
Council Kaunihera OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 31 July 2025 at 9:31 am.

PRESENT

Chairperson <i>Heamana</i>	Mayor Paula Southgate
Deputy Chairperson <i>Heamana Tuarua</i>	Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary
Members	Cr Maxine van Oosten Cr Moko Tauariki Cr Ewan Wilson Cr Tim Macindoe Cr Louise Hutt Cr Andrew Bydder Cr Geoff Taylor Cr Sarah Thomson (via Audio-Visual) Cr Emma Pike Cr Maria Huata Cr Anna Casey-Cox Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf

The meeting was opened by Kaumatua Tame Pokaia.

1. Apologies – Tono aroha

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O’Leary)
That the Council accepts the apologies for partial attendance from Councillor Pike (Council Business).

2. Confirmation of Agenda – Whakatau raarangi take

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr van Oosten)
That the Council confirms the agenda.

3. Declarations of Interest – Tauaakii whaipanga

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum – AAtea koorero

There were no members of the public present for the Public Forum.

5. Confirmation of the Council Open Minutes 26 June 2025

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Wilson)

That the Council confirms the Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 June 2025 as a true and correct record.

6. Confirmation of the Elected Member Open Briefing Notes 18 June 2025

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr van Oosten)

That the Council confirm the Open Notes of the Elected Member Briefing held on 18 June 2025 as a true and correct record.

7. Council Submission to Packages 1, 2 and 3 of RMA National Direction

The Urban and Spatial Team Lead spoke to the report highlighting discussion points including difference between Council and Civil Defence submissions and responses driven by Plan Change 12. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the Natural Hazard National Policy Statement matrix, individual property rights, council investment and high density zoning.

Motion: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O'Leary)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the **Draft 1** submission (**Attachment 1**) to the three Packages of RMA National Direction:
 - i. Package 1: Infrastructure and Development;
 - ii. Package 2: Primary Sector; and
 - iii. Package 3: Freshwater;
- c) approves that the Mayor or Chief Executive has authority to sign and submit Council's final submission, incorporating the feedback from this meeting; and
- d) notes that staff will lodge a draft submission with the Ministry for the Environment by the official 27 July 2025 closing date; however, staff have been given an extension until Monday 4 August 2025 to allow the submission to be finalised after this meeting.

Amendment: (Cr Bydder/Cr Pike)

That the Council:

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 - i. Package 1: Infrastructure and Development;
 - ii. Package 2: Primary Sector; and
 - iii. Package 3: Freshwater;
- c) approves that the Mayor or Chief Executive has authority to sign and submit Council's final submission, incorporating the feedback from this meeting, and the below:
 - i. amend the Draft submission NES for Granny Flats to delete 33, reference to setbacks in 34, 35, and 36;
 - ii. amend the Draft submission NES for Papakaainga to be more explicit about the types of definitions and details to enable more opportunities for Papakaainga;

- iii. amend the Draft submission NPS for Highly productive land to delete part of 51 “while recommending its retention for rural lifestyle areas”; and
 - iv. amend the Draft NPS for Freshwater Management to delete 63 and 72;
- d) notes that staff will lodge a draft submission with the Ministry for the Environment by the official 27 July 2025 closing date; however, staff have been given an extension until Monday 4 August 2025 to allow the submission to be finalised after this meeting.

Those for the Amendment: Councillors Bydder, Taylor and Macindoe.
Those against the Amendment: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O’Leary, Councillors Hutt, Pike, Casey-Cox, Naidoo-Rauf, van Oosten, Thomson, Tauariki, Wilson and Huata.

The Amendment was declared LOST.
The Motion was then put and declared CARRIED.

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8. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Macindoe)
 That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1. Confirmation of the Council Public Excluded Minutes 26 June 2025) Good reason to withhold) information exists under) Section 7 Local Government	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Confirmation of the Elected Member Closed Briefing Notes 10 June) Official Information and) Meetings Act 1987	

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C3. Confirmation of the
Elected Member Closed
Briefing Notes 18 June
2025

C4. Local Water Done Well:
Contract Arrangements

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item C1.	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C2.	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C3.	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C4.	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)

The meeting moved into Public Excluded session at 10.10am.

The meeting was declared closed at 11.14am.