



# SUSTAINABLE NAPIER COMMITTEE

## Open Minutes

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Meeting Date: Thursday 6 April 2023

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Time: 9.30am – 10.09am

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Venue Large Exhibition Hall  
War Memorial Centre  
Marine Parade  
Napier

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*Livestreamed via Council's Facebook page*

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Present Councillor Price (In the Chair), Mayor Wise, Deputy Mayor Brosnan, Councillors Boag, Browne, Chrystal, Crown, Greig, Mawson, McGrath, Simpson, Tareha and Taylor

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In Attendance Chief Executive (Louise Miller)  
Acting Executive Director Infrastructure Services (Russell Bond)  
Deputy Chief Executive / Executive Director Corporate Services (Jessica Ellerm)  
Acting Executive Director City Strategy (Darran Gillies)  
Executive Director Community Services (Thunes Cloete)  
Acting Director Programme Delivery (Jamie Goodsir)  
Pou Whakarae (Mōrehu Te Tomo)  
Recovery Programme Manager (Richard Munneke)  
Acting Manager Water Strategy (Phil Kelson)  
Acting Manager Regulatory Solutions (Luke Johnson)  
Resource Consents Planner (Briar Smith)  
Manager Governance (Andrew Springett)

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Administration Governance Advisors (Anna Eady and Carolyn Hunt)

### **Karakia**

The Committee opened with a karakia

### **Apologies**

Nil

### **Conflicts of interest**

Nil

### **Public forum**

Nil

### **Announcements by the Mayor**

Black and white Cyclone Gabrielle fundraising event is today. The Mayor acknowledged the amount of support given from around the country towards the Cyclone recovery.

### **Announcements by the Chairperson**

Nil

### **Announcements by the management**

Notification that after 24 hours of testing, Council Officers have got the milliscreens at the Waste Water Treatment Plant operating again.

### **Confirmation of minutes**

Nil

# AGENDA ITEMS

## 1. REPORT ON NAPIER WATER SUPPLY STATUS FOR PERIOD 1 APRIL TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

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<i>Type of Report:</i>	Operational
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1635039
<i>Reporting Officer/s &amp; Unit:</i>	Anze Lencek, Water Quality Lead

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### 1.1 Purpose of Report

This report is an information only report and there is no decision of Council required.

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#### At the meeting

The Acting Manager Water Strategy spoke to the report noting two updates since the report was published.

- The A1 bore was inundated during Cyclone Gabrielle and is not operable at the moment as a result of water flooding the electrical control system.
- Taumata Arowai had previously indicated Napier City Council (NCC) could apply for an exemption to the chlorine contact time required for drinking water bacterial compliance under the Drinking Water Standards. More recently they have unofficially indicated they will not be granting any exemptions to the 30 minute chlorine contact rule. The Taradale bores feed directly into the network and do not have chlorine contact before entering households.

In response to questions from the Committee it was clarified:

- There is a planned project for a rising water main to the Taradale reservoirs and this will enable 30 minutes chlorine contact for the Taradale drinking water. The Matāruahou drinking water reservoir will provide the same for Awatoto drinking water.
  - If the Ministry of Health required NCC to fluoridate the drinking water now it has been costed at \$10 million. If this is not required until the treatment plants have been installed, as part of the water master plan, it will cost \$2.5 million.
  - The Water Safety Plan identifies how NCC will meet the new Drinking Water Standards and maintain safe drinking water until the required capital works can be completed. Part of that Plan is increased bacterial monitoring of the water supply.
  - Bore security refers to protozoal requirements. Napier's bores meet the legislated protozoal requirements but will not meet the bacterial requirements. The need for increased UV treatment in the future is identified in NCC's Water Safety Plan.
  - The timeline for capital works on the drinking water network has been communicated to Taumata Arowai and they are satisfied with it.
  - Taumata Arowai are processing a number of applications for chlorine exemptions; indications are they are not granting any. NCC does not have any guidance as yet on what a chlorine-free network would entail. Under legislation applications can be made
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for a chlorine-free network but there is no guidance from Taumata Arowai about how to apply for this, or what is required in an application.

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**COMMITTEE** Councillor Browne / RC Chrystal  
**RESOLUTION**

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The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- a. **Endorse** the Report on Napier Water Supply Status for period 1 April to 31 December 2022.

**ACTION:** Council Officers to write to Taumata Arowai to clarify when guidance on submitting an application for a drinking water chlorine exemption will be available to councils.

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## 2. CAPITAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY

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*Type of Report:* Information

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*Legal Reference:* N/A

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*Document ID:* 1630056

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*Reporting Officer/s & Unit:* Jamie Goodsir, Acting Director Programme Delivery

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### 1.1 Purpose of Report

To provide Council with information on the FY22/23 Capital Programme and initiatives underway to improve Capital Programme Delivery.

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#### At the meeting

The Acting Director Programme Delivery spoke to the report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (*attached*). In response to questions from the Committee it was clarified:

- Despite Cyclone Gabrielle current tenders are scoped accurately and are proceeding as planned.
  - The Veronica Sunbay project could have some safety issues associated with it due to it being in a high foot-traffic area. If restricted access to the area becomes necessary that will be put in place.
  - The Project Manager for the War Memorial restoration project has flagged that the budget may not be sufficient for completion. This is not a project budget overrun, but rather the budget was set too early, before the final drawings had been completed.
  - Once the War Memorial project has been completed there are no plans to move any of the current ANZAC memorial services to this location. It may be that a smaller additional service is held there, but there are no confirmed plans at this stage.
  - The Ocean Spa upgrade project has continued as planned, despite Cyclone Gabrielle.
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**COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION**

Mayor Wise / Councillor Boag

The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- a. **Receive** the report titled “Capital Programme Delivery”.

**ACTIONS:**

- Officers to report on the Puketitiri Road safety improvement project at the next Sustainable Napier Committee meeting, especially in regards to the stormwater solution.
- Officers to report back on the Veronica Sunbay project, especially in regards to public safety.
- Officers to report back on any additional shade being installed as part of the Ocean Spa upgrade project.

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**Attachments**

- A. 2023 04 06 Project update photos.pdf

**3. WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT RECOMMISSIONING UPDATE**

Type of Report:	Operational
Legal Reference:	N/A
Document ID:	1643933
Reporting Officer/s & Unit:	Philip Kelsen, Acting Manager Water Strategy

**3.1 Purpose of Report**

Provide a brief update on progress of the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Recommissioning project.

*Councillor Taylor left the meeting at 10.01am*

**At the meeting**

The Acting Manager Water Strategy spoke to the report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (*attached*), noting there is a lot of work to be done yet, especially on the Biological Trickling Filters. In light of the flooding, resilience of the equipment at the WWTP will be considered during any renewals. In response to questions from the Committee it was clarified:

- Today is the first day trade waste discharge has been allowed since Cyclone Gabrielle. There has been significant impact on industry across Napier. However there has been a significant amount of innovative methods used to decrease water use and decrease waste production which has shown there can be improvements made across industry in these areas.

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- The Recovery Programme Manager is looking for ways to increase resilience of critical infrastructure, in consultation with industry across Napier, and how NCC can provide protection for the Awatoto industrial area.
  - Conversations with the insurance company about the WWTP clean-up started at the beginning of the project. NCC is not at any risk of breaching the terms of its insurance contract. Future funding may be sought to increase the resilience of the WWTP.

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**COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION**

Councillors Crown / Mawson

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The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- a. Receive the Report Waste Water Treatment Plant Recommissioning Update.

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**Attachments**

- B. 2023-04-05\_Awatoto WWTP Progress.pdf
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*The meeting closed at 10.09am*

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Approved and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairperson .....

Date of approval .....