

Meeting record for the Waikato Regional Council – Forestry Liaison Group meeting held on Wednesday 5 November 2025 hosted by Manulife Forest Management Tokoroa

Present – Chair Elise Hayes (Timberlands), Sally Strang & Karl Boobyer (Manulife Forest Management), Jackie Egan (NZ Forest Mgrs), Sarah Orton (PF Olsen), Simon Callaghan (Red Stag Forests), Andy Warren (Matariki Forests), Duncan Mills (Wood Marketing Services), Damita Mita (CNI Wood Council), Perry Empson, Sarah Miller, Paul Dutton, Judy Van Rossen (Waikato Regional Council)

**Meeting commenced at 10.10am with introductions around the room.**

Minutes of the meeting held 7 May 2025

**Resolution 1**

That the minutes of the meeting held 7 May 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved by Sarah Orton

Seconded by Sally Strang

Carried unanimously.

**Action register –**

	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	ESC Review	JE	Underway - Bridget Preston is working with Landcare
2	Send link to WRC website information/update page	NC	Completed
3	Organise a fieldtrip for WRC consent officers and policy staff	AW	Following considerable discussion on how this could occur including - opportunity for WRC staff to spend time in the field to understand the full process over a length of time, from preharvest to planting activities (and everything in between), to be shared across the forestry management companies - Andy Warren to work with Perry Empson in Q1/2026  It was also agreed to form a sub-committee to design a forestry induction process - Andy W, Perry E, Sally S, Jackie E, Sarah O & Duncan M
4	Circulate link to media release of a recent prosecution at Ngutunui	SO	Completed

5	Discuss including SNA criteria with Judy VR into her November meeting presentation	NC	Completed
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#### **#1 Regional Council - Regulatory Updates**

Presentation by Perry Empson, Waikato Regional Council, a copy is attached to the minutes.

#### **#2 Regional Council - Regional Biodiversity Strategy**

Presentation by Judy Van Rossen, Waikato Regional Council, a copy is attached to the minutes.

All ideas & options raised during the presentation were noted down by Judy.

#### **#3 Industry Update - deferred until next meeting**

#### **#4 General discussions included:**

Meeting schedule and appoint next Chair -

Date	Chair/Venue
6 May	Jackie E/Manulife Investment Managers Tokoroa
4 Nov	tbc

**Meeting concluded 12.10pm**

#### **Action Points**

	Action	By	Status
1	Organise a Fieldtrip for WRC consent officers and policy staff - Q1	AW/PE	
2	Design a Forestry Induction Process	AW, PE, SS, JE, SO, DM	
3	Industry discussion - May meeting - Manulife - approach to slash consents - PF Olsen - red zone monitoring	SS SO	