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Minutes of a meeting of the Climate Action Joint Committee

Date: 9 May 2025

Time: 1:00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
159 Dalton Street
NAPIER

Present: Cr X Harding (HBRC) – Chair
Cr H Browne (NCC) – Deputy Chair
Cr T Aitken (CHBDC) *(online)*
Mayor S Hazlehurst (HDC)
C Huata – Tamatea Pōkai Whenua *(online)*
P Kelly – HBRC Māori Committee representative
Cr H Montaperto-Hendry (HDC)
Cr D Roadley (HBRC)
Mayor A Walker *(online)*

In Attendance: Cr T Kerr (HDC alternate)*(online)*
N Peet – HBRC Chief Executive
A Gibson – HBRC Climate Change Lead Strategic Advisor
T Munro – HBRC Te Pou Whakarae
D Cull – HBRC Manager Strategy & Governance
L Hooper – HBRC Team Leader Governance
D Ferguson – HDC Manager Business Projects Planning & Delivery
D Muggerridge – CHBDC Group Manager Strategic Planning & Development

1. Welcome/Karakia /Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone and Paul Kelly offered a karakia to open the meeting.

Resolution

CAJCC26/25 That the apologies for absence from councillors Annette Brosnan, Juliet Grieg and Hinewai Ormsby, Michelle McIlroy, Roger Maaka and Marei Apatu be accepted.

**Hazlehurst/Browne
CARRIED**

A quorum was not present however the Chair proposed that the presentation of the HB Climate Change Risk Assessment go ahead despite the Committee not being able to formally receive it.

4. Hawke's Bay Climate Change Risk Assessment

The Chair introduced the item, noting the report as a milestone for the region.

Due to concerns about the quorum and staff advice that a Joint Committee member was having technical difficulties joining the meeting online, the meeting adjourned at 1.09pm to allow time to contact members and attempt to establish a quorum.

Cordry Huata joined the meeting online at 1.12pm and the meeting reconvened, a quorum having been established.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Climate Action Joint Committee meeting held on 18 November 2024

CAJCC27/25 Minutes of the Climate Action Joint Committee meeting held on Monday, 18 November 2024, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

**Hazlehurst/Browne
CARRIED**

4. Hawke's Bay Climate Change Risk Assessment

The Chair introduced the item, noting that the assessment report puts the region's councils in a stronger position to be able to build a base for spatial planning with embedded climate risk considerations and support local communities' climate adaptation and resilience kaupapa across the region.

Amberley Gibson, on behalf of the Technical Advisory Group, provided the timeline for developing the report along with a precis of it.

Members' discussions included:

- The feedback from elected representatives who attended the public excluded workshop on 31 March was provided to Urban Intelligence reviewed the feedback and made minor amendments to the report where appropriate; particularly around ensuring accuracy about details at place, conscious use of appropriate language, and clarification of what data was used in the assessment and where it came from.
- It was noted that the region cannot adapt to a changing climate without understanding the risks, and this Climate Change Risk Assessment now forms the basis of our joint understanding of our risks.
- The assessment can be used to inform future decisions on where development is allowed to take place.
- The report is pivotal to next steps to develop regional climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.
- It's important to note that the report sets out clear opportunities for further work at regional and local levels including opportunities to improve climate data, and that as the

data and information improves and changes, and adaptation initiatives to reduce risks are implemented, our risk profile as a region will change.

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Resolutions

That the Climate Action Joint Committee:

1. Receives and considers the *Hawke's Bay Climate Change Risk Assessment* staff report.
2. Receives the independent *Hawke's Bay Climate Change Risk Assessment* technical report produced by Urban Intelligence.
3. Recognises and acknowledges the collaborative effort to deliver a public-facing assessment that forms the first shared evidence base of climate risk for the region.

Hazlehurst/Browne
CARRIED unanimously

That the Climate Action Joint Committee:

4. Shares the key findings and opportunities for further work set out in the *Hawke's Bay Climate Change Risk Assessment* technical report with the five partner councils, our regional PSGEs and Taiwhenua organisations, HB CDEM Group Joint Committee, HB Lifelines organisations, the Regional Planning Committee and central Government partners.
5. Requests that the TAG reports back to the CAJC on options to progress a region-wide climate data investment strategy/roadmap and regional climate change collaboration governance models, considering the roles and responsibilities of Emergency Management and councils by 30 September 2025.
6. Recommends to the five partner councils that they:
 - 6.1. Note the publication of the *Hawke's Bay Climate Change Risk Assessment* technical report.
 - 6.2. Consider the findings and opportunities for further work outlined in the *Hawke's Bay Climate Change Risk Assessment* technical report, including how to integrate climate risk information into decision-making at all levels.
 - 6.3. Commit to providing staff resource and funding for ongoing collaboration on climate action, including allocating budget in the next Long Term Plan to enable a future iteration of the *Hawke's Bay Climate Change Risk Assessment* to be undertaken during the 2027-2037 period.
 - 6.4. Commit to regional collaboration on climate action to continue building climate resilience.
 - 6.5. Commit to processes of continuous improvement to address the impacts of climate change on vulnerable communities including tangata whenua.

Hazlehurst/Kelly
CARRIED unanimously

Paul Kelly offered a karakia to close the meeting.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.03pm on Friday 9 May 2025.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Date:

Chair: