



Minutes of a meeting of the  
Regulatory Committee held in the Council Chamber at Council  
Chamber on Wednesday 31 July 2019, commencing at 2 p.m.

**Membership**

Cr Bryan Scott	<i>(Chairperson)</i>
Cr Sam Neill	<i>(Deputy Chairperson)</i>
Cr Graeme Bell	
Cr Doug Brown	
Cr Michael Deaker	
Cr Carmen Hope	
Cr Trevor Kempton	
Cr Michael Laws	
Cr Ella Lawton	
Cr Andrew Noone	
Cr Gretchen Robertson	
Cr Stephen Woodhead	

**Welcome**

Cr Scott welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting.

*For our future*

## **1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies

## **2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

No leave of absence was requested.

## **3. ATTENDANCE**

Sarah Gardner (Chief Executive)  
Nick Donnelly (General Manager Corporate Services and CFO)  
Gavin Palmer (General Manager Operations)  
Peter Winder (Acting General Manager Regulatory)  
Amanda Vercoe (Executive Advisor)  
Liz Spector (Committee Secretary)  
Richard Lord (Team Leader Biosecurity and Biodiversity)

## **4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was confirmed as published.

## **5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest were advised.

## **6. PUBLIC FORUM**

No requests from members of the public to speak to the Committee were received.

## **7. PRESENTATIONS**

No presentations were held.

## **8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **8.1. Minutes of the 12 June 2019 Regulatory Committee Meeting Resolution**

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2019 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

Moved: Cr Neill  
Seconded: Cr Noone  
CARRIED

### **8.2. Minutes of the 12 June 2019 Public-excluded Regulatory Committee Meeting Resolution**

*That the minutes of the public-excluded meeting held on 12 June 2019 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

Moved: Cr Neill  
Seconded: Cr Noone  
CARRIED

## 9. ACTIONS

### Status report on the resolutions of the Regulatory Committee

<b>11.3</b> Managing the use of coal for domestic heating in Otago and New Zealand (Technical Committee)	31/1/2018	That the matter of the ability to enforce the current Regional Air Plan AirZone 1 provisions be considered by the Regulatory Committee	IN PROCESS
Wallaby Control	28/11/18	Cr Scott requested that the action item for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Environment Canterbury for wallaby control be reinstated to the action list and provide an update on the success of the wallaby control programme.	COMPLETE – Dr Palmer updated Committee on progress on 31/7/19

## 10. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DECISION

### 10.1. Memorandum of Understanding with Environment Canterbury on Wallaby Control

The report was provided for the Councillors to consider and endorse a framework whereby the Otago Regional Council (ORC) and Environment Canterbury (ECan) will collaborate on wallaby management and control. A draft Memorandum of Understanding between the two entities was provided for consideration. The General Manager Operations, Dr Gavin Palmer, and the Team Leader Biosecurity and Biodiversity, Richard Lord, were present to speak to the report and answer questions.

Councillor Scott stated he was concerned the agreement had not yet been finalised and the delay was impacting the control of wallabies in Otago. Cr Bell suggested the ORC should request financial assistance from the Ministry of Primary Industries or the Ministry of the Environment to help stop further encroachment of the wallabies. Cr Woodhead said government assistance had been sought in February as part of a budget request, though no support was offered. He said the best course of action is to work with Environment Canterbury and urged staff to continue working on the collaboration.

After further discussion, Councillor Scott asked for a motion.

#### Resolution

*That the Council:*

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) **Affirms** Council's commitment to collaborate, cooperate and communicate with Environment Canterbury on wallaby management and control.
- 3) **Endorses** the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Environment Canterbury for Wallaby management and control.

- 4) **Authorises** the Council Chairman to make further minor amendments in consultation with Environment Canterbury and to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.
- 5) **Notes** the proposed implementation timetable.

Moved: Cr Woodhead  
Seconded: Cr Noone  
CARRIED

## 11. MATTERS FOR NOTING

### 11.1. General Manager's Report on Progress

The General Manager's Report on progress was provided to update the committee members on regulatory activity undertaken during the period 13 April to 29 May 2019. The Acting General Manager Regulatory, Peter Winder, was present to speak to the report and answer questions. A discussion was held about the recent reports of excessive smoke from rural burn offs in Central Otago. Mr Winder said it was important to recognise that open burning in rural areas is permitted under the current air plan, provided the burning does not include material from beyond the property, does not include prohibited materials and does not produce smoke which is offensive or objectionable beyond the property boundary. He said the recent burn offs were monitored by Fire and Emergency NZ (FENZ) who declined requests from ORC staff to stop the specific burn off. Councillor Woodhead suggested ORC put out communications reminding those who choose to burn how this may affect air quality.

After a general discussion, Cr Scott asked for a motion.

#### Resolution

*That the Council:*

- 1) **Receives** this report.

Moved: Cr Woodhead  
Seconded: Cr Neill  
CARRIED

### 11.2. Consents and Building Control

The purpose of this report is to summarise regulatory activity by the Consents Team and to give the committee members a high-level overview of the consents and building control activity and the deemed permit replacement progress for the period 20 May 2019 to 5 July 2019. The Acting General Manager Regulatory, Peter Winder, was present to speak to the report and answer questions. After a general discussion, Councillor Scott asked for a motion.

#### Resolution

*That the Committee:*

- 1) **Receives** this report.

Moved: Cr Woodhead  
Seconded: Cr Kempton  
CARRIED

### 11.3. Enforcement Activity

This report detailed Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1993 and Building Act 2004 enforcement activities undertaken by the Otago Regional Council during the period 30 May 2019 to 30 June 2019. The Acting General Manager, Peter Winder, was present to speak to the report and answer any questions. After a general discussion, Cr Scott asked for a motion.

### Resolution

*That the Council:*

- 1) *Receives this report.*

Moved: Cr Neill

Seconded: Cr Bell

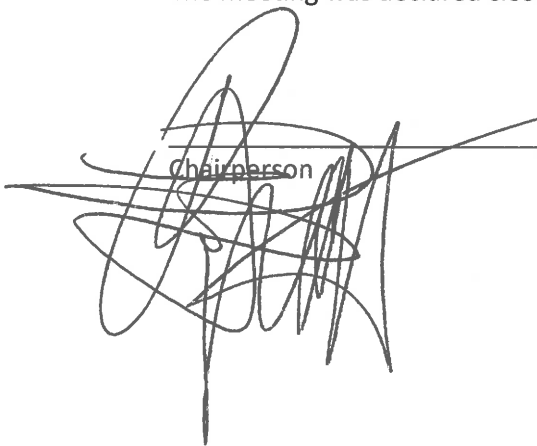
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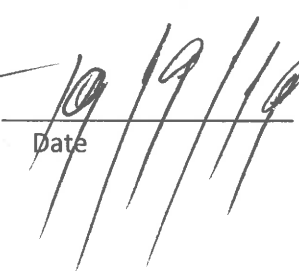
### 12. NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were advised.

### 13. CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 03:58 pm.

  
Chairperson

  
Date