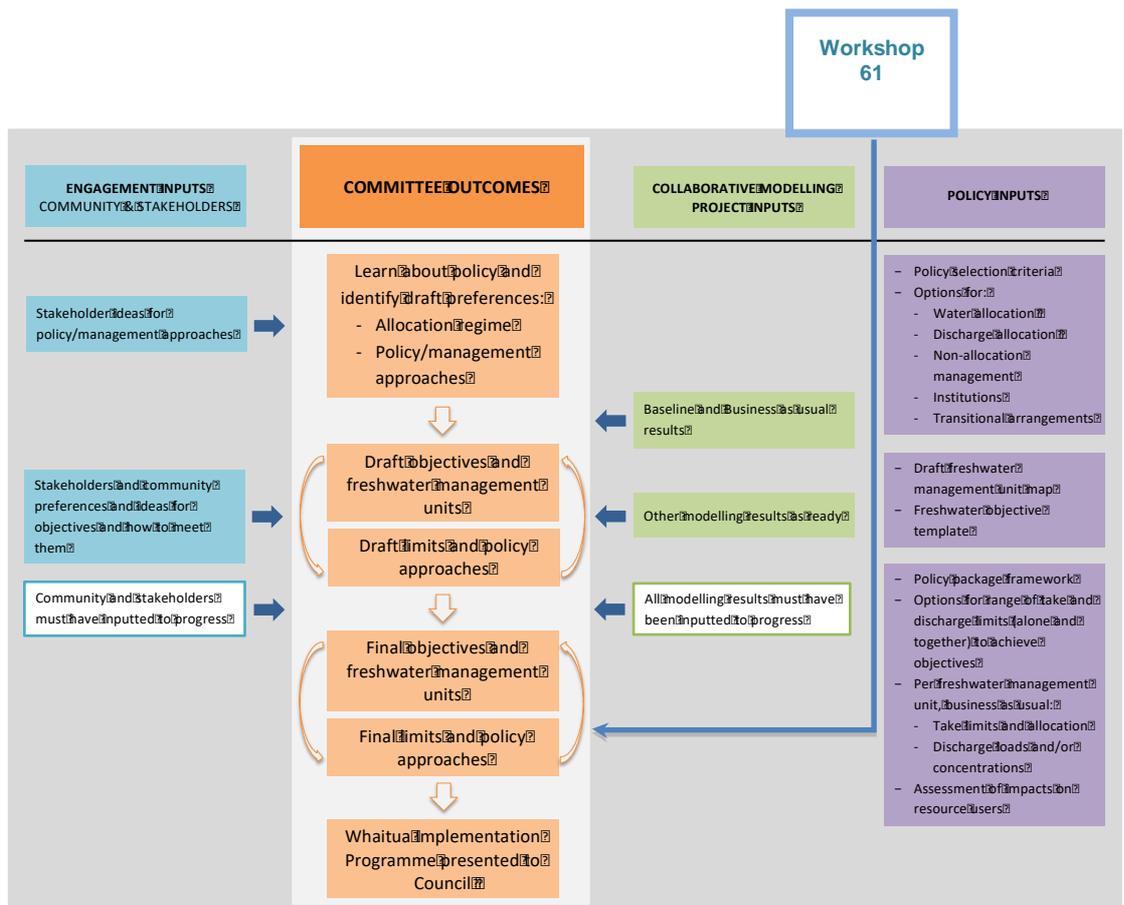


Meeting Notes: Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee

Deliberations Phase 3 – Workshop 61

Monday 23 April 2018, 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Sport Wellington, Wairarapa Office, Masterton



Summary This report summarises notes from a workshop of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee held 12:00pm to 6:00pm on Monday 23 April 2018 at the Sport Wellington Office in Masterton.

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A Workshop Attendees

Workshop Attendees

RW Committee:

Mike Ashby, Aidan Bichan, Esther Dijkstra, Andy Duncan, Peter Gawith, Russell Kawana, Chris Laidlaw, Colin Olds, Phil Palmer, Ra Smith, David Holmes, Mike Birch.

Apologies:

Rebecca Fox, Vanessa Tipoki.

Greater Wellington Project Team:

Alastair Smaill, Natasha Tomic, Kat Banyard, Mike Grace, Hayley Vujcich, Caroline Watson.

B Workshop Purpose and Agenda

Purposes

The purposes were:

1. Mana whenua reflection.
2. Confirm approach and planning for stakeholder engagement workshop and community meetings.
3. Review draft of the WIP chapter (1st half for gaps and issues and then resolve them.)

Purposes 1, 2 and 3 were met.

Agenda

The agenda is detailed in the table below.

Time	Task
12:00 – 12:10PM	Welcome, karakia and purposes of meeting
12:10 – 12:40PM	Reflection on mana whenua hui from 14 April
12:40 – 1:00PM	Planning for stakeholder meeting on 24 April and update on community engagement planning
1:00 – 1:30PM	Lunch
1:30 – 3:30PM	Working through chapters for the first half of the WIP <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foreword• Introduction• Freshwater objectives and FMUs
3:30 – 3:45PM	Afternoon tea
3:45 – 6:00PM	Working through chapters for the first half of the WIP continued.... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• River and lake management
6PM	Meeting Close

C Actions

Actions

Incorporating mana whenua views into the WIP:

- Project team will work to put together a policy approach around mana whenua and hapū engagement in FMUs. This could then be slotted into the WIP.
- Will meet again with the kaitiaki group to talk through remaining issues and respond to any questions about the RWC process.
- Will organise a meeting for the Committee to follow up with kaitiaki.

Engagement meetings with hill country farmers:

Project team to organise meetings with hill country farmers.

Reviewing draft WIP chapters:

Project team to take away the Committee's comments and incorporate them into a next draft version for Committee consideration.

D Committee Decisions

Committee Decisions

Decisions were made at this workshop about additions to the draft WIP chapters the Committee wanted to see. These are outlined in section G of this document.

E Workshop Notes – Reflections from mana whenua hui

Purpose of session

The purpose of this part of the workshop is to:

- Consider mana whenua values in the WIP recommendations
- Have a reflection on the hui at Papawai Marae on 14 April
- Consider mana whenua roles in FMUs.

This will involve:

- A roundtable discussion about Papawai.
 - How well do you feel you have reflected mana whenua values in the WIP?
 - Statutory requirements ‘red pen’ process - Ra.
 - Kaitiaki FMU check in:
 - Roles.
 - Catchment/farm plans.
 - Allocation.
 - Timeframes.
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Reflections from Papawai

- Discussion was good but not a lot was new.
- There were a lot of comments directed at GWRC, rather than RWC. Historical issues.
- Two groups there? Different knowledge of the process. Older/younger.
- We didn’t end up working to the agenda but that was fine.
- Small amount on urban space from iwi questions. Felt there was a focus from kaitiaki on rural issues.
- Time constraint?
- Day of listening. A lot of emotion was coming from kaitiaki.
- Pleased to hear about Wairarapa Moana Statutory Body.
- Draft policies – a lot of cross over between what mana whenua want and Committee recommendations.
- Would have been helpful to see mana whenua policies in advance to process ahead of the hui.
- Issues with timeframes 2040/2080. Mana whenua wanted

shorter ones.

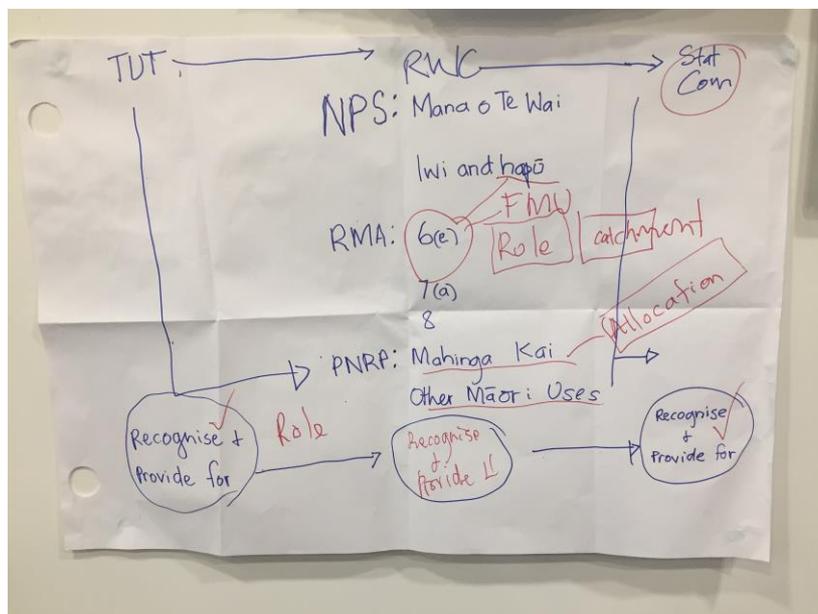
- Sense of frustration - lack of action. Bad things are still happening now- need for solid timeframes.
- Last words – difficult as whaitua is coming to the end of their work but for some people there this was the first time they've heard about it.
- Disconnection between substance (regulation) and other methods (non-regulation), importance and implementation tools. Less on this was heard. E.g. Catchment Communities. Need for committee thinking in this space.
- What mana whenua had come up with was really useful and none of it was unexpected. The question is how we take this on board in our process.

Have we considered iwi values enough?

How well have we captured mana whenua values in the WIP?

- We have to consider these values throughout our thinking - all the way through the process.
 - What are mana whenua expectations? Have we met them? Mana whenua feel that we are listening.
 - Mana whenua don't feel we have done enough-but we need to balance other views.
 - Mana whenua are pleased with the proposed water allocation changes.
 - Most of the RWC recommendations match up with what mana whenua are looking for.
 - Some further work e.g. urban.
 - Can't quite go forward as partners yet. Need far more work in the catchment community's space. Need for mana whenua involvement here. Education is needed rather than regulation. Need for development at the local level.
 - Go to community meetings talking about partnerships.
 - Haven't needed to reconsider value groups.
 - Done in partnership along the way. Started off well developing the community values.
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Statutory requirements



Ra Smith talked the Committee through the statutory requirements with regards to mana whenua, specifically around the RMA and NPS-FM.

Next steps

The project team summed up what we had heard and a discussion was had about what the next steps would be.

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 - Will organise a meeting for the Committee to follow up with kaitiaki.
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F Workshop Notes – Planning for stakeholder and community engagements

Stakeholder workshops

Stakeholder workshop is confirmed for tomorrow.

Committee attending: Mike B, Peter, Esther, Phil, David, Russell, Mike A (later), Colin (maybe).

Committee are happy with the run sheet for the event. Some additions to the Committee's presentation were agreed and which Committee member would be doing which slides. Acknowledged that some stakeholders will be disappointed with the level of detail being provided at this workshop. Some of that is still to come.

Key messages to give:

- Technical information does not provide the answers for how the Committee makes decisions.
- Don't want to spend time talking about the reliability of the technical modelling.
- Partnership aspect and community focus in the process.
- Focus on getting useful feedback from stakeholders – what would they do?

Community meetings

Agreed dates and times for the community meetings in May 2018.

Want to organise a couple of meetings with hill country farmers – perhaps Whangaehu Hall and somewhere in Martinborough. Discuss the proposals around sediment, hill country management and E. coli. Look to organise a Tuesday/Thursday night for a couple of hours.

G Workshop Notes – Draft WIP chapters

Process for going through the draft WIP chapters

The Committee was provided with draft WIP chapters ahead of the Committee workshop:

- Foreword
- Introduction
- Freshwater objectives and freshwater management units
- River and lake management

Things for the Committee to think about when considering chapters:

- Integration?
- Emphasis?
- Gaps?
- Disagreements?

The Committee worked through their comments chapter by chapter over the remainder of the workshop.

It was agreed the project team would take the Committee's comments and incorporate the changes into a next version for the Committee to then review again.

General discussion:

Al Smail talked briefly about what consensus means. The Committee will either reach consensus or not and they have to all agree to take something off the table if there is a fundamental issue.

Will be looking to get full agreement from GWRC councillors for the whole WIP. If councillors are unhappy with any part of the WIP they can refer it back to the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee.

Overall comments

- Consider ‘innovation’ in strategic policy space.
- WIP could speak more to the FMUs.
 - Expand by ‘FMU’ sheets and refer to in text.
- Do want stand-alone front piece.
 - Project Team to draft 5pg summary after content is complete.
- Recognise this as a turning point + the major conclusion.
- Emphasise we’re all responsible and part of the solution.
- Partnership clear and early.
- Request WIP rollout which reflects the Wairarapa community and is supported by the video etc.
- One page of Committee summary quotes talking about the change they want to see.
- Role of reviews be clear that this is across packages.
 - Be clear of the purpose of review in any recommendation.
- Emphasis the WIPs role in setting direction.
 - Link to how review is considered, tweaks many be needed but broad direction we don’t expect to change.
- Recognise that reviews provide opportunity to bring in new knowledge, connect with more than just GWRC and help shape future research.
- New objective: facilitate innovation.
 - Link to permitted activities?
 - Policy in plan to recognise the value of innovative practices and whole of catchment outcomes- this assists resource consent applications.
 - Includes avoiding conditions which would prevent experimentation e.g. Lake Wairarapa levels in consent preventing research.
 - High trust model.
 - Recognise it’s hard in planning to allow for things that may come along in the future that you would want to promote.

**Introduction/
Foreword**

- Needs to reflect the good stuff as well as the tough stuff and primary sector economy and runs on the board. Reflect positive water quality stories too. An example of this would be the DOC estate.

- Clarify what is meant by:
 - Ruamāhanga – is it river, whitua or community?
 - Wairarapa Moana vs lakes separately.
- Make lens more neutral.
- Talking about the Committee - window on time, workshops, discussions, field trip. How many meetings? Huge amount of work. Factual insert box (but keeping it light). Emphasise the Committee has done the thinking behind the recommendations.
- Always being available to community.
- Add about innovation. Solutions require more than BAU.
- Add about ‘Why’ whitua.
- Acknowledge catchment thinking needs paradigm shift to be seen as a whole + avoid perpetuating silos.
 - River and lake management chapter or/strategic policies
- Recognise whitua was an opportunity to do it differently.

FMUs & freshwater objectives

- Help reader identify specific water bodies within FMU groups e.g. Western Hill Rivers includes...
- Get number of FMUs right.
- Be clear between FMU groups and FMUs themselves.
 - More detailed maps in appendix.
- Link to allocation FMUs.
- Rely on PNRP objective for trout - recognised as already protected.
- Revise allocation objective to avoid confusion over torrent fish.
- Increase emphasis on native fish in objectives.
- Link to river and lakes main chapter.
- Tuna objectives- focus on fishery, expand objective is sustainable. Link to commercial management.
 - Recognise DOC also issues concessions for activities on DOC land.
 - Current temporary cease at Lake Wairarapa (commercial take), still customary take (but also requires concession).
- Timeframes.
 - 2080 dates for the lakes – if had more river and lake management would expect improvement to be earlier than 2080 but we don’t know when changes haven’t happened yet.

- New things (e.g. river and lake management) could be game changers but it is harder to prove this.
 - 1m+ on lake has shown change is possible.
 - How to account for innovation?
 - Fit with sediment timeframes?
 - Role of reviews? – Who does it? When? Plan change is a good time. Reviews have to be meaningful and we need to have collected the data to inform the review. One of the considerations of the review should be the economic ability to achieve the changes.
 - Be clear about what informed 2080 timeframes.
 - Be clear that we can shift all earlier if we implement some new things.
 - Make clear that dates are the end points. Implementation starts immediately.
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River and lake management

- Interconnectivity (shine light on).
 - Hydrology, fish passage.
- Make clear background to potential lake management changes. It is a big story and will be news to many.
- River management-it's a big deal.
 - Emphasise that change is needed. Be more radical with wording. Promoting a new structure.
 - Be clear about what we are after – strengthen that this is about the health of the river-the whole of the values.
 - Specifically link to objectives e.g. to MCI.
 - Manage for the outcomes of the health of the river, the holistic view.
- Rec 8 - add review of existing consents and emphasis role of new activities.
- We want river management to:
 - Water attenuation role.
 - MCI improvement.
 - Recharge aquifer.
- Recommend GWRC resource is dedicated to new and integrated river management planning.
 - Multi-disciplinary approach necessary.
- Side box note lakes research currently underway.
 - Link to review being opportunity to use this knowledge.
 - How can this we used within planning, consistent practice, water conservation order review and operational practice.
- Restoration activities for rivers and streams to lower resource consent activity status- see PNRP wetland rules.
- How to encourage strongly GWRC practice response to

river management, innovation and other strategic policies?

- Note impacts on institutional arrangements and need for leadership in making river management changes. Focus on multi-disciplinary approach to objectives.
 - Need consent reviews for flood protection consents as with other areas.
 - Note local economic opportunities exist as well as partnership opportunities. To assist implementation e.g. growing trees.
 - Opportunity to line up the community, GWRC and DOC around management of the lakes. Recognise the Land and Water Forum recommendations on lake management might be worth looking at.
 - Water conservation order – does the RWC have a view? Could look to change to recognise iwi values. Could be a way of providing for multiple values.
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Other ideas

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- Have terms of reference for innovators.
 - High trust background.
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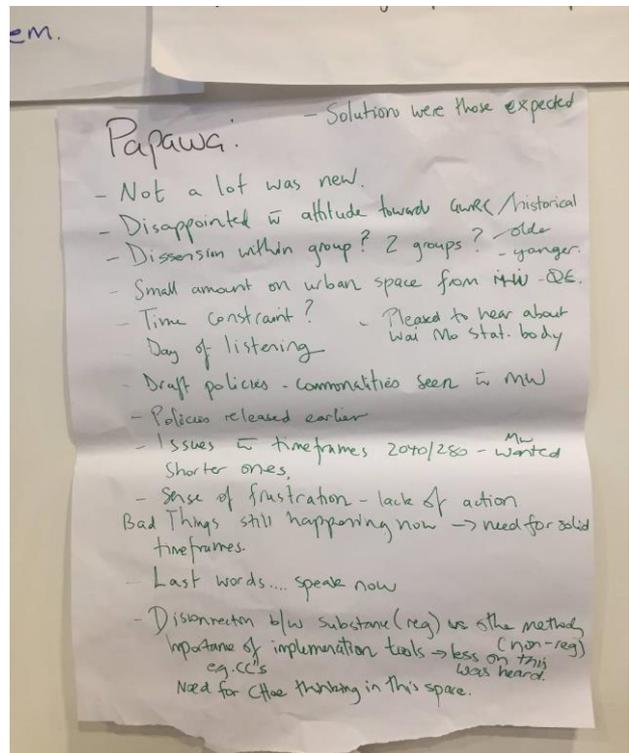
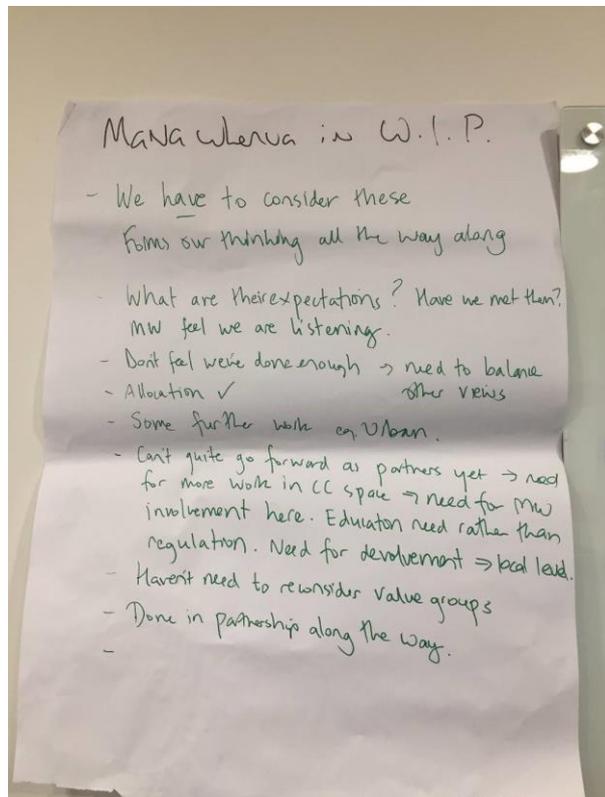
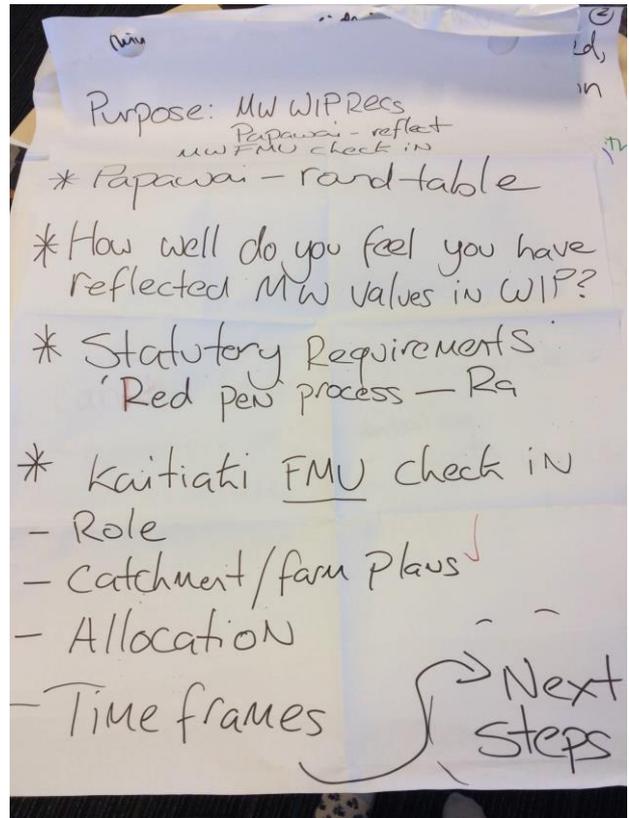
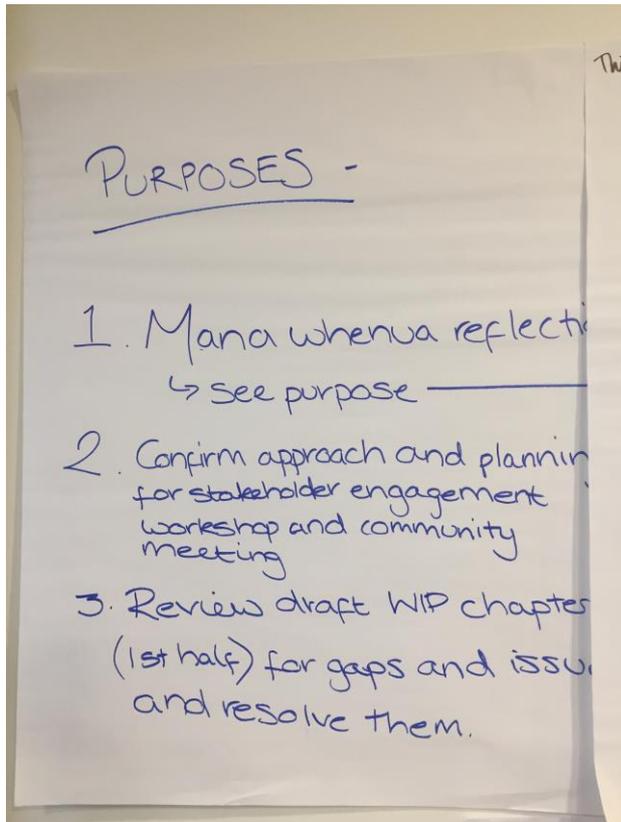
Next steps

The project team will update these chapters based on the comments and will bring the next versions back to the whaitua committee.

Will look at the next three chapters at the next workshop:

- Strategic and overarching policies
 - Managing contaminants
 - Water allocation
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Appendix One: Flipchart Photos



Things to think about when considering chapters.

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Can the Council cherry pick?
 → emphasis on the ^{whole} ~~entire~~ ^{strategy}

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 ↳ incl. Strategic policies up front

- Solutions were those expected

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