiversity Champions Group has been established by Environment Canterbury. In July 2022 the Mayoral Forum submitted on the Ministry for the Environment's exposure draft of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity.
IT systems and digital services	Lead development of a 10-year plan for Canterbury councils to move to a common platform for IT systems and digital services (including valuation and rating functions) and secure cost savings through group licensing procurement, with specific concrete actions to be implemented in each year of the 10-year		Corporate Forum	Chief Information Officers Group (CIOs)	Conduct a stocktake of where everyone is at	13/12/2022	On track	CCF agreed 16 March 2020 that CIOs will conduct a stocktake of Canterbury councils' IT platforms, applications and procurement / licensing cycles and investment intentions to inform planning to move towards a common platform by 2030. Information collated for DIA is to be sent to the CIOs to analyse; they will then report back to the Corporate Forum.
	Develop a business case (with value proposition and a request for funding) to go to member councils to test and build consensus on a collective vision, commitment and understanding of what it might mean over time for procurement and renewal cycles					30/06/2023	On track	Once the stocktake is complete this will proceed.
Procurement	Develop a proposal for a joined-up procurement system/service for Canterbury councils, including legal services provisioning Develop a proposal for consideration by member councils		Corporate Forum	Canterbury Finance Managers Group		30/03/2023	On track	In late 2020 Deloitte were contracted to analyse third-party expenditure by Canterbury councils, to inform collaborative procurement options. In August 2021 the CE Forum approved funding to engage a consultant to evaluate collaborative procurement options. The Corporate Forum agreed to a three-phase approach in March 2022; the third phase of this will incorporate the consultant to advise on the most appropriate model going forward for Canterbury. This will be a key agenda item for discussion at the December Corporate Forum.
Implementing new Water Safety Plan format	Share advice and lessons between drinking water suppliers from implementing the new Water Safety Plan to improve compliance across the region		Operations Forum	Drinking Water Reference Group		15/11/2022	Complete	15th Nov 2022 (a year after Taumata Arowai became the regulator) is the target date when all currently registered water safety plans need to have been submitted to Taumata Arowai through their Hinekorako portal. All councils are working towards this date to have all their WSPs and newly required source risk management plans submitted.

Resource Management Reform	Engage with central government on the resource management reforms through participation in the Local Government Forum of Chief Executives for resource management reform, reviewing and preparing submissions on new legislation, participating in Select Committee processes		Chief Executives Forum	David Ward	Jim Harland nominated for Local Government Forum of Chief Executives for resource management reform Policy Forum (through CPMG) keep watching brief on exposure drafts of the Natural and Built Environment Act and prepare to draft a regional submission when released	30/09/2022	On track	Continuous engagement with Minister Parker and Ministry for the Environment on resource management reforms. Submissions made on Inquiry on the Natural and Built Environments Bill: Parliamentary Paper and MfE engagement discussion document Feb 2022. Meeting with Minister Parker and Ministry staff on the Model Regions Project August 2022.
				Policy Forum	Policy Forum (with Climate Change Working Group & Canterbury Planning Managers Group) keep watching brief on drafts of Spatial Planning Act and Climate Change Adaptation Act	30/09/2022	On track	Spatial Planning Bill and Natural and Built Environment Bill introduced into Parliament Nov 2022 - Canterbury Planning Managers leading the development of a regional submission.
Future for Local Government	Engage with central government on the future for local government by supporting development of a regional approach and participating in the Future for Local Government Review		Mayoral Forum	Chief Executives Forum	Progress actions from the Future for Local Government Workshop (April 2021) and actively participate in engagement with central government's Future for Local Government Review	01/04/2023	On track	Workshops were held with papatipu rūnanga chairs and central government regional directors in March and May 2021. The May session also included the chair and executive director of the Local Government Review Panel. A health workshop was held in July 2021.

A highlighted cell indicates that this item has recently been updated.

# Canterbury Mayoral Forum

**Date:** 25 November 2022

**Presented by:** Secretariat

## **Mayoral Forum activities and engagements – September to November 2022**

### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide a summary of activities, engagements and correspondence since the last Mayoral Forum meeting of the triennium on 26 August 2022.

### **Recommendation**

**That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:**

1. **receive the update on Mayoral Forum activities and correspondence since the Forum's last meeting of the triennium on 26 August 2022.**

### **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.
3. As this report straddles the pre- and post-election period the activities and engagements listed in this report were those of the last Mayoral Forum.

### **Meetings and engagements**

4. The Mayoral Forum met with the following people or groups during the last quarter:

<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>Group/Individual</b>	<b>Purpose of meeting</b>	<b>Key actions or outcomes</b>
9 September	Crown Research Institute science representatives	To learn more about genetic modification tools to respond to agricultural emissions and climate change	Members noted that the new Mayoral Forum may wish to continue these discussions in the new triennium
21 September	Alex Chadwick, Public Service Commission	Follow up to correspondence to discuss the significant concerns of the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum about the impact of central government and its agencies' ongoing recruitment of large numbers of council staff to implement the Government's reform programmes	<p>The Public Service Commission agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide information, through the secretariat, on the workforce hub concept</li> <li>• update the Public Service Commissioner on the issues raised, who in turn will feed through to the public sector chief executives</li> </ul> <p>Chief Executives agreed to consider the advantages, or not, of a workforce hub as one way to assist with the workforce pressures.</p>

5. Notes from these two meetings are provided at attachment 1.

## Correspondence

6. Between September and November 2022 the Mayoral Forum wrote to:

- the Kaikōura District Council in support of the Kaikōura South Bay Harbour Development project
- David Ayers and Jim Palmer to thank them for their work to establish the Education and Training Governance Group and driving its work programme under the CREDS.

7. The chair of the Chief Executives Forum also wrote to the Chair of Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand to follow up on the meeting held with him in August, and to invite the Chair and Amy Adams to attend the February Mayoral Forum working dinner.

8. The correspondence is provided at attachment 2.

## Submissions

9. During this period the Mayoral Forum made a submission on the Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Bill (submitted 3 October). A copy of this submission is on the



Canterbury Mayoral Forum website [www.canterburymayors.org.nz](http://www.canterburymayors.org.nz).

## **Attachments**

- Notes from the 9 and 21 September meetings
- Correspondence

# DRAFT MINUTES

## MAYORAL FORUM MEETING WITH CROWN RESEARCH INSTITUTES



<b>Name:</b>	Canterbury Mayoral Forum
<b>Date:</b>	Friday, 9 September 2022
<b>Time:</b>	1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
<b>Location:</b>	Microsoft Teams, Online only
<b>Board Members:</b>	Sam Broughton (Chair), Craig Rowley, Graham Smith, Marie Black, Neil Brown, Nigel Bowen
<b>Attendees:</b>	Amanda Wall
<b>Apologies:</b>	Lianne Dalziel, Jenny Hughey, Gary Kircher, Bede Carran, David Ward, Will Doughty, Craig Mackle, Angela Oosthuizen, Dawn Baxendale, Stefanie Rixecker, Jeff Millward, Stuart Duncan, Dan Gordon, Maree McNeilly, Rosa Wakefield, Hamish Riach, Alex Parmley, Hamish Dobbie
<b>Guests/Notes:</b>	Marie Bradley (Director, Strategy and Communications, AgResearch); Richard Newcomb (Chief Scientist, Plant & Food Research); Alec Foster (Bioproducts and Packaging Portfolio Lead, Scion Research)

### 1. Opening Meeting

#### 1.1 Welcome and introductions

The Chair opened the meeting with a karakia and welcomed everyone attending today. Mayors and Marie Bradley, Alec Foster and Richard Newcomb introduced themselves.

### 2. Presentation from CRIs

#### 2.1 GM tools to respond to agricultural emissions & climate change

Alec, Richard and Marie spoke to the key slides in the background reading pack that was circulated with the agenda, focusing on the background and history of gene editing and breeding technologies, the current regulatory framework in New Zealand and how this compares across the world, and current research in the GM space by Scion, AgResearch and Plant & Food.

Key discussion points during the session included:

- the current GM/GE situation in New Zealand - which products currently on NZ shelves include GMOs, current or ongoing GMO field trials under way in NZ under the current regulatory framework (for example, breeding sterile wilding pines), and the range of research work undertaken by CRIs overseas (for example, developing and testing High Metabolisable Energy ryegrass)
- advances in technology in NZ and across the world since the Royal Commission on Genetic Modification report in 2001, and the need for greater awareness of these changes
- acknowledgement that NZ governments have funded some GM research, but all have been reluctant to change the regulatory framework since the Royal Commission report 20 years ago

- the recent changes in GM restrictions in some of our key trading partners, in particular loosening of restrictions in China, Japan and the UK; noting that the European Union is also reconsidering its 20 year old GM-related legislation
- the range of possible benefits to growers, consumers and the environment from GMO products/tools, and conversely the perceived risks to New Zealand of reducing current regulatory restrictions
- acknowledgement that the issue remains a 'political hot potato', and the importance of moving this away from the political so that a real conversation on GM tools and products can commence
- the importance of NZ determining and understanding what our values are as a country, as this will help clarify whether there is a case for or against amending GM restrictions.

Members concluded the discussion by noting that if there was a collectively agreed view around the Mayoral Forum table during the next local government term, conversations on this issue may progress further. The CRI representatives offered to assist and support these conversations should the incoming Mayoral Forum wish them to.

### 3. Close Meeting

#### 3.1 Close the meeting

**Next meeting:** No date for the next meeting has been set.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Meeting notes

## CMF meeting with Alex Chadwick, Deputy Commissioner, Workforce, Employment & Equity

- Date:** Wednesday 21 September 2022
- Time:** 8.00am – 8.30am
- Venue:** MS Teams
- Attendees:** Mayors Nigel Bowen (Deputy Chair), Marie Black (Hurunui), Craig Mackle (Kaikōura), Neil Brown (Ashburton), Gary Kircher (Waitaki)  
 Chief Executives: Hamish Riach (Chair CE Forum, Ashburton), Stuart Duncan (Waimate) Alex Chadwick, Deputy Commissioner, Workforce, Employment & Equity, Public Service Commission  
 Regan Jackson, Acting Regional Commissioner, Canterbury, Ministry of Social Development
- In attendance:** Maree McNeilly and Amanda Wall (Mayoral Forum Secretariat); Mary Richardson (Acting CE, Christchurch)
- Apologies:** Mayors Sam Broughton (Selwyn), Lianne Dalziel (Christchurch), Dan Gordon (Waimakariri), Craig Rowley (Waimate), Graham Smith (Mackenzie); Chair Jenny Hughey (Environment Canterbury); Stefanie Rixecker (CE Environment Canterbury), Will Doughty (CE Kaikoura), Jeff Millward (CE Waimakariri), David Ward (CE Selwyn), Bede Carran (CE Timaru), Angela Oosthuizen (CE Mackenzie), Alex Parmley (CE Waitaki), Dawn Baxendale (CE Christchurch)

### Welcome and apologies

Mayor Nigel welcomed members, Alex and Regan to the meeting and noted the above apologies.

Mayor Nigel noted that this morning's meeting arose from our correspondence with the Public Service Commissioner Peter Hughes on the Mayoral and Chief Executives Forums' concerns about the loss of our staff to central government departments and agencies.

### Discussion with the Public Service Commission

Mayor Nigel invited Alex to commence the discussion by informing members about the work the Public Service is undertaking to assist with the concerns the Forum has raised.

Alex noted:

- the Public Service Commission acknowledges the pressure on the workforce across the public sector and local government
- the Commission has been focused on gender and other equity gaps, and is trying to change the way it recruits
- the Commission is not just looking at salary to attract staff, but also flexible/remote working opportunities, involvement in high priority initiatives, development opportunities
- there are still some anomalies in terms of salaries for some public sector roles
- they have set up a public service workforce mobility hub, which coordinates recruitment across government departments and agencies, opportunities for secondments, supports urgent needs

The following matters were then discussed during Q&A:

- the key concern of the Forum is the active recruitment by central government agencies of experienced local government staff, and the fact that public sector remuneration is often well above industry standards and the budgets of local government
- how the public service can better support local government to make roles more attractive, and whether there could be more effort in supporting secondments into local government from the public service and vice versa

- the importance of ensuring that immigration processes support the ability for migrants to fill workforce shortages affecting crucial roles with local government, such as engineers and building inspectors
- internal movements within the public service to some departments are not dissimilar to what is being experienced by local government
- the need to ensure that local government staff are not actively targeted by public sector departments and agencies for recruitment, acknowledging that staff may apply for any kind of role they wish
- the importance of building collegiality between the public service and local government
- there could be an opportunity to set up a local government workforce hub along the lines of the public service hub, which could help fill urgent workforce gaps and make better use of secondments between councils/the public service, alternatively local government may be able to access the public service hub
- the possibility of delaying the commencement date for a local government employee moving a central government agency to increase the opportunity for seamless replacement recruitment.

**Actions**

- Alex will provide information, through the secretariat, on the workforce hub concept
- Alex will update the Public Service Commissioner on the issues raised, who in turn will feed through to the public sector chief executives
- Regan will brief Dianne McDermott on the issues raised
- Chief Executives to consider the advantages, or not, of a workforce hub as one way to assist with the workforce pressures

**Meeting close**

Mayor Nigel thanked Alex and Regan for discussing these matters with the Forum, and closed the meeting at 8.30am.

30 August 2022

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Kia ora Mayor Craig

## **Kaikōura South Bay Harbour Business Case**

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum fully endorses the Kaikōura South Bay Harbour business case and supports it being presented to the Government to seek funding for progressing the next stages.

The harbour is a key piece of infrastructure for Kaikōura and the wider region. A fully developed harbour would enable the private sector to further develop tourism products and related onshore facilities. It would also attract investment in education and science, creating a culture of innovation in Kaikōura, with economic benefits for the wider Canterbury region, as well as the South Island and New Zealand as a whole.

The harbour development will contribute to the diversification and resilience of the local and regional economies and create a stronger culture for technology and innovation in Kaikōura, in turn supporting broader connections and networks.

The next stages of the business case aim to develop the feasibility study and concept design. These will identify opportunities to incorporate policies and practices for sustainability in the development and operation of the harbour.

We are pleased to see that the South Bay Harbour business case has, and continues to be, guided by Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles of partnership, protection and participation, with the project team working closely with iwi-linked partners and stakeholders such as Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura, Whale Watch Kaikōura and other businesses.

We look forward to seeing this project move forward for our region.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Broughton', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Kia ora David and Jim

### Canterbury Mayoral Forum's Education and Training Governance Group

At the final meeting of the Education and Training Governance Group on 5 September, members were unanimous in wishing to acknowledge and sincerely thank you for your work in establishing the Group and driving its work programme under the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy.

The Group was instrumental in getting major programmes like *My Next Move* and *Job Ready* off the ground, and had significant success in advocating for newly arrived migrants and their families, the make-up of the Regional Skills Leadership Group, and a fit-for-purpose vocational education system. Members noted that you ensured that the right people were in the room at the right time, which paved the way for greater collaboration across the education sector. Over the last two years the Group has provided excellent opportunities for information-sharing and networking during the pandemic.

The 5 September meeting of the Group was its last, following a recent decision by the Mayoral Forum to refocus its work in this space on engaging directly with the RSLG. The Forum considered it was timely to wind down the Governance Group as its purpose had been achieved, and any future work it may undertake would likely duplicate that of the RSLG.

The recommendation, and subsequent decision, to wind down this group was made after careful consideration. Earlier this year, Dan and Dawn Baxendale sought the views of Governance Group members on where they saw the value of the group, and its possible direction and focus, following confirmation of the RSLG's permanent membership and its work programme. Once we had those views, we met with the RSLG co-chairs to discuss these perspectives.

We invited the co-chairs to attend the Mayoral Forum in May, where members discussed the RSLG's work programme as well as the intersect and potential for duplication between the two groups. Dan and Dawn then met again with the co-chairs prior to the August Mayoral Forum to

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work through a way forward, in which it was agreed it was the right time to 'hand over' the Governance Group's work to the RSLG and focus the Mayoral Forum's work on education and training through direct and ongoing engagement between the Forum and the RSLG. This was subsequently agreed to at the August Mayoral Forum.

Once again, thank you both for your energy and commitment to achieving the Mayoral Forum's objectives for education and training over the 2015-20 period, it is very much appreciated.

Ngā mihi



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Kia ora

**Invitation to meet with Canterbury Mayoral Forum**

Thank you once again for taking the time to travel to Christchurch to meet with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum in August 2022 to discuss the transition to Te Whatu Ora and in particular the approach to localities.

To ensure ongoing dialogue between the Forum and Te Whatu Ora Board, one of the actions arising from that engagement was a follow-up meeting with the incoming Mayoral Forum early in this local government term. To that end, I would like to invite you and Amy Adams to attend a working dinner with the Mayoral Forum on Thursday 23 February 2023.

The dinner would be an opportunity for you both to update members on progress since the August meeting and continue discussions on localities. The dinner is deliberately informal so that it is conducive to a wide-ranging and open discussion. Our secretariat will follow up with a calendar invite, but for your information the dinner details are below:

**Date:** Thursday 23 February 2023

**Time:** drinks at 6.30 followed by dinner at 7pm

**Location:** Commodore Hotel, Memorial Avenue, Christchurch.

I look forward to confirming your attendance.

I would also like to take this opportunity to follow up on the other actions that were agreed during the August meeting. This was for Te Whatu Ora to:

- provide more information on the proposed locality framework for Wairoa

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- discuss the possibility of including some Canterbury localities in the next tranche of the locality pilot process
- discuss the possibility of developing protocols and expectations to provide to Local Government New Zealand to support councils to engage with the transition effectively.

Chief executives would be grateful to receive the information on the Wairoa locality as soon as possible and look forward to receiving an update on the other two actions.

Thank you again for your ongoing engagement with the Mayoral Forum. Please confirm your attendance at the February 2023 dinner, and forward information on the actions, to our secretariat at [secretariat@canterburymayors.org.nz](mailto:secretariat@canterburymayors.org.nz) .

Ngā mihi



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