

Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Minutes

Rā Date:	Monday 27 November 2023
Wā Time:	12.00
Tauwāhi Location:	Te Pounga Marae, 130 Nathan Road, Kaiwaka, 0573
Huihuinga Gathering	Tame Te Rangi (Chair), Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Georgina Curtis-Connelly, Te Uri o Hau Greg Sayers, Auckland Council Jane Sherard, Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara John Blackwell, Northland Regional Council Virginia Warriner, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua
I Tae Mae In Attendance	Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki, KMR Ben Hope, Ringa-Pārongo, KMR Lisette Rawson, Amo-Rauora Kōawa, KMR Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support, KMR Zoe Willem-Pritchard, KMR Intern David McDermott, KMR Contractor Anne Haira, Deputy Secretary, MfE (Observer) Ilka Pelzer, Kaitātari Matua, MfE (Observer) Lorena Stephen, Director RM Implementation, MfE (Observer) Brooke Waterson, Wai Tātai, Auckland Council (Observer) Haukāinga Members

The Chair declared the meeting open at 12.09pm.

Karakia Tīmatanga Whakatau (Item 1.0)

Ngā whakapahā | Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved (Warriner/Curtis-Connelly)

1. That the apologies from Members Amy McDonald, Cherie Povey, Jack Crow, Kerrin Leoni, Michelle Carmichael and Taiāwhio Wati for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Secretarial note:

Apologies of KMR staff members Stephanie Versteeg and Willie Wright due to illness were also noted.

Ngā whakapuakanga | Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 3.0)

It was advised that members should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

Confirmation of Minutes (Item 4.1)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA and Governance Support

Moved (Sayers/Sherard)

That the minutes of the Kaipara Moana remediation meeting held on 30 October, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Joint Committee Action Tracker (Item 5.1)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA and Governance Support

Moved (Blackwell/Curtis-Connelly)

1. That the Joint Committee Action Tracker be received

Carried

Joint Committee Forward Workplan (Item 5.2)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA and Governance Support

Moved (Warriner/Curtis-Connelly)

1. That the report 'Joint Committee Forward Workplan' be received.

Carried

Audit and Annual Report (Item 6.1)

Report from Ben Hope, Ringa-Pūrongo, Stephanie Versteeg, Amo-Rautaki Pākihi

Moved (Te Rangi/Sherard)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Audit and Annual Report 2022/2023' from Ben Hope and Stephanie Versteeg dated 27 November 2023
2. Note the satisfactory audit of KMR for 2022/2023 (*Attachment 1*)
3. Note that the Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) Annual Report for 2022/2023 (*Attachment 2*) was sent to the Ministry for the Environment on 31 October 2023, as required under the Deed of Funding.

Carried

Joint Committee Meetings 2024 (Item 6.2)

Report from Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki, Sophie Bone, PA, and Governance Support

Moved (Blackwell/Curtis-Connolly)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the 'Joint Committee Meetings 2024' report by Sophie Bone and Justine Daw dated 27 November 2023.
2. Adopt the indicative dates for Joint Committee meetings in 2024 (Attachment 1), noting that these dates may be used for various Joint Committee meeting types, including Hui, Workshops, Briefings and Field Trips.
3. Advise Kaipara Maurikura staff as soon as practicable of any scheduling conflicts.
4. Note that KMR may host additional online Joint Committee meetings if required to make any unforeseen but time-urgent decisions.
5. Agree the addition of public Briefings as a new meeting type for the Joint Committee in 2024, to facilitate transparent early-stage information-sharing and discussion.
6. Note that, as in 2023, KMR may still need to pivot planned in-person Joint Committee meetings to online meetings (livestreamed to maintain transparency), in response to weather events, venue closures and/or roading closures.

Carried

Pou Tātaki Report (Item 6.3)

Report from Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki

Moved (Warriner/Curtis-Connolly)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Pou Tātaki Report', by Justine Daw dated 27 November 2023.

Carried

Native plant allocation for Winter 2024 (Item 6.4)

Report from Dave McDermott, Nursery Lead, Lisette Rawson, Amo-Rauora Kōawa

Moved (Blackwell/Sayers)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the 'Native plant allocation for Winter 2024' report by David McDermott and Lisette Rawson dated 27 November 2023.
2. Endorse the recommended approach to allocating native plant orders to nurseries in 2024.

Carried

Secretarial Note

Haukāinga asked about the number of nurseries used by KMR in the Kaipara Moana catchment. Dave McDermott replied that there are 20 accredited KMR nurseries, and elaborated on the range of sizes, production, and area serviced by them. He commented that pre-ordering is necessary for planning, and to ensure security of supply, but it can be challenging to understand where the demand will be in advance, and at what point over the planting season, as KMR is a voluntary programme.

Haukāinga asked about the potential for support if whānau wished to set up a nursery. Dave McDermott replied that under our deed of funding, KMR is not able to invest in nursery infrastructures, and therefore worked with established nurseries only. The Pou Tātaki added that there is plentiful plant supply across the Kaipara Moana catchment (significantly more than KMR needs each year).

Member Curtis-Curtis-Connelly asked whether the nurseries are able to provide the variety of species needed. Dave McDermott responded that KMR nurseries can easily supply the diverse species set out in KMR planting plans (which always include multiple species). That said, the range of KMR species is actually relatively restricted due to the conditions planted into i.e. thick kikuyu.

Transferable Titles (Item 6.5)

Report from Lisette Rawson, Amo-Rauora Kōawa, Stephanie Versteeg, Amo-Rautaki Pāihi

1. Moved (Sherard/Sayers)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the 'Transferable titles' report by Lisette Rawson and Stephanie Versteeg dated 27 November 2023.
2. Approve clarifications to KMR's policy settings relating to subdivision consents, including transferable titles in the Auckland region.

Carried

Secretarial Note:

Member Blackwell asked why this change to policy settings was being suggested (i.e. a change back to what was originally agreed by the Joint Committee). The Catchment Remediation Manager noted that KMR had followed the Auckland Council Healthy Waters' policy of a 10 year period, although the Joint Committee had originally agreed to a 5 year period. However, feedback from landowners and operational groups indicated that the 10 years was a barrier to taking action under KMR, as landowners were unsure of their plans for the land that far out.

In addition, many landowners thought that the subdivision / Transferable Title obligation was a 'stand down' restriction across the full farm – in actual fact, the restriction only applied to project works funded by KMR (i.e. landowners could not meet their subdivision (Transferable Title) obligations through planting funded by KMR). Clearer communications was a key part of implementing the change proposed in the report.

A written note from Member Carmichael sought clarification about the 'clawback' provision. The Pou Tātaki clarified that any clawback would be pro-rated in terms of time from contract date.

Rephasing Procedures (Item 6.6)

Report from Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki, Ilka Pelzer, MfE Observer, Stephanie Versteeg, Amo-Rautaki Pāihi

Moved (Warriner/Curtis-Connelly)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the 'Rephasing Procedures' report by Justine Daw, Ilka Pelzer and Stephanie Versteeg dated 27 November 2023.
2. Note that the KMR Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the Ministry for the Environment and Member Parties acknowledges the programme is intended to run for ten years.

3. Endorse the 'time-only extension' of the KMR programme that the Crown has granted to KMR through to 8 February 2031.
4. Note to confirm the 'time-only' extension, which is considered a minor change under the Deed of Funding, the Ministry for the Environment requires one representative of each Member Party to the Deed to sign the change request form (Attachment 1).
5. Note Joint Committee members are authorised to sign the change request form on behalf of their Member Party.

Carried

Secretarial Note:

Ilka Pelzer acknowledged the many teams and agencies involved in the rephasing project and noted that it was a proud moment for her to see this go through.

Anne Haira introduced herself, thanked everyone for the warm welcome and shared key reflections from the day.

Lorena Stephens said that although there remained a long way to go in terms of programme delivery, she wished to acknowledge KMR's progress, as confirmed in the Annual Report. She highlighted the importance of KMR telling our story, and noted the significant opportunity to extend the outcomes and benefits from the programme in the future.

Karakia Mutunga

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 12.56pm.