

Minutes of a meeting of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council

Date: 24 September 2025

Time: 11.00am

Venue: Council Chamber
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
159 Dalton Street
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Present: Cr H Ormsby, Chair
Cr W Foley, Deputy Chair
Cr X Harding
Cr T Hokianga
Cr N Kirton
Cr C Lambert
Cr J Mackintosh
M Paku (Māori Committee Co-chair)
Cr D Roadley
Cr S Siers
Cr J van Beek
Cr M Williams

In Attendance: N Peet –Chief Executive
T Munro – Te Pou Whakarae
P O'Connor – Group Manager Corporate Services
K Brunton – Group Manager Policy & Regulation
C Dolley – Group Manager Asset Management
R Wakelin – Group Manager Integrated Catchment Management
C Comber – Chief Financial Officer
L Hooper – Team Leader Governance
M Mitchell – Principal Advisor Biosecurity Biodiversity
M Short – Catchment Management Lead - Biosecurity
J Townshend – Manager Catchment Operations
G Pomeroy – Head of Procurement & Commercial Contracting
S Edmead – Team Leader Consents
A Caseley – Manager Regional Projects / Programme Director IPMO
J Park – Programme Finance and Controls Manager
L McPhail – Manager Recovery (Asset Management)
S Bendall – Project Lead - Traverse Environmental
J Kingsford – Manager Regional Assets
T Petrie – Senior Project Manager

1. Welcome/Karakia/Apologies/Notices

The Chair welcomed everyone and ... opened the meeting with a karakia.

Resolution

RC66/25 That the apologies for absence from Councillor Martin Williams and Tania Hopmans be accepted.

**Ormsby/Siers
CARRIED**

2. Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council meeting held on 27 August 2025

RC67/25 **Resolution**

Minutes of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council meeting held on Wednesday, 27 August 2025, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

**van Beek/Roadley
CARRIED**

4. Public Forum

There were no speakers.

5. Call for minor items not on the Agenda

Recommendations

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council accepts the following *minor items not on the agenda* for discussion as item 16.

Topic	Raised by
Parting comments from councillors not seeking re-election	Crs Xan Harding & Will Foley

6. Biosecurity Annual Report 2024-25 and Operational Plan 2025-26

Richard Wakelin introduced the item and the team of Matt Short, Mark Mitchell and Jolene Townshend, who delivered a presentation (attached).

- An overview was provided, of the Council's biodiversity activities delivered over the 2024-25 financial year and looking ahead to what the programme will deliver in the coming year.
- It was suggested that future reports include the numbers of pests killed.
- Staff provide support by was of advice and traps to community groups wanting to undertake feral cat eradication.
- The Regional Pest Management Plan will be reviewed and updated in 2026.

RC68/25 **Resolutions**

That the Hawke's Bay Regional Council:

1. Receives and considers the *Biosecurity Annual Report 2024-25 and Operational Plan 2025-26* staff report.
2. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that Council can exercise its discretion and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community

or persons likely to have an interest in the decision.

3. Adopts the *Biosecurity Operational Plan 2025-26*.

**Kirton/van Beek
CARRIED**

7. Procurement Policy and Strategy

Graham Pomeroy introduced the item, which was taken as read, noting his satisfaction that the updated Policy and Strategy are best practice, fit for purpose for the Council environment and meet the requirements of the current government direction. Assisted by a presentation (attached), queries and discussions covered:

- Council is required by LGA s14 to have an ethical, planned and prudent procurement policy and it applies to all staff and councillors.
- The new policy is aligned to the Progressive Procurement Supplier Guide's four key focus areas.
- The importance of decision-making through the procurement process being documented to show how and why decisions have been made was stressed.
- The reality is that the regional council plays a part in ensuring the economic viability of the region but is not solely responsible.
- There needs to be a balance of criteria and broader outcomes in addition to price – to ensure the right people with the right skills are engaged to do the right job.
- Suppliers are selected based on a thorough due diligence process which includes assessing their reliability, financial stability, and ability to meet contract requirements.
- Supply panels were discussed, including how they operate and membership; a risk being that those on a panel get a fair share of work.

RC69/25

Resolutions

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council:

1. Receives and considers the *August 2025 Procurement Policy* report.
2. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that Council can exercise its discretion and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community or persons likely to have an interest in the decision.
3. Agrees that the August 2025 procurement policy replaces the September 2020 procurement policy and is subsequently implemented with the incorporation of feedback provided by councillors at today's meeting.

**Roadley/Harding
CARRIED**

8. Delegation changes under the Resource Management (Consenting and other system changes) Amendment Act 2025

Katrina Brunton introduced the item, which was taken as read, and Sophia Edmead, noting that the changes to Council's delegations, largely related to consenting, are required as the result of legislation which requires that the functions are directly delegated by Council to the appropriate staff level.

Part of the larger RM reform package will include further changes to freshwater farm plan requirements and staff will communicate the full suite of changes to landowners once they've all been received. Staff need to have the whole package of reforms before they can assess what's necessary in the way of potential plan changes.

RC70/25

Resolutions

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council:

1. Receives and considers the *Delegation changes under the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Act 2025* staff report.
2. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that Council can exercise its discretion and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community or persons likely to have an interest in the decision.
3. Adopt the changes to the delegations to staff as shown in highlight in *Delegation Changes under Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Act 2025*.

**Harding/van Beek
CARRIED**

9. Reimagining Flood Resilience and 2025-26 Funding

Nic Peet introduced the item, which was taken as read, which seeks Council's approval of additional funding for the Reimagining Flood Resilience project. Louise McPhail noted that the technical support for the community groups is critical to being able to fulfill the independent flood review recommendations.

- Proposals from the community groups will undergo an initial assessment by the TAG for viability before then being put to the Steering Group to agree, or not, that the technical assessment is to be undertaken on the proposal.

RC71/25

Resolutions

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council:

1. Receives and considers the *Reimagining Flood Resilience and 2025-26 Funding* staff report.
2. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that Council can exercise its discretion and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community.
3. Approves additional expenditure of \$0.5 million, to be funded through an internal loan of \$150,000 and \$350,000 from the Heretaunga Rivers operating scheme reserve.
4. Requires regular reporting of expenditure at the project level, including technical assessments made, to Council.

**Kirton/van Beek
CARRIED**

10. Delegation of the Pākōwhai NIWE Project procurement

Andrew Caseley introduced the item, which was taken as read, and noted the criticality of the procurement continuing through the election period to enable work to continue on the Pākōwhai project.

RC72/25

Resolutions

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council:

1. Receives and considers the *Delegation of the Pākōwhai NIWE Project procurement* staff report.
2. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that Council can exercise its discretion and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community or persons likely to have an interest in the decision.
3. Agrees to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to:

- 3.1. Approve the procurement plan for the North Island Weather Events (NIWE) Pākōwhai Project.
- 3.2. Undertake a traditional procurement tender process, to select a preferred tenderer(s) to construct the project works.
- 3.3. Upon successful completion of 3.2, enter into the construction contract(s) to construct the flood mitigation works necessary to deliver the project subject to the cost of the construction falling within the project budget ceiling of \$50m.

**van Beek/Roadley
CARRIED**

11. End of Triennium wrap-up and Interim Delegations to the Chief Executive

Nic Peet introduced the item, which was taken as read, which is required for the interregnum period.

RC73/25

Resolutions

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council:

1. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that Council can exercise its discretion and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community and persons likely to be affected by or to have an interest in the decision.
2. Delegates, for the period between the public notice of the final election result and the inaugural meeting of the new Council on 29 October 2025, all of Council's responsibilities, duties, and powers, for all matters that cannot reasonably wait, except those that cannot be legally delegated, to the Chief Executive.

**Harding/Foley
CARRIED**

12. Affixing of Common Seal

1. The Common Seal of the Council has been affixed to the following documents and signed by the Chair or Deputy Chair and Chief Executive or a Group Manager.

		Seal No.	Date
1.1	Staff Warrants		
	1.1.1 M. Hernandez-Majja <i>(Delegations under Resource Management Act 1991 (Sections 34A(1) and 38(1); Maritime Transport Act 1994 (Section 33G(a); Biosecurity Act 1993 (Sections 103 and 105); Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 (s.86-92) and Local Government Act 2002 (Section 177))</i>	4614	26 August 2025
	1.1.2 H. Campbell <i>(Delegations under Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act 1941; Land Drainage Act 1908</i>	4615	4 September 2025
1.2	Plan Changes		
	1.2.1 <i>Plan Change 7 under the Hawke's Bay Resource Management Plan.</i>	4616	15 September 2025

In response to a query in relation to PC7, Katrina Brunton advised that affixing the seal is an procedural step in the process and Council refusing to affix it would have no practical implications. The Plan Change is already been made operative as per Environment Court decision and that implementation issues are being considered by the Consents team in relation

to addressing consent conditions globally where possible.

RC74/25

Resolutions

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council:

1. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that Council can exercise its discretion and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community or persons likely to have an interest in the decision.
2. Confirms the action to affix the Common Seal.

**Ormsby/Mackintosh
Harding abstained
CARRIED**

17. Wairoa NIWE Projects - Project Alternatives

Resolution

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council excludes the public from this section of the meeting, being Agenda Item 17 Wairoa NIWE Projects - Project Alternatives with the general subject of the item to be considered while the public is excluded. The reasons for passing the resolution and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are:

RC75/25

General subject of the item to be considered	Grounds for the passing of the resolution	Rationale for excluding the public
Wairoa NIWE Projects - Project Alternatives	s7(2)(i) Excluding the public is necessary to enable the local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	The project is subject to ongoing negotiations and tender processes that could be prejudiced by the release of sensitive pricing information.

**van Beek/Hokianga
CARRIED**

18. Strategic Projects - Briefing to the outgoing Council

Resolution

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council excludes the public from this section of the meeting, being Agenda Item 18 – Strategic Projects briefing to the outgoing Council with the general subject of the item to be considered while the public is excluded. The reasons for passing the resolution and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are:

RC76/25

General subject of the item to be considered	Grounds for the passing of the resolution	Rationale for excluding the public
Strategic Projects - Briefing to outgoing council	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) Excluding the public is necessary to prevent the disclosure of information which would unreasonably damage the commercial position of the person or company who supplied or who is the subject of the information.</p> <p>s7(2)(c)(ii) Excluding the public is necessary to prevent disclosure of information which is subject to an obligation of confidence (or which any person has been or could be</p>	The matters being discussed are subject to internal and external legal advice and therefore legally privileged.

compelled to provide) and would damage the public interest.

s7(2)(g) Excluding the public is necessary to prevent disclosure of information that is legally privileged.

s7(2)(i) Excluding the public is necessary to enable the local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

s7(2)(j) Excluding the public is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

2. That Julia Haydon-Carr (Project Manager), Liz Read (Reputation Matters), Chris and James (Simpson Grierson Legal advisors), be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their roles and expertise in the proposed strategic project and its delivery.

**van Beek/Hokianga
CARRIED**

19. Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of the meeting held on 27 August 2025

Resolution

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council excludes the public from this section of the meeting being Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes Agenda Item 19 with the general subject of the item to be considered while the public is excluded. The reasons for passing the resolution and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are:

RC77/25

General subject of the item to be considered	Grounds for the passing of the resolution	Rationale for excluding the public
CE Performance and Remuneration Review / New 2025 - 2026 KPI's	<p>s7(2)(f)(ii) Excluding the public is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs by protecting councillors and/or council employees and contractors/ consultants from improper pressure or harassment</p> <p>s7(2)(a) Excluding the public is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons</p> <p>s7(2)(i) Excluding the public is necessary to enable the local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>Employee performance reviews and salary negotiations are private matters between the employer and employee only.</p> <p>The public interest is served by the CE's salary being declared in the Council's Annual Report each year.</p>

**van Beek/Hokianga
CARRIED**

The meeting went into public excluded session at 12.56 and out of public excluded session at 3.30pm

The meeting adjourned at 3.30pm and reconvened at 3.45pm with Councillor Charles Lambert having left the meeting.

13. Reimagining Flood Resilience Project update

Louise McPhail and Simon Bendall spoke to the update, which was taken as read, noting that to date 67 people have signed up to be on the Community Reference Groups. Women, Māori, Pacifica and under 45s are under represented currently so more targeted invitations are being sent out and councillors are encouraged to forward the information to any suitable people in their communities. Tonkin + Taylor is leading the Community Reference Groups process. The project focus will be on getting the reference groups up and running and then appointing new councillors, as required, to the Steering Groups after the election.

RC78/25

Resolution

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council receives and notes the *Reimagining Flood Resilience project update*.

**van Beek/Siers
CARRIED**

14. IRG Work Programme close-out

Andrew Casely, Jon Kingsford, Thomas Petrie and James Park introduced the item, which was taken as read, and delivered a presentation (**attached**) about the projects delivered.

RC79/25

Resolution

That the Hawke's Bay Regional Council receives and notes the *IRG Work Programme close-out* staff report.

**Foley/van Beek
CARRIED**

15. Update on the North Island Weather Events (NIWE) Flood Resilience Programme

Andrew Casely introduced the item, which was taken as read, and provided a brief overview of the status of the projects.

RC80/25

Resolution

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council receives and notes the *Update on the North Island Weather Events (NIWE) resilience programme* staff report.

**van Beek/Roadley
CARRIED**

16. Discussion of minor items not on the Agenda

The valedictory speeches were deferred given time constraints.

Councillor Xan Harding led a karakia to close the meeting.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 4.42pm on Wednesday, 24 September 2025

Signed as a true and correct record.

Date: by HBRC resolution 8 October 2025

Chair: Hinewai Ormsby



Hawke's Bay Regional Pest Management Plan

Legislative & policy context

	BSA	RMA	LGA/LGRA	Other
National Policy & Statutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Policy Direction ○ National Accords/Register ○ National Strategies ○ National Pest Plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Policy Statements ○ National Environmental Standard (Plantation Forestry) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wild Animal Control Act ○ Wildlife Act ○ Reserves Act ○ Conservation Act
Regional Plans & Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional Pest Management Plans ○ Operational Plan ○ Pathway Plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional Policy Statement ○ Regional Plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Long-term Plan ○ Annual Plan ○ Council Strategies ○ Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Strategy 	
District Plans		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ District Plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Long-term Plan ○ Annual Plan 	



Biosecurity Act - Key requirements

- Collective action must be necessary to achieve an outcome
- Cost Benefit Analysis – net benefit exceeds cost
- Includes qualitative and quantitative values
- Values can be any of Social, Cultural, Economic and Environmental



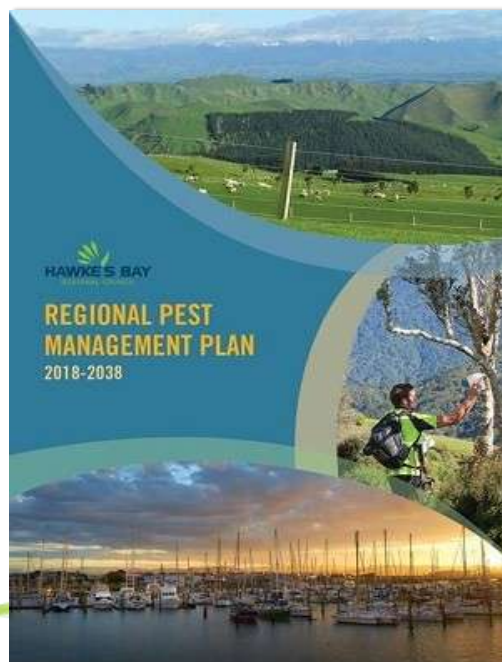
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Regional Pest Management Plan

- Regional Leadership - BSA
- Statutory Requirement - RPMP



Regional Pest Management Plan

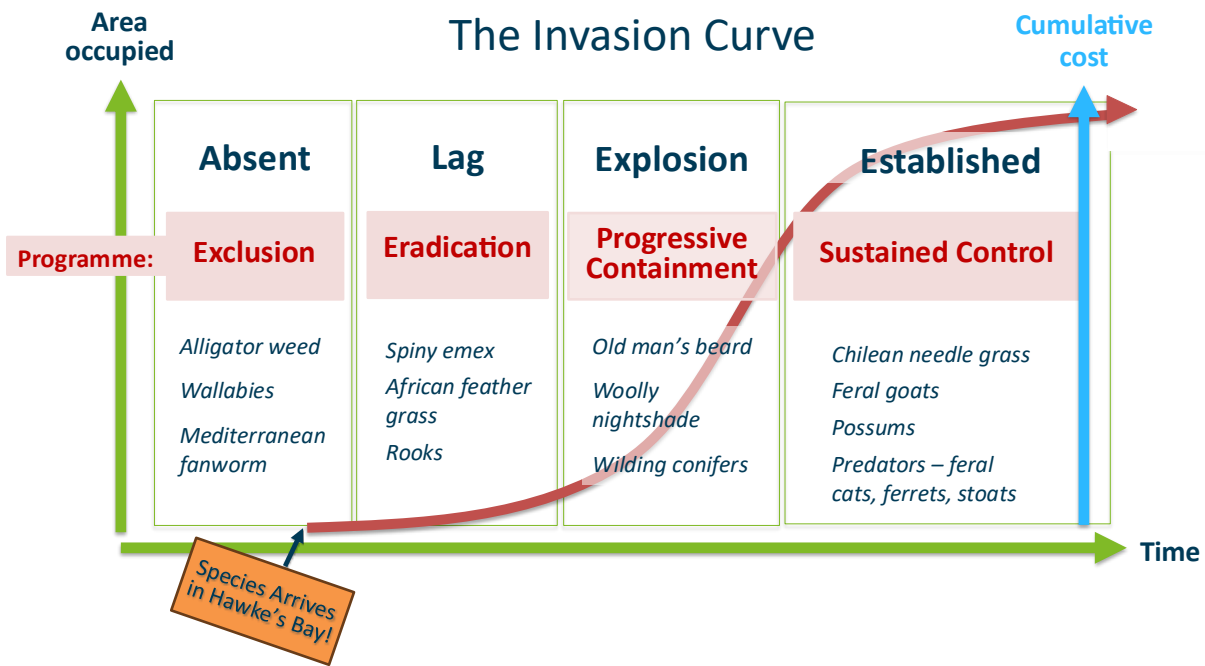
Programmes: Exclusion, Eradication, Progressive Containment, Sustained Control, Site-led



49 declared pests

- 33 plants
- 11 animals
- 2 marine
- 5 phytosanitary

+ 28 organisms are listed as 'organisms of interest'



Marine Pest Surveillance

What we delivered

- 2,560 pest plant visits ↑ 27%
- 189,000 ha monitoring possums (trap catch = 1.3%).
- 273 active rook nests treated
- 2 marine pest incursions found & treated
- Full survey of Inner Harbour



Biocontrol Monitoring

What we delivered

- ✓ Californian green thistle beetle monitoring completed with beetles present at all sites.
- ✓ AgResearch Weed Seeds in River Gravel project
- ✓ 728 goats removed from Mahia and Maungaharuru

What we delivered

Alligator Weed, Lake Whatumā

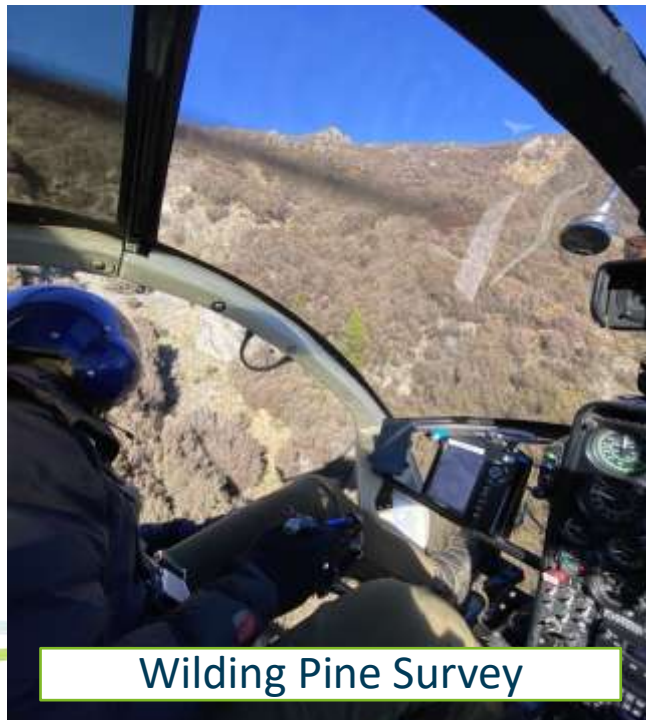
- ✓ 2 aerial operations to control

Old Mans Beard, Wairoa area

- ✓ Multiple aerial operations

Wilding Conifers

- ✓ 18,494 ha surveyed and controlled



Wilding Pine Survey

Who we work with

Mana whenua
Department of Conservation
Landowners
Ministry of Primary Industries
TLAs & other regional/unitary councils
Landcare Research
Fish and Game
AgResearch
Land Information New Zealand
New Zealand Transport Agency
NIWA
Community/Catchment groups
Fish and Game



Skink trapping

Key Challenges

- **Alligator Weed & Senegal Tea**
 - Exclusion to Eradication
- **Chilean needle grass**
 - # of infested properties continues to increase
- **Possum Control Area Programme**
- **Rooks**
 - Continued pressure needs to be applied to the Rook population to maintain a downward trend

Woolly Nightshade Control





Possum Control

Key Challenges

- **10-Year Review:** Regional Pest Mgmt. Plan
- due 2028, statutory requirement
- **Predator Free 2050 Ltd**, disestablished
- **Avian influenza** (Bird flu)



Procurement Strategy & Policy Refresh

September 2025



Delivering value with public funds

- We hold ourselves accountable for how we spend public money.
- We build trust with the supplier market.
- We forecast future spend, keeping the market informed.
- We achieve value for money by considering the whole-of-life cost.





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Our requirements under the Local Government Act*

To:

- Conduct our business in an open, transparent, and democratically accountable manner.
- Undertake commercial transactions in accordance with sound business practices.
- Assess the risks and expected returns.
- Ensure prudent stewardship and efficient and effective use of resources by planning for the future management of our assets.



*Section 14, Local Government Act



Understanding the policy



- It documents the principles and practices that guide procurement decisions.
- It is based on the Government Procurement Charter, Principles, and Rules issued by MBIE and guidance from the Office of the Auditor General.
- It articulates the thresholds to which procurement activity applies.
- It acknowledges the importance of 'right sizing' rather than one size fits all.
- It doesn't apply to HBRC business units providing services to other HBRC business units.



There are 29 policy elements



The policy aligns with the May 2021 Progressive Procurement Supplier Guide.

We want HBRC to be considered by suppliers as a customer of choice.

Our procurement activity is fit for purpose (value, complexity, risk).

Examples of ethical, planned and prudent procurement from the policy

- An open approach to the market is the first choice for any procurement activity (s 1).
- No procurement activity occurs without an approved budget for the expenditure (s 6).
- Contracts are actively managed over the life of the contract (s 14).
- Former employees have a 3 month stand down period (s 16).
- All business units maintain a pipeline of work over \$100k 2 years forward (s 24).



Alignment with HBRC's Progressive Procurement Supplier Guide



Expectations for suppliers to demonstrate

- how they look after the health and wellbeing of their staff
- how they contribute to their local community clubs, schools, marae, social enterprises, through sponsorship, volunteering, or other forms of support
- how they empower and enable more connected communities
- how they provide employment opportunities or progression pathways

Social Wellbeing

– providing equal opportunities so prosperity is shared

Policy alignment

Locally based suppliers meeting all procurement requirements will be preferred (s 10)

HBRC supports purchasing from local suppliers based on the benefits this provides the local community and economy however local suppliers are required to meet all procurement requirements including quality, competency and value for money before they can be considered for procurement opportunities.



Alignment with HBRC's Progressive Procurement Supplier Guide



Expectations for suppliers to demonstrate

- how they engage with mana whenua
- how they recognise Māori cultural heritage
- how they support diversity and inclusion

Cultural Wellbeing

– genuinely partner with Mana Whenua

Policy alignment

HBRC is committed to working with the community it represents (s 11)

HBRC has a partnership with the mana whenua of the Hawke's Bay and are committed to better outcomes by building capability, resilience and opportunity. Suppliers to HBRC are encouraged to identify opportunities to develop small business and mana whenua where practicable.

We recognise that there are occasions where direct engagement of local iwi is appropriate and necessary, and this will be considered as part of the overall procurement activity.



Alignment with HBRC's Progressive Procurement Supplier Guide



Expectations for suppliers to demonstrate

- how many people they employ
- how many of those are Māori and Pasifika, and at what levels of skills and experience
- how they contribute to the upskilling and education of their staff
- how they innovate and contribute towards diversifying the Te Matau-a-Māui Hawke's Bay economy
- how they support local when selecting their own suppliers

Economic Wellbeing

– building a diverse and prosperous economy

Policy alignment

Suppliers are engaged as the result of a robust procurement process (s 12)

Suppliers will be selected based on a thorough due diligence process which includes assessing their reliability, financial stability, and ability to meet contract requirements. Suppliers will be required to demonstrate how they deliver economic benefit to the Hawke's Bay. For example, how they:

- employ workers in the Hawke's Bay
- use Hawke's Bay businesses, including SMEs, regional businesses and Māori and Pacifica businesses* in delivering goods and services, either directly or as a subcontractor or in the supply chain.
- contribute to positive social and cultural outcomes in the Hawke's Bay community.

*A Māori business is a business that is fully or partly owned by a person or people who have Māori whakapapa, and a representative of that business identifies the business as Māori (Stats NZ definition Dec 2023).



Alignment with HBRC's Progressive Procurement Supplier Guide



Expectations for suppliers to demonstrate

- the company's actions in environmental guardianship (kaitiakitanga)
- waste management approaches
- water management
- reducing carbon emissions

Environmental Wellbeing

– preventing and reversing environmental degradation

Policy alignment

Our evaluation process reflects the environment we operate within (s 9)

As a regional council, HBRC has responsibility for the economic viability of the region. This is achieved by managing the use of natural resources including air, water, land, coast, biodiversity, the public transport bus network and support a variety of biodiversity and biosecurity programmes that work to protect and improve forest remnants and wetlands amongst others.

Suppliers are engaged as the result of a robust procurement process (s 12)

Suppliers will be required to demonstrate how they have considered the environmental benefits of the proposed solution.



Infrastructure Reference Group (IRG) Work Programme Close-Out



IRG Work Programme

- In November 2020 as part of the Government's \$3b Covid-19 infrastructure fund, **\$30 M** (incl. co-funding) was secured for HBRC's flood risk and climate resilience programme

Work Programme	Programme Cost	Co-Funding (HBRC)	Funding
1. Heretaunga Plains Flood Control Scheme	Up to \$20,000,000	Up to \$7,200,000	Up to \$12,800,000
1. Wairoa River Scheme – River Parade Scour Protection	Up to \$1,000,000	Up to \$360,000	Up to \$640,000
1. Upper Tukituki Flood Control Scheme – SH50 Bridge	Up to \$1,000,000	Up to \$360,000	Up to \$640,000
1. Upper Tukituki Flood Control Scheme – Gravel Extraction	Up to \$8,000,000	Up to \$2,880,000	Up to \$5,120,000
Crown funding total: up to \$19.2m		Local contribution: \$10.8m	



Work Programme 1: Heretaunga Plains Flood Control Scheme (Levels of Service)

Taradale Stopbank Upgrade

- 2km of stopbank upgraded on the Tutaekuri River
- Section from Redclyffe Bridge to SH50 Bridge
- Upgraded to pre-Gabrielle 1-in-500 year level of service



Taradale Stopbank Upgrade



Ngatarawa Stopbank Upgrade

- 2.5km of stopbank upgraded on the Ngaruroro River
- Upgraded to pre-Gabrielle 1-in-500 year level of service



Ngatarawa Stopbank Upgrade



Stopbank Upgrade Designs

- Following Cyclone Gabrielle a variation was agreed in May 2024 that included a modified programme for Programme 1 – Heretaunga Plains Flood Control Scheme and extended the deadline to 30th June 2025
- Enabling works and designs completed for potential future stopbank upgrades
- Work delivered: geotechnical investigations, detailed engineering designs, and cultural impact assessments
- Programme covered **30km** of existing stopbanks across **9 locations**
- HBRC now hold a significant pipeline of shovel ready projects



Clive River Erosion Protection (Farndon Road)

- Remediating a 250m stretch of the Clive River riverbank at Farndon Road
- Significant erosion and slumping posing risks to nearby infrastructure, including the stopbank
- Rock revetment selected as the most effective form of long-term protection



Clive River Erosion Protection (Farndon Road)

- **5,850 tonnes** of high-density 'AA' weathering-resistant andesite rock being used
- Project currently under construction and progressing well
- Full completion of rock revetment and stopbank reinstatement expected by **October 2025**

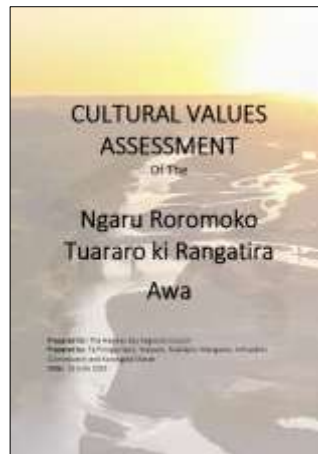


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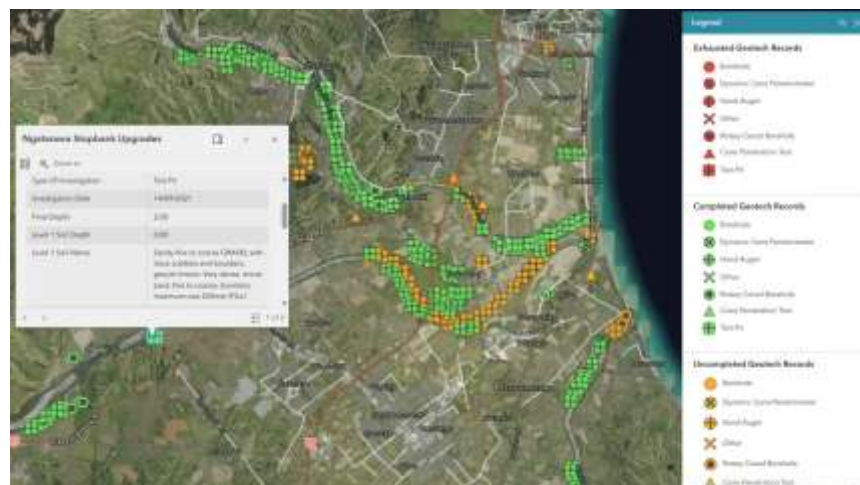
Cultural Values Assessments

- Detailed assessments completed for the full extents of the Ngaruroro Awa and the Tūtaekurī Awa
- Provides a Mana Whenua-led framework for protection, restoration, and governance
- Integrates Mātauranga Māori with modern environmental science to safeguard ecological and cultural integrity
- Designed to be living documents to be the foundation for future work programmes with Mana Whenua

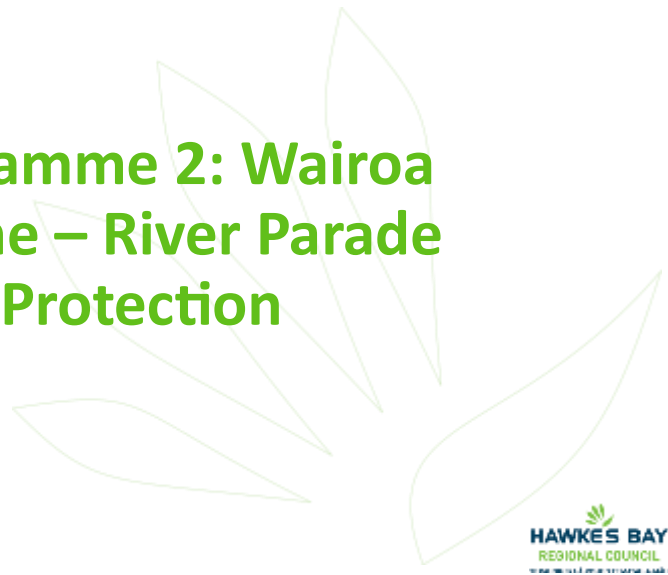


Borrow Catalogue

- GIS tool developed to map the quality and quantity of available borrow material across the Heretaunga Plains Flood Control Scheme
- Includes existing records from the NZ Geotechnical Database supplemented with new investigations to fill data-gaps
- Key tool for planning and delivery of future work programmes



Work Programme 2: Wairoa River Scheme – River Parade Scour Protection



Wairoa River Scheme – River Parade Scour Protection

- 80m of embankment stabilised on the Wairoa River
- Ferry Hotel to SH2 bridge
- Steel sheet pile wall constructed with 12m sheet piles, secured by screw anchors drilled beneath the existing River Parade Road
- Upstream riverbank also planted for further stability and biodiversity



Work Programme 3: Upper Tukituki Flood Control Scheme SH50/Waipawa Erosion



Tukituki Flood Control Scheme SH50/Waipawa Erosion



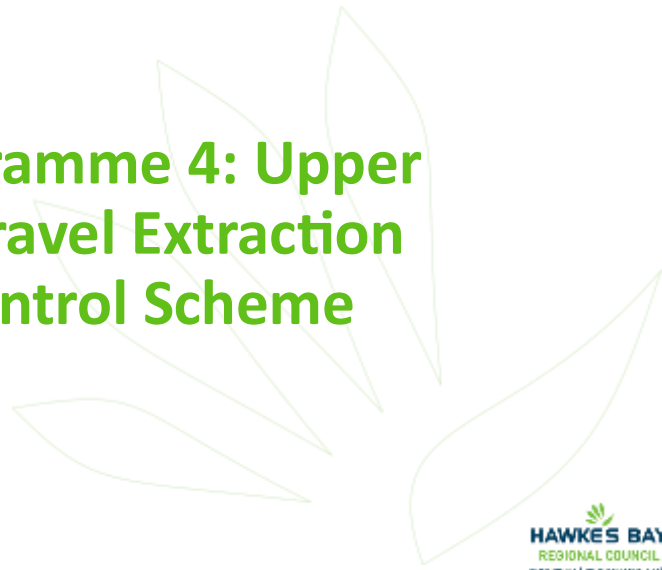
- Project focused on minimising erosion risk upstream of SH50 bridge through engineered design and flow redirection
- River engineering structures installed: rope & rail, akmons, lime boulders to train river flow
- **40,000m³** of riverbed material relocated from high areas to fill depressions, secondary channels, and rebuild embankments
- Terraces created to support future banded dotterel breeding
- Willows and natives planted to reclaim and stabilise riverbanks



Tukituki Flood Control Scheme SH50/Waipawa Erosion



Work Programme 4: Upper Tukituki Gravel Extraction Flood Control Scheme



Upper Tukituki Gravel Extraction Flood Control Scheme

- Programme target already achieved with **878,636m³** extracted over 5 tranches at **\$5.8 M**, well under budget
- **Tranche 6** is the final extraction package, underway and due for completion by **Feb 2026**
- A new haul road to be installed near Waipawa will support current and long-term gravel extraction
- At completion: **\$8 M budget fully expended** and **1,163,636m³** extracted from the Upper Tukituki Scheme

Funding agreement Volumes		m ³ Gravel removal
Original Agreement		800,000m ³
Tranche of works	Contracted	Achieved m ³
Tranche 1	116,700 m ³	101,410
Tranche 2	483,500 m ³	351,453
Tranche 3	334,400 m ³	339,776
Tranche 4	59,000 m ³	55,997
Tranche 5 (Underway)	90,000 m ³	30,000
Achieved to date		878,636
Tranche 6	225,000 m ³	Awarded and underway
Estimated Total Extraction		1,163,636



Upper Tukituki Gravel Extraction





Conclusions

- An overall **underspend of \$5,277,320** was confirmed across the Heretaunga Plains Flood Control Scheme
- Underspend driven by Maraenui Stopbank not proceeding and prudent project management/procurement
- In June 2025, the remaining unspent Kanoa funding of \$5,277,320 was approved to be redirected as NIWE contingency or to offset early design and feasibility costs
- The successful delivery of the IRG Programme has been supported by collaboration across a range of HBRC teams including Asset Management, Engineering, IPMO, Works Group, Gravels Assurance Office, GIS and the Finance Team
- The IRG Programme delivered excellent outcomes, helping to address climate change impacts and significantly improving flood resilience for the region into the future