

Board Members

**Land Use Futures Board**



**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that a meeting of the **Land Use Futures Board** will be held in Committee Meeting Room 2 at Rotorua District Council, 1061 Haupapa Street, Rotorua on:

**Wednesday, 10 February 2010**

**commencing at 10.00 am**



# Terms of Reference

## Land Use Futures Board

- 1 The primary purpose of the Board is to give leadership to and advise on implementing sustainable land use management and change in the Rotorua Lakes Catchments that will achieve the land based component of nutrient reduction targets defined through the various action plans.
- 2 Sustainability includes the economic, social, cultural and environmental wellbeing of the community.
- 3 The primary reporting relationship of the Board shall be to the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group (RTALSG). In addition to reporting to the RTALSC, the Board will also give updates on target achievement to the appropriate action plan working parties. Dependent on the actions recommended, they may need to be further considered separately by the organisations that make up the RTALSG.
- 4 Reporting will be through the Manager Land Resources (Rotorua) who will ensure appropriate administrative services are available to the Board.
- 5 The Board shall consider and advise on:
  - The development and regular review of an implementation plan to achieve reduced nutrient loss from land use activity. The initial plan to be prepared by March 2008 outlining mitigation options and timing.
  - Relevant nutrient mitigation research, both current work and potential i.e. gap analysis.
  - Evaluate and recommend land management options, including incentives that may assist in achieving land use management change.
  - Actual or potential impediments to achieving nutrient reduction targets, including planning regimes implemented by the Regional and District Council.
  - Advise on the development of a Communication Plan to communicate with and receive feedback from the range of landowners. Environment Bay of Plenty and Rotorua District Council will support and integrate the Plan into its overall programme for the Protection and Restoration of the Rotorua Lakes.
  - Advise on the development of regulations and Statutory Planning Policy of Environment Bay of Plenty and Rotorua District Council including possible changes to these regimes.
  - Any other matters that the Board considers necessary to achieve nutrient reduction targets in a sustainable manner.
- 6 The Board shall not engage consultants to carry out research or otherwise enter into financial or contractual commitments with other parties. Recommendations that require funding, including research, will need to go through normal approval and funding channels of the respective councils.
- 7 The Land Use Technical Advisory Group will be a source of technical advice. The Board may request other advice or invite third parties to attend its meetings, subject to the constraints in 4 of these Terms of Reference.

- 8 The Board shall elect its own chairperson, meet regularly (not less than quarterly), keep accurate meeting records and present an annual report to the RTALSG.
- 9 The Board shall endeavour to operate by consensus.
- 10 The initial appointment is for a period of 3 years upon when time members can be nominated.
- 11 Board may establish sub-committees which may include external members to address specific topics.

# Land Use Futures Board

## Board Membership

<b>Chairman:</b>	R Vallance (Vallance Consulting Ltd.)
<b>Members:</b>	P Guerin (Rotorua District Council) J Ford (Sheep Farmer Representative) R Mihinui (Te Arawa Lakes) P Nelson (DairyNZ) C Sutton (Dairy Farmer Representative) K Richards (Forestry Representative) N Heather (Sheep Farmer Representative) Dr N Edgar (NZ Landcare Trust) J Chan (Meat and Wool New Zealand) T Walters (Te Arawa FOMA) S Morrison (Dairy Farmer Representative) T Ngatai (Office of the Maori Trustee) W Murray (Environment Bay of Plenty) B Cleghorn (Lifestyle Representative)
<b>Secretary:</b>	Jenny Clarke

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## Agenda

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4	<b>General Business and Tabled Items (10.25 am – 10.30 am)</b>	
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**Lunch served at 12.00 pm**

**Consideration of General Business Items**

## Land Use Futures Board

Rotorua District Council – Committee Room 1  
1061 Haupapa Street, Rotorua

**10.10 am, 9 December 2009**

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**Chair:** Bill Cleghorn (Lifestyle Representative)

**Members:** Roku Mihinui (Te Arawa Lakes); Kit Richards (Forestry Representative, arrived 10.20 am); Neil Heather (Sheep Farmer Representative); Tina Ngatai (Office of the Maori Trustee, arrived 10.15 am); Warwick Murray (Environment Bay of Plenty); Stuart Morrison (Dairy Farmer); John Ford (Sheep Farmer Representative)

**In Attendance:** Nigel Wharton (Rotorua District Council); Anna Heap (absent 11.10 – 11.40 am), Andy Bruere (10.20 – 10.40 am), Penny MacCormick (10.20 – 10.40 am), John Paterson (10.20 – 10.40 am), Greg Corbett (Environment Bay of Plenty); Monica Peters (NZ Landcare Trust); Mike Bramley (on behalf Penny Nelson, DairyNZ); Jenny Clarke (Minutes Secretary) (Environment Bay of Plenty); Tony Fenton (Consultant)

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Item	Discussion/Decision	Action	Responsibility/ Timeframe
<b>1. Apologies and administration</b>	Richard Vallance (Vallance Consulting Ltd.); Tom Walters (Te Arawa FOMA); Nick Edgar (NZ Landcare Trust); Peter Guerin (Rotorua District Council)	<b>Receives the apologies</b>	<b>Warwick/John (CARRIED)</b>
	Board requested to grant Rick leave of absence due to illness	<b>Board grants Rick leave of absence</b>	<b>Neil/John (CARRIED)</b>
	Call for nominations for an acting Chair in Rick Vallance's absence.	<b>Nomination of Bill Cleghorn by Neil</b>	<b>Neil/Warwick (CARRIED)</b>
	It was suggested to send Rick and family a card/flowers on behalf of the LUF Board	<b>1. Send card and flowers to Rick and family</b>	<b>Bill C/Jenny</b>
<b>2. Confirmation of minutes from last meeting</b>	Confirmation of minutes from 11 November 2009	<b>Accepts the minutes</b>	<b>Neil/Mike (CARRIED)</b>

<b>3. Matters arising from previous minutes</b>	<b>Action point feedback from previous meeting:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide clarification of phosphorus reduction targets for Rotorua catchment (Andy/Anna) – 6 tonnes from rural landowners, 4 tonnes from other sources</li> <li>2. Present paper to Board about issues/options on allocations mechanisms (Warwick) – Tony presented a paper on nutrient allocations (refer Item 8)</li> <li>3. Provide more information on timeline for RPS and Rule 11 review (Warwick) – Anna provided update, draft RPS out in early 2010, then pre-RMA consultation open for 2-3 months, the RMA draft will be out later in 2010. Further timeline details are available on <a href="http://www.envbop.govt.nz/Knowledge-Centre/The-Next-Regional-Policy-Statement.aspx">http://www.envbop.govt.nz/Knowledge-Centre/The-Next-Regional-Policy-Statement.aspx</a> The Rule 11 review was put up to the Policy and Planning Committee, who chose to develop policy through the RPS.</li> <li>4. Discuss and arrange site visit for members to view Māori land use initiatives (Greg/Rick) – it was decided to arrange this visit in the new year to allow more members to participate. A new date was set, the morning of 3 February 2010.</li> </ol>	<p><b>2. Invite EBOP planners Martin/Nassah to present Draft RPS</b></p> <p><b>3. Circulate draft RPS when available in new year</b></p> <p><b>4. Arrange site visit for members to view Māori land use initiatives (3 February 2010)</b></p>	<p><b>Anna</b></p> <p><b>Anna</b></p> <p><b>Greg/Tina N</b></p>
<b>4. General business and tabled items</b>	<b>Items for General business:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Request for appointment of Barnett Vercoe (Greg)</li> <li>2. Update on Dairy Position Paper (Neil)</li> </ol>		
<b>5. Meeting dates for 2010</b>	<p>The following dates were agreed on for Board meetings in 2010:</p> <p>10 February 2010  10 March 2010  14 April 2010  12 May 2010  9 June 2010  14 July 2010  4 August 2010 (note 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month)  8 September 2010  13 October 2010  10 November 2010  8 December 2010</p>	<p><b>Adopted Board meeting schedule for 2010</b></p>	

<b>6. Meat &amp; Wool representative position</b>	<p>Greg informed that as Jessie Chan is no longer on the Board, the Meat &amp; Wool position is currently vacant. A suggestion was made to have a local consultant (eg. Lee Matheson). It was decided to address this again in the new year.</p>	<b>5. Discuss replacement for Meat &amp; Wool vacancy at February meeting</b>	<b>Greg</b>
<b>7. Nutrient Benchmarking in Rotorua Lakes</b>	<p>Penny MacCormick and John Paterson spoke to their presentation “Nutrient Benchmarking in Rotorua Lakes” (zA15918). An overview was given of Rule 11 and the nutrient benchmarking process for the Rotorua lakes area. Benchmarking has been completed for the Ōkaro, Ōkāreka and Rotoehu catchments.</p> <p>Andy Bruere gave an update of benchmarking. A question was asked regarding Rule 11 and information available on council property files. It was advised that this would be discussed with RDC. There was a discussion on environmental works programs, nutrient reductions and groundwater modelling.</p> <p>More detailed information on Rule 11 benchmarking is available by contacting Penny at EBOP</p>	<b>6. Discuss inclusion of Rule 11 information in property files with RDC</b>	<b>Andy</b>
<b>8. Nutrient allocations paper</b>	<p>Tony spoke to his paper “Options for the Allocation of Nutrients Discharge Rights” (A388479). Different methods for nutrient allocation were explained and discussed, eg. Grandparenting, averaging, sector averaging, land use capability</p> <p>There was a discussion on grandparenting; concern was expressed that there is no current clause to account for undeveloped or under-utilised land, particularly for Māori or forestry.</p>		
<b>9. Facilitated workshop – Developing a Board Strategy Plan</b>  <b>LUNCH</b>	<p>Workshop facilitated by Tony Fenton (11.00 am – 2.00 pm). Final discussion and review of the Position Paper.</p> <p>There was a discussion on prescribing rights and responsibilities, eg. Do beneficiaries pay, do polluters pay?</p>	<b>7. Adopt position paper and place it before RTALSG in February 2010</b>	<b>Tina/Kit CARRIED</b>

<p><b>Consideration of General Business Items</b></p>	<p>1. Update on Barnett Vercoe nomination (Greg) – the nomination paper was not presented to the RTALSG in November due to an administration error, but will be presented in the February agenda</p> <p>It was agreed that Barnett be invited to sit in on meetings in the mean time until sorted.</p> <p>2. An update on the Dairy position paper was given by Neil Heather, negotiations with EBOP are in progress</p>		
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Meeting finished at 1.50 pm

## Agenda Item 6 – Board membership vacancies

### **DairyNZ representative position**

Penny Nelson has resigned from the LUF Board and would like to nominate Mike Bramley as her replacement.

**Meat & Wool NZ** – direction required on this position

**Chairman** – direction required on Rick Vallance's vacancy

## Agenda Item 7 – RPS Planning update

The Board has invited Environment Bay of Plenty to give a presentation on the next Regional Policy Statement (RPS). Several members of the staff team who have been preparing a draft RPS will be in attendance to lead the Board through those draft elements of particular relevance to it. Over the last year, a subcommittee of the Policy and Planning Committee has been overseeing the preparation of the next RPS. On 15 December 2009, the Regional Council decided to release a draft for comment. The Draft Next RPS was released at the beginning of February and **comments on it are sought by 1 April 2010**. Comments will inform the preparation of a proposed RPS which is expected to be released for formal submission later this year.

The RPS is part of the framework of policy and regulation established under the Resource Management Act 1991. The RPS takes its lead from national policy statements and, in turn, provides direction to regional and district plans. While the RPS itself can not contain rules, regional and district plans (which do have rules) must give effect to the RPS. The Draft Next RPS proposes to give direction to the Regional Water and Land Plan and the Rotorua District Plan. The Draft Next RPS is available on [www.envbop.govt.nz](http://www.envbop.govt.nz).