

Ordinary Meeting

**To hear submissions on the Council's
draft 2013-2014 Annual Plan**

**Monday 13 May 2013
10.30am**

Taranaki Regional Council, Stratford

Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council, to hear submissions on the Council's draft 2013/2014 Annual Plan, to be held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 13 May 2013 commencing at 10.30am..



Councillors		D N MacLeod	(Chairperson)
		M J Cloke	
		M G Davey	
		P D Horton	
		M A Irving	
		B R Jeffares	
		M P Joyce	
		D L Lean	(Deputy Chairperson)
		R F H Maxwell	
		N W Walker	
		C S Williamson	
Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
		M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
		S R Hall	(Director-Operations)
		G C Severinsen	(Policy and Strategy Manager)
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)

Apologies

Notification of Late Items

Item 1 **Hearing from submitters who wish to be heard in support of their submission on the Taranaki Regional Council's draft 2013/2014 Annual Plan - *A list of submitters who will be speaking to their submissions is on page 1.***

Item 2 **Hearing of submissions on the 2013/2014 Annual Plan**

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Two separate reports to be read in conjunction with Item 2

Submission No.	Organisation/Individual	Represented by	Summary Page No	Time
2	Taranaki Arts Festival Trust	Lisa Ekdahl/Chris Herlihy		10.30 am
6	Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust	Gordon Bailey		10.40 am
8	Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust	Mike Weren Joe Menzies		10.50 am
10	The EnviroSchools Foundation	Rachel Eckersley		11.00 am
11	Heather Robson			11.10 am
15	Jeffrey K Ward			11.20 am
17	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Taranaki)	Harvey Leach Kelly Langton		11.30 am
12	Taranaki Chamber of Commerce	Grant McQuoid Karl Dudley Judith Gilmer		11.40 pm
16	Sarah Roberts			11.50 pm

Agenda Memorandum

Date 13 May 2013



**Memorandum to
Chairperson and Members
Taranaki Regional Council**

**Subject: Hearing of Submissions on the
2013/2014 Annual Plan**

Item: 2

Approved by: M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services
B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

Document: 1188733

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to introduce the submissions on the *2013/2014 Annual Plan*, hear those submitters who wish to speak to their written submission and to recommend any changes to the *Plan*.

Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives and acknowledges with thanks the submissions forwarded in response to the *2013/2014 Annual Plan Statement of Proposal*
2. adopts the recommendations contained within the attached officer's report and, as a result of submissions, amends the *2013/2014 Annual Plan Statement of Proposal* appropriately
3. adopts, subject to any changes to the Funding impact Statement in relation to South Taranaki uniform annual general charges, the amended *2013/2014 Annual Plan* and estimates.

Background

Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2002*, the Council has prepared its *2013/2014 Annual Plan Statement of Proposal*. This document is required to go through a public consultation process pursuant to section 83 of the *Local Government Act 2002*.

Discussion

The *2013/2014 Annual Plan Statement of Proposal* was adopted on 5 March 2013 and publicly notified as being available for submissions on 16 March 2013. The submissions closed on 19 April 2013.

A total of 18 submissions have been received. A schedule of those submitters who wish to present their submissions is attached to this memorandum.

A summary of each of the issues raised in the submissions is separately attached. The summary includes officer's comments and any amendment recommendations. A copy of each of the submissions is also separately attached.

The process at this meeting is to hear all those submitters who wish to present their submission, to consider and make recommendations on all of the submissions and finally, to adopt the amended *2013/2014 Annual Plan*. It is proposed to set the rates for 2013/2014 at the 2 July 2013 Ordinary Meeting.

South Taranaki District Council is consulting, through their *2013/2014 Annual Plan*, on changes to the way in which it applies its uniform annual general charge. This, if implemented, would impact on the way in which they charge and collect the Council's rates collected in South Taranaki. The change will not alter the amount of rates collected in South Taranaki; rather, it will impact upon the incidence of rates in South Taranaki. The Council aligns its rating policies with the three district council to ensure ease of collection and to minimise the cost and inconvenience of having two different rating systems in one district. Therefore, the Council will align its rating policy with the collecting authority. If the changes go ahead, they will impact on the Council's Funding Impact Statement. It is proposed to make any changes to the Funding Impact Statement after South Taranaki District Council has adopted its Annual Plan. Rates will then be set at the Council's meeting on 2 July 2013. This is a procedural matter that has no financial impact on the Council but does have timing and alignment implications.

Decision-making considerations

Part 6 (Planning, decision-making and accountability) of the *Local Government Act 2002* has been considered and documented in the preparation of this agenda item. The recommendations made in this item comply with the decision-making obligations of the *Act*.

Financial considerations—LTP/Annual plan

This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted *Long-Term Plan* and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Policy considerations

This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the *Local Government Act 2002*, the *Resource Management Act 1991* and the *Biosecurity Act 1993*.

Legal considerations

This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.

Appendices/Attachments – separate reports

Document 1194021: Officer's Report on the *2013/2014 Annual Plan Statement of Proposal* Submissions

Document 1191906: Submissions received on the *2013/2014 Annual Plan Statement of Proposal*

Agenda reports

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[Summary of Submissions and Officers' Recommendations](#) (260 KB)