
MINUTES
of the
REGIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT JOINT COMMITTEE
MEETING

held
9:32am - Hearings, Monday, 27 May 2024
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: **Tasman District Council:** Councillors C Butler (Chair), M Kininmonth and Deputy Mayor S Bryant

Nelson City Council: Councillors M Benge (via Zoom), R Sanson (Deputy Chair) and A Stallard

In Attendance: **Tasman District Council:** Special Projects Analyst – Biosecurity (P Sheldon) Team Leader Biosecurity and Biodiversity (G Coleman), Acting Group Manager, IS&T (Rob S) and Democracy Adviser (K McLean)

Nelson City Council: Team Leader Environmental Services (R Frizzell) and Team Leader Biodiversity and Biosecurity (P Cochrane)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Councillor Sanson gave the opening karakia.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Councillor Sanson/Deputy Mayor Bryant
RPMC24-05-3**

That the minutes of the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee meeting held on Friday, 8 December 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Hearings report on the partial review of the Tasman Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-2029

**Moved Councillor Sanson/Councillor Kininmonth
RPMC24-05-4**

That the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee

- 1. receives the Hearings report on the partial review of the Tasman Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-2029 report; and**
- 2. receives and considers all 101 submissions (including the late submission) on the partial review of the Tasman Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-2029 received by 5.00pm 23 March 2024; and**
- 3. notes that an analysis of submissions will be provided for the deliberations meeting.**

CARRIED

Attachment 1 Sue Lindsay - Link

Attachment 2 Sue Lindsay - presentation

Attachment 3 OneFortyone Limited - Tabled Document

Attachment 4 Tasman Pine Forests Limited - Tabled Document

Submissions

Submitter: Gillian Bishop - Waimea Inlet Forum Working Group (19803)

Topic: Feral and Stray Cats

Questions:

- What would the cost impact be for Council and is trapping unpaid? - they had volunteer resources through the Tasman Environmental Trust and once the

areas were identified (and confirmed) they could then look at resourcing to manage the confirmed areas.

- Is Bell Island a new issue? - this was an ongoing issue.

Councillor Bengé joined the meeting via Zoom at 9:37am.

Submitter: Elaine Asquith on behalf of Tasman Environmental Trust (19747)

Topic: Feral and Stray Cats

Questions:

- Are staff aware of The Blue Duck Group? - they were aware of The Blue Duck Group (Farmers for who).
- Has a map been provided to staff and Elected Members of the Motueka catchment? Ms Asquith to circulate a very clear map to officers, for them to then circulate to Elected Members.
- Are you aware that Tasman District Council is investigating a cat Bylaw? - yes.
- Does The Farmers Group have enough resources to access and control the cats? - yes, they would source volunteers and funds would be put in place.
- Funding, do you seek external non Council funding? - yes.

Submitter: Cynthia McConville on behalf of Forest and Bird Golden Bay Branch (Zoom) (19722)

Topic: Feral and Stray Cats

Questions:

- Is your focus the inclusion of the Three Rivers Project with feral cat control? - yes.

Submitter: Sue Lindsay (19506) – Tabled Documents

Topic: Feral and Stray Cats

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10am and reconvened at 10:30am.

Submitter: PJ Kenney (19746)

Topic: Wilding Conifers

Questions:

- Who would be responsible when a tree appears on a neighbouring block? - the forestry company would be responsible.

Submitter: John Longden (19222, 19223)

Topic: Feral and Stray Cats and Wilding Conifers

Questions:

- Are you asking that cats be restricted to the property they reside at that they are impounded if they stray? - they would like to see that it was the owner's problem if their cat strayed.
- Are you aware of the cat bylaw that is currently being investigated? - he was aware of the bylaw.

Submitter: Charmaine Petereit on behalf of Tākaka Hill Biodiversity Group Trust (Zoom) (19775)

Topic: Wilding Conifers

Submitter: Gillian Pollock, on behalf of Forest and Bird (18696)

Topic: Feral and Stray Cats

Questions:

- Are you happy with the areas being considered? - yes and explained that they were supportive of extending the area as cats travel widely and that research has been taken into consideration.

Submitter: Craig Brown, Jo Field, Dan Montgomery and Trish Fordyce on behalf of One Forty One, PF Olsen and Tasman Pine Forests Ltd (19711, 19710, 19709, 19708, 19707, 19706) – tabled documents

Topic: Wilding Conifers

Questions:

The group noted paragraph 24 to its submission had changed as they had received one application of Douglas Fir and wanted to advise the change to the original submission.

- was there a hydrology catchment paragraph? - the report did not include catchments.
- If Douglas Fir was replanted under a Resource Consent, do you know the area and size? - this would not require a Resource Consent but if permitted under other reasons, the area would be Tadmor Valley by Donald Creek and the size would be 15 hectares.
- If Rule B was adopted, would it start from the date that the strategy came into effect? - yes, that's correct, the date was in the proposal document.
- Legacy Wild Pines, if they were deemed an issue who would be responsible to manage them? - It was a complex area and that the legacy situation would need to be worked through and a cost benefit analysis undertaken.
- Proven lineage, is that normal terminology used? – no, it's used in conversations around tree breeding, not a term commonly used.
- Rule B, the change wanted was limited to adjoining land within 200m of the forestry, where does the 200m come from? – It was already part of the existing proposed rule b in the proposal (section 73)

- How long was Douglas seed active for? – they did not know but smaller seeds did not last as long.

Elected Member questions for officers:

Discussion was held around legal advice and it was agreed that officers would seek legal advice/guidance, which would be included in the deliberations report around the below submissions and the changes they proposed:

- Submitter: Craig Brown, Jo Field, Dan Montgomery and Trish Fordyce on behalf of One Forty One, PF Olsen and Tasman Pine Forests Ltd (19711, 19710, 19709, 19708, 19707, 19706)
- Submitter: Gillian Pollock, on behalf of Forest and Bird (18696)
- Submitter: Charmaine Petereit on behalf of Tākaka Hill Biodiversity Group Trust (Zoom) (19775)

Submitter: Elizabeth Bryant (19468, 19706) – did not attend.

Submitter: David Melville on behalf of The Ornithological Society of NZ – Tasman-Nelson region (19748) – did not attend.

Submitter: Waimea Inlet Forum Working Group (19803) – did not attend.

Submitter: Chris Golding on behalf of Department of Conservation (ID n/a) – did not attend.

8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

The meeting concluded at 11:33am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on 11 July 2024.

**Moved Councillor Sanson/Councillor Kininmonth
RPMC24-07-5**

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