

Meeting record for the Waikato Regional Council – Forestry Liaison Group meeting held on Wednesday 13 November 2024 hosted by Manulife Forest Management Tokoroa

Present – Sally Strang & Karl Boobyer (Manulife Forest Management), Jackie Egan (NZ Forest Mgrs), Elise Hayes (Timberlands), Sarah Orton (PF Olsen), Rafael Moradei (Foresta), Cherie Rangiahua (Whenua Oho), Simon Callaghan (Red Stag Forests), Damita Mita (CNI Wood Council), Perry Empson, Clark McMichael, Naomi Crawford & Taylor Farr (Waikato Regional Council)

Apologies – Chris Craig, Andy Fleming, Andy Warren, Seamus Bardoul, Fraser Toulmin, Michaela Glaspey, Mike Collins, Joseph Collins, John Hornby, Jonathon Lane, Judy Vanrossem, Luke Connor, Sam Stephens, Seamus Bardoul, Eben Herbert, Rueben Hawtree, Colin Maunder.

**Meeting commenced at 10.00am with a cup of tea where introductions were made.**

Minutes of the meeting held 23 April 2024

**Resolution 1**

That the minutes of the meeting held 23 April 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved by Sarah Orton

Seconded Jackie Egan

Carried unanimously.

Action register –

	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.	Where it specified the updated process for reviewing ESC classification	SS	This is in the guidance material (not the regulations). To follow up with Bridget Preston at MPI/TUR
2.	Share anything of interest from the NZ All RC meeting	PE	To be covered in today's presentation.

**#1 Freshwater Policy General Update**

Presented by Taylor Farr & Naomi Crawford, Waikato Regional Council (a copy of the presentation is attached). Additional points noted:

- National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management – WRC awaiting direction from the Court on which parts will be operative. To date there have been no significant changes proposed in the Waikato Regional Plan for forestry – it is likely to remain under the NES-CF regs.

- National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity – the Government has signalled its intent to review the SNA criteria, mainly in response to feedback from farming. This could have implications for forestry.

## **#2 Compliance/ Regulatory Update**

Presented by Perry Empson, Waikato Regional Council (a copy of the presentation is attached).

The committee discussed management of slash. Some companies are seeking consent for slash management under the new rules. Perry noted the main assessment is the stability of the ground where slash is being left.

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## **#3 Wildling Conifer Control**

Presented by Clark McMichael, Waikato Regional Council (a copy is attached). Clark noted:

- WRC is unlikely to have Central Government funding going forward as it has been significantly reduced, and WRC has provided some funding to continue at a reduced rate.
- Coming to grips with the Wildling Conifer situation in Waikato, Taipo and Turangi.
- Using high resolution satellites to identify and quantify issues.

## **#4 General Business**

1. Forestry Environmental Code of Practise – noted that the industry is currently reviewing the Forestry ECOP. FOA has made contact with the Regional Council Forestry Group and will circulate a draft to the group for review and input.
2. Terms of Reference –

### **Resolution 2**

That the Terms of Reference be adopted

Moved by Sarah Orton

Seconded Clark McMichael

Carried unanimously.

Meeting schedule and appoint next Chair -

	Date	Chair/Venue
1	7 May	Sarah Orton/ Manulife Investment Managers Tokoroa
2	5 Nov	

It was noted that a combined meeting may be held with BOP Forestry Liaison Group if there is interest.

**Meeting concluded 12.15pm**

## **Action Points**

	Action	By	Status
1	Process for reviewing ESC classification – follow up with Bridget Preston MPI/TUR to confirm where it specified that Councils can	SS	

	take account of corrections to the ESC (by qualified individuals) without having to go through a formal ESC changes – and circulate it to the group		
2	Planting/replanting notification – determine what is useful to WRC to receive and advise group	PE	
3	Wildling Conifer Control Report – circulate to the group once received	DM	Completed

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