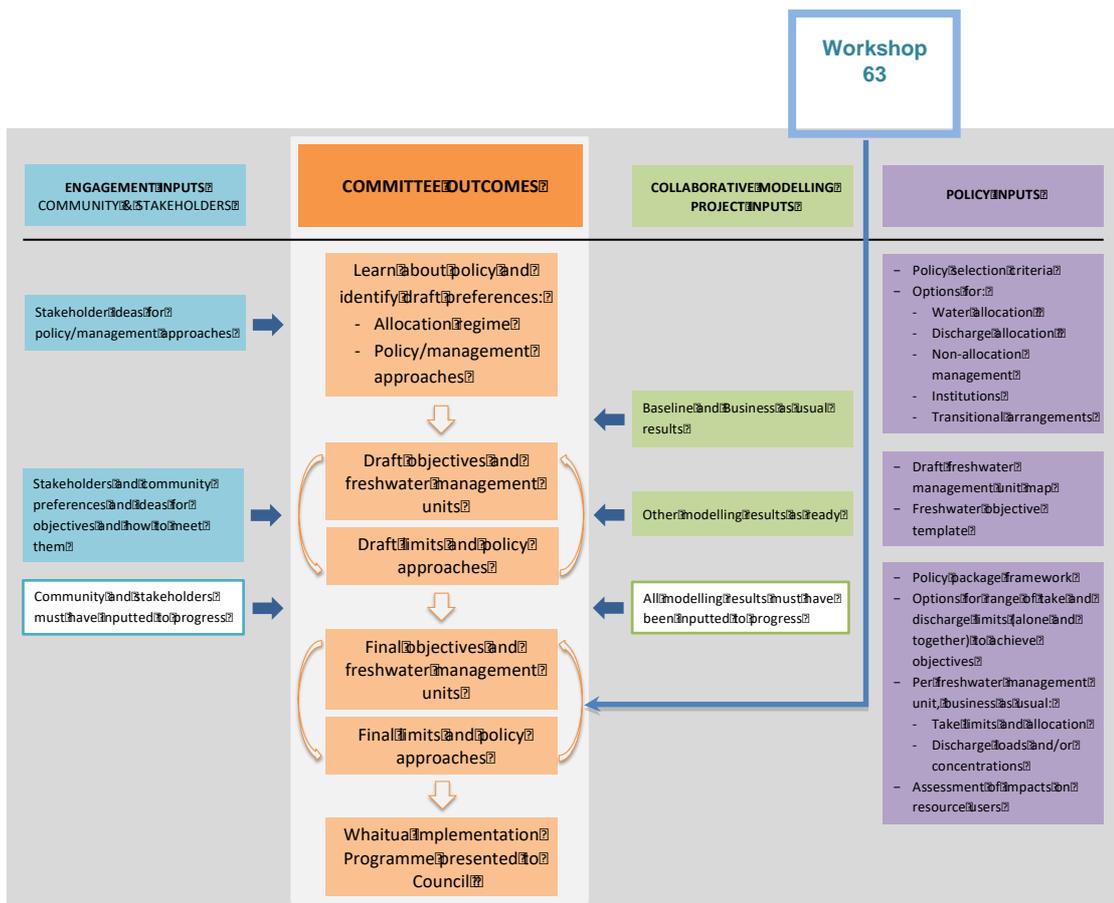


# Meeting Notes: Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee

## Deliberations Phase 3 – Workshop 63

Monday 14 May 2018, 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Carterton Events Centre



**Summary** This report summarises notes from a workshop of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee held 12:00PM to 6:00PM on Monday May 14 2018 at the Carterton Events Centre.

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## **A Workshop Attendees**

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**Workshop Attendees**

*RW Committee:*

Mike Ashby, Aidan Bichan, Esther Dijkstra, Andy Duncan, Rebecca Fox, Peter Gawith, David Holmes, Russell Kawana, Phil Palmer, Ra Smith, Vanessa Tipoki, Mike Birch.

*Apologies:* Chris Laidlaw, Colin Olds.

*Greater Wellington Project Team:*

Alastair Smaill, Natasha Tomic, Kat Banyard, Mike Grace, Horipo Rimene, Hayley Vujcich, Paula Hammond, Caro Watson.

*Independent Facilitator:* Michelle Rush.

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## **B Workshop Purpose and Agenda**

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**Purposes**

The purposes were:

1. Discuss and confirm the final process and timing for delivery of the WIP, including whether or not to engage in further consultation

2. Discuss and confirm the next steps for mana whenua engagement
3. Continue the review and confirmation of each WIP chapter, and as part of this:
  - Identify and resolve any remaining gaps
  - Confirm the approach being proposed for managing within limits, including checking the package for ‘stickability.’

Purposes 1 and 2 were met. Purpose 3 was partially met, and an additional Committee workshop to continue the work on Monday 21 May 2018 was agreed to.

**Agenda**

The agenda is detailed in the table below.

<b>TIME</b>	<b>TASK</b>	<b>WHO</b>
12:00	Welcome, Karakia, and Purposes	Ra, Peter, Michelle
12:10	Debrief from three community engagement meetings and implications for WIP and next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Featherston</li> <li>• Masterton</li> <li>• Carterton</li> </ul>	All
12:30	Consultation and Engagement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall Timeline</li> <li>• Mana whenua</li> </ul>	Al, Natasha
12:50	Stakeholder workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limits information and Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	Kat
<b>1:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:30	WIP chapters – continue review and confirmation of its content and recommendations	All
<b>3:30</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	
3:45	WIP chapters – continue review and confirmation	All
6:00pm	Karakia and Close	Ra, Peter

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## C Actions

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### Actions

#### **Community engagement:**

Organise future community engagement as outlined in section F of these notes.

#### **Reviewing draft WIP chapters:**

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

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## D Committee Decisions

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### 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 I of this document.

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## E Workshop Notes - Review of three community meetings

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### Community Meeting Debrief

The Committee debriefed the three recent community engagement meetings where they presented their recommendations to the community for the future of land and water management in the whaitua. The Committee explored the highlights, concerns, implications for the WIP and the next steps as a result of the meetings. The three meetings were held as below:

- 1 May 2018 - Featherston
- 3 May 2018 - Masterton
- 8 May 2018 – Carterton

#### *What went down well?*

- Showing people the 'whole package' in the presentation.
- Having the full presentation then asking for questions afterwards.
- The turnout at the meetings - good numbers of people.

#### *Where were the concerns?*

- Have we been detailed enough communicating our view?
- Water storage - have we supported it enough?
- A lot of other matters that weren't about water takes or Category A went 'under the radar' and there wasn't much debate in the community, e.g. nutrient objectives.
- Recreation concerns with respect to urban lakes - some however only saw the lakes and not that others might want to recreate in the river too

- People looking only at their own issue
- Some people wanted more discussion time

*Implications for WIP and Next Steps*

- Double check our information and be clear about providing information on the economic effects on people, especially Category A takes.
- Explore alternatives to just having the lead in times for changes to flows and takes, e.g. harvesting, recharge, efficiency measures
- Invite district council staff to the upcoming stakeholder forum
- Hold meeting with Mayors / CEO's / Councillors of district councils
- Explain legal situation more clearly in regards to Category A groundwater takes below minimum flow
- Communicate innovation / alternative approaches more clearly. The Committee is looking to create the policy space to allow for this.
- Check the policy settings are there to do this! e.g. future innovations - groundwater zones, FMUs, innovations
- Make sure the Committee is given a heads up on future political announcements that relate to the Committee
- Check writing in the WIP on 'river management' - is this nuanced enough? Some people think this means all bulldozers will be removed from the river – ongoing discussions to be had on this.

## F Workshop Notes - Upcoming Community Engagement

**Stakeholder Forum**

The following points were agreed about the upcoming second stakeholder workshop planned for 24 May:

- Present the numbers (this is the space in which they will litigate)
- Explain the “why” behind the numbers
- Three maximum invitees including formal RSVP
- James, Mike T, Alton, Mark M from GWRC & CMP will also be there
- Esther to talk through needs with Terry Parminter who will facilitate.

**Further meetings**

Peter raised the matter of further meetings with, amongst others, hill country farmers to explain specifically what the proposals were for them.

After discussion it was agreed that tailored meetings with specific groups were supported. Purposes were discussed, and the following types of purposes were identified:

- Provide information to help individuals make informed comments on draft WIP
  - Reach those in denial
  - Help people find out what they have to do, e.g. at the sub-catchment level – what are the problems in an area and what do they need to do (rather than explaining everything generally.)
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**Kaitiaki hui**

Mike/Brett will attend from GWRC. Date is still being confirmed.

Purposes were discussed and the following agreed to:

- To better understand the issues kaitiaki have raised – including timeframes for some of the freshwater objectives
  - To check extent to which WIP has responded to the concerns kaitiaki have raised
  - It was agreed to also invite Maori standing committee members.
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## **G Workshop Notes – Timeline for WIP**

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**Timeline for WIP**

It has been agreed to release a draft WIP allowing a month for public comment. This means the RWC will report to GWRC later in August.

At RWC's mid-June workshop we will need to sign off on the draft, after which the draft will be released for a four week consultation period. Feedback will then be analysed, and the RWC will need to agree the final WIP in early August.

If the Council is unhappy with any of the WIP they can refer those parts back to the Committee.

The WIP will then be developed into a plan change to the Proposed Natural Resources Plan. Timeline still to be determined.

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## **H Workshop Notes – General Business**

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**General business**

**Sustainable Wairarapa – Aquifer recharge**

They want to do a pilot of aquifer recharge. The Committee agreed

they support the project. Important to include Category A groundwater users.

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## I Workshop Notes – WIP Chapter by Chapter Review

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### Introduction

The draft WIP Review began with a check in for general comments, and then a chapter by chapter discussion. The following were the key points raised and agreed to by the Committee (unless otherwise stated).

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### Overall Comments

- Bring in detail on innovation earlier (it can't wait till page 44)
- Make the document shorter – use appendices for necessary information only, other material can sit outside of the WIP
- Recommendations – ensure they are cohesive and clear and strongly worded enough that they can be read outside of the explanations given in the chapters.
- Include a map for water quantity (Groundwater FMU's) - consider reconciling double ups in FMU names (e.g. Upper Ruamāhanga)
- Include innovation in the over-arching themes in these ways:
  - WIP as a request for community to step into the role to care for our Taonga – people taking responsibility.
  - Point more clearly to opportunities to get to FMU objectives sooner; enhance opportunities to overcome the problem
  - Include role of catchment communities in identifying local solutions
  - Slowing water down
  - Strengthen page 8 “we” - Ensuring WIP is as enabling to change and innovation as possible
- Flavour of change and innovation must land clearly and up front in the document.
- Talk about the opportunity to overcome problems, rather than environmental police. About the community coming together to treasure their area.
- Phrasing of recommendations should be **to** someone.
- Page 9 - forest cover wouldn't have been everywhere – adjust wording to “where forest cover has been lost”
- Climate change: provide more detail so as to include both warming **and** drying climate (page 9 para), plus increase in high intensity, short duration events
- Ensure messages are reflected through all chapters
- “The way forward” both at start and end of section – what's changed here?

- Be clear about: The old way of doing vs what is proposed here.

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**Introduction section**

- Include a description with the policy package diagram on pg. 17.

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**Whaitua IP and Maori**

- Maori flavour needed (☺) Open with a Wairarapa Whakatauki.
- Reference PNRP schedules and put verb first (e.g. last two bullets of recommendation one.)

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**Freshwater Objectives**

- Page 22 last paragraph – change norther to northern
- “outstanding” waterbodies – check with pNRP language
- Ensure FMU groups and FMU’s below diagram are clear
- Make clearer role of FMU’s in change under this WIP
- Resolve confusion between FMU naming, including with outside processes e.g. Te Kauru FMP
- Change table 1 title to be clearer about what those mean
- Change recommendation 3 bullet point 1 to be clearer – consider removing minimum flow bullet

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**Overarching Themes**

- Recommendation 8 – meaning of GMP – scope here is widened from PNRP (M28), whilst no problem in this, strengthen wording to ensure ties to most useful GW process
- Consider how to engender the innovation being sought, in this chapter and through out chapters
- Recommendation 8 – separate out bullet re: TLA practice
- Water storage recommendations – needs better and detailed fleshing out in flows chapter
- Put chapter before FWO’s chapter.
- Clarify and make richer the title.

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**River and Lake Management**

- Healthy Rivers and Lakes?
- Page 50 - 7/h habitat of ‘Trout and Salmon’ check RMA wording
- Review para to emphasise RWC role in providing for RMA S.7 (remove PNRP sentence)
- Recommendation 11: “include pest management:”
  - Include Pest management in Doc-GW relationship
  - Whaitua Scale Pest/Weed Control
  - Slowing water down
  - Sediment
- New technologies and innovations, GMP.
- Add a paragraph recognising role of DOC estate.

- First sentence “M.W. should”
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph add quote marks to “reflect.”
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**Managing Contaminants**

- Cultivation not permitted by PNRP
  - Include (forest harvest quarrying/mining) in recommendations with respect to sediment discharge
  - 7.4.5 - Review high risk LUC list for clarity/definitions and come back
  - 7.5.2 – Discussion about the accuracy of overseer and providing of information. The ‘tools’ needed for collection of information can sit outside the WIP recommendations. Agreed we need to collect better information. Want to have the information available in 10 years’ time if it is then decided to introduce an allocation regime.
  - More sub FMU load measurement
  - Identification of “hot spots”
  - Gather input data
  - Need “total load” data
  - Define farm scale information.
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**Flows and Water Allocation**

- 8.2.3. Flesh out alternatives for “water harvesting”
  - Repeat from “Overarching Themes”.
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**Accounting for meeting objectives and values**

Need to be clearer as to why information needs to be collected in respect of: Properties; loads from land; and water quality.

**For GWRC** the purpose is to account for the meeting of objectives and values in accordance with GWRC functions:

- enabling catchment / FMU communities
- legal responsibilities including reporting upwards
- help regional community to see how we’re going
- better limit setting in future

**For FMU’s**

- Catchments managed by communities - data collection and monitoring has to be meaningful to them.
- Require information to stay within limit;
- Also need to know resource use; and
- To measure and therefore know how things are going over time.

**For Catchment communities**

- May collect for own purposes
  - CC monitoring may contribute to monitoring of objectives, values.
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## Appendix One: Flipchart Photos

Stakeholder Forum

- \* Present the numbers  
[This is the space in which they will litigate]
- explain the "why" behind the numbers
- \* 3 maximum ind formal RSVP
- \* James, Mike T, Alton, Mark H also there.
- \* Terry P - Esther to talk.

Further meetings ... Taitoko

- \* Provide info to help individuals make informed comments on draft WIP
- \* Reach those in denial
- \* Find out what we have to do.
  - subcatchment level - poly in an area - what to do
  - not everything

Next steps

- invite those involved in <sup>to stakeholder forum</sup> ~~to stakeholder forum~~ discussion group - e.g. David Halloran
- hold ~~meeting~~ in mayors/CEO's of DC's <sup>include Cr's</sup>
- explain legal situation more clearly
- communicate innovation / alternative approach more clearly
- check policy settings do this? <sup>g.ware / emu / innovations?</sup>
- heads up on political announcements to all ctee
- check writing with WIP on "river management" - nuanced enough?

kaikōri hui

- \* Mike / Brett will attend
- \* To better understand the issues kaikōri have raised - incl timeframes
- \* To check extent to which WIP has responded to these
- \* Invite Māori standing Ctee

Overall

- innovation brought earlier (can't wait til p44)
- bring some attention to making shorter
  - ↳ use of Appendices - necessary stuff only, other stuff outside WIP (outside a chapter)
- recommendations - ensure strongly worded enough that they can be read outside expl of chapter
- map for water quantity (groundwater) FMUs
  - ↳ consider reconciling double ups in names (eg. Upper Ruia)
- innovation in our times @ point more clearly to opps. to get to FMU objectives sooner, and to role of communities in local solutions; enhance opp. to overcome the problem
- ↳ imp. to tone of WIP
- WIP as request for community to step into the role to care for our taonga
- ↳ slowing water down ↳ ppl taking responsibility
- ↳ strengthen p8 - "we"
- ↳ ensuring WIP is as enabling to change + innovation as possible

Overall

- Flavour of change + innovation must land clearly + up front
- phrasing of recoms. should be to someone
- p9 forest cover wouldn't have been everywhere?
  - "where forest cover has been lost"
- climate change: warming and drying climate (p9 para), plus increase in high intensity, short duration events
- ensure messages + tenor of Overall are reflected through all chapters
- "the way forward" → both at start + end of section → what's changed here?
- ↳ be clear about:
  - the old way of doing vs what is proposed here

Introduction

- policy package diagram (p17) - provide description

Whaitua IP and Māori

- Māori flavour needed 😊 Open with a Whakatauki
- ↳ Waivanapa
- reference PNRP schedules + put verb first (last 2 bullets of rec 1)

Tawhiao o Karamahanga

Freshwater objectives

- p22 lat para - Δ north → northern
- "outstanding" waterbodies → chellie in PNRP language
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- resolve confusion between FMU naming, incl. in outside process eg. Te Kauri FMU
- Δ Table 1 title to be clearer about what those mean
  - ↳ also Δ Rec 6.3 bullet point 1 to be clearer
  - ↳ consider removing Δ min flow bullet

Overarching themes

- Rec 8 - meaning of GMP - scope here is widened from PNRP (M28), no problem in this
  - ↳ strengthen wording to ensure ties to most useful GW process
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River + lake management

Healthy rivers + lakes?

P.50 Habitat of Trout & Salmon

Check RMA wording

Review para to emphasise RMC role in providing for RMA S.7

1.1 (remove PNRP sentence)

Rec 11: include pest mgmt

- Include Pest mgmt vs DOC-GW relationship
- Whaitua Scale pest/weed control
- Slowing water down
- Sediment

\* Other New technologies & Innovations, GMP.

T.1 cont:

A para recognising role of DOC estate

1.1.3 First <sup>type</sup> sentence "M.W should"

\* Last para add quote marks to "reflect"

7. MANAGING Contaminants in R.

K-cultivation not permitted by PNRP

Include (Forest harvest) rec - Sediment discharge (quarrying/mining)

7.4.5 Review Highrisk LUC list for clarity/definitions & correct back.

\* More sub EMU load measurement

\* Identification of hot spots

- Gather input data
- Need total load data

\* Define farm Scale Information

① Flows & Water Allocation

8.2.3

Flesh out alternatives for 'Water harvesting'

Repeat from 'Drooding there's

Debrief - community meeting

Done well - having presentation - using figures <sup>summarised</sup> (Community)

Concerns - have we been detailed enough? our views?

~ Water storage - have we supported it enough?

~ alternatives to (lead in time) - harvesting/recycle - incl efficiency measures

~ economic effect on farm - esp takes

~ Cat A ...

~ A lot of other matters 'under radar' - not much debate e.g. nutrients

~ recreation concern with urban lakes

~ people looking only at own issue

~ some people wanted more discussion time

Draft WIP out for consultation - means reporting to next workshop mid June w 4 wk consultation <sup>GNRC</sup> (late Aug)

Analysis - then sign off early Aug Then i.v.t Then Plan change

ENDS