



## **Council MINUTES**

**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otago Regional Council  
held in the Council Chamber, Philip Laing House, Dunedin  
on Thursday 24 November at 4:00pm**

### **PRESENT**

Cr Gretchen Robertson *(Chairperson)*  
Cr Lloyd McCall *(Deputy Chairperson)*  
Cr Alexa Forbes  
Cr Gary Kelliher  
Cr Michael Laws  
Cr Kevin Malcolm  
Cr Tim Mephram  
Cr Andrew Noone  
Cr Bryan Scott  
Cr Alan Somerville  
Cr Elliot Weir  
Cr Kate Wilson

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Chairperson Robertson welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 4:01 pm. Staff present included Dianne Railton (Governance Support), and present online were Anita Dawe (GM Policy and Science), Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture and Customer), and Tom Dyer (Manager Science).

## 1. APOLOGIES

**Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Robertson Seconded:**

*That the apology for Cr McCall, and the apology for lateness from Cr Forbes be accepted.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as published.

## 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

*Cr Forbes joined the meeting at 4:04pm*

## 4. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

### 4.1. Submission to the Freshwater parts of the proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement

The paper was provided for Council to consider lodging a submission on the Freshwater Parts of the proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement (pORPS). Anita Dawe (GM Policy and Science) and Tom Dywer (Manager Science) were present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Ms Dawe informed Council of modelling being done which show two narrow scenarios, indicating that the 2030 timeframes are unlikely to be met. She said that it is important to acknowledge that a hearings panel might ask for more than just GMP and GMP+, and this could mean we get there by 2030.

Cr Somerville questioned the wording paragraph [8]a. which says *'the freshwater visions for the Catlins FMU and the Upper Lakes rohe are anticipated to be achieved by 2030.'* Ms Dawe confirmed that was an error and [8]a. should read *'the freshwater visions for the Catlins FMU and the Upper Lakes rohe are **not** anticipated to be achieved by 2030.'*

Cr Scott asked for clarification of what the targets actually mean. Ms Dawe replied that the NPS says in Clause 3.3.1 every regional council must develop long term vision, and Clause 3.3.2.b says they must set goals that are ambitious but reasonable, that is difficult to achieve but not impossible, and identify a timeframe to achieve those goals that are both ambitious and reasonable, giving an example of 30 years. Ms Dawe also spoke to the staff recommendations outlined in the report for lodging a submission, also providing an overview of the modelling.

Cr Noone said that Council is alerting the decision-makers that we are under pressure, and unlikely to make the timeframe.

Cr Malcolm highlighted the extreme pressure on the Science Team at the moment and wanted to ensure that staff are not being overly stressed.

**Resolution CM22-286: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Malcolm Seconded**

*That the Council:*

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Notes** the main points to be considered for a submission.
- 3) **Agrees** to lodge a submission around the points made in paragraph 8, with the wording changed in paragraph 8.a.

4) **Authorises** any submission to be approved by the Chair, under delegated authority, and lodged by 29 November 2022.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 5. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Resolution: Cr Malcolm Moved, Cr Noone Seconded:**

*That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, (pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987) namely: 1.1 Chief Executive Recruitment - Next Steps, and that Mr Doug Craig (Consultant from RDC Group) remain in the meeting, as he is assisting Council with the Chief Executive recruitment process.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, 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 as follows:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
<i>1.1 Chief Executive Recruitment – Next Steps</i>	<b>Section 7(2)(a)</b> - To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.	Subject to subsection (3), a local authority may by resolution exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on 1 or more of the following grounds: (a) that the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

This resolution is made in reliance on [section 48\(1\)\(a\)](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by [section 6](#) or [section 7](#) of that Act or [section 6](#) or [section 7](#) or [section 9](#) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are shown above.

## 6. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chairperson Robertson declared the meeting closed at 4:26pm.



Chairperson

7 December 2022

Date