

Terms of Reference for 2019-2022 Triennium

Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee¹

1 Purpose and function

To advise Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee and Greater Wellington officers as the regulatory components of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Implementation Programme (WIP) are integrated into the Proposed Natural Resources Plan (proposed Plan).

2 Specific responsibilities

Advise whether the direction and intent of the recommendations in the WIP are being appropriately developed into the proposed Plan provisions.

3 Status of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee

The Committee is an advisory body established by Council. The Committee is not a subordinate decision-making body of Council and is not a committee under the Local Government Act 2002.

4 Members

5.1 Council shall appoint:

- a Two members, being one elected member and one appointed member of Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee (to represent Council’s interests and act as a voice for that committee)
- b One member nominated by each iwi authority whose rohe falls entirely or partly within the whaitua boundary, to represent the interests of that tangata whenua group
- c One elected member of each territorial authority operating within the whaitua boundary, nominated by that territorial authority
- d Up to seven community members from a range of backgrounds and interests related to land and water management within the community. Council may approve additional members if it determines these are needed to ensure appropriate balance.

5.4 Each community member must also reflect the interests of a wider group within the community and have the skills, experience and knowledge to relay information between the Committee and different sectors within the community.

7 Chair

The full Committee determines the Chair from its members.

¹ Council initially adopted these terms of reference on 16 August 2018 to specify a role for the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee (the Committee), following the submission of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Implementation Programme to Council.

8 Quorum

At least 50 percent of members.

9 Alternate members

No alternate members/proxies are permitted.

10 Committee meetings

10.1 The Committee will meet as required.

11 Remuneration

11.1 Elected members' remuneration and expenses are met by the council they represent.

11.2 All non-elected members are eligible to receive Greater Wellington's standard daily meeting attendance allowances and expenses.

12 Duration of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee

12.1 The Committee exists for the duration of the development of the regulatory components of the WIP to be incorporated into the Proposed Natural Resources Plan.

12.2 The Committee ceases to exist upon notification of the associated plan change/variation through the Resource Management Act Schedule 1 process.