

# Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Minutes

Rā   Date:	Monday, 21 October 2024
Wā   Time:	9.30am
Tauwāhi   Location:	Online - Microsoft Teams
Huihuinga   Gathering	Tame Te Rangi (Chair), Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Amy Macdonald (Deputy Chair), Northland Regional Council Brooke Waterson, Auckland Council Georgina Curtis-Connelly, Te Uri o Hau Greg Sayers, Auckland Council Jack Craw, Northland Regional Council John Blackwell, Northland Regional Council Kerrin Leoni, Auckland Council Michelle Carmichael, Auckland Council Virginia Warriner, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua
Tae Mae   In Attendance	Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki, Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) Lisette Rawson, Amo-Rauora Koāwa, KMR Ben Hope, Ringa-Pārongo, KMR Darren van Beek, Pūtahi-Tira Mahi, KMR David McDermott, Nursery Lead, KMR Marina Ford, Ringa Taki Hononga Mana Whenua Relations Advisor, KMR Lily Grace Lambert, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support, KMR Ilka Pelzer, Kaitātari Matua, Ministry for the Environment (MfE) (Observer)

*The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.35am.*

## **KARAKIA TIMATANGA / WHAKATAU**

The Chair acknowledged the passing of Tūheitia Paki te Kīngi Māori. He also acknowledged the birth of a baby to Sophie and Pae, welcomed Lily Grace Lambert who is covering Sophie's parental leave and Marina Ford in her new role with Kaipara Maurikura

## **NGĀ WHAKAPAHĀ | APOLOGIES (ITEM 2.0)**

### **Moved (Curtis-Connelly/Craw)**

1. That the apologies from Member John Blackwell for lateness be received.
2. That the apologies from Members Taiāwhio Wati, Jane Sherard and Cherie Povey for non-attendance be received.

**Carried**

## **NGĀ WHAKAPUAKANGA | DECLARATIONS 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 Lily Grace Lambert, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support**

#### **Moved (Warriner/Carmichael)**

That the Joint Committee:

1. *Confirm* the minutes of the Kaipara Moana Remediation Meeting held on 29 July 2024 as a true and correct record.

**Carried**

## **JOINT COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKER (ITEM 5.1)**

### **Report from Lily Grace Lambert, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support**

#### **Moved (Curtis-Connelly/Craw)**

1. That the report 'Joint Committee Action Tracker' be received.

**Carried**

## **JOINT COMMITTEE FORWARD WORKPLAN (ITEM 5.2)**

### **Report from Lily Grace Lambert, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support**

#### **Moved (Curtis-Connelly/Carmichael)**

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

**Carried**

## Annual Report (2023-2024) (ITEM 6.1)

**Report from Stephanie Versteeg - Amo-Rautaki Pākihi | Strategic Business Manager  
Presented by Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki in her absence**

### Moved (Craw/Curtis-Connelly)

That the Joint Committee:

1. *Receive* the report 'Annual Report (2023-2024)', by Stephanie Versteeg dated 21 October 2024
2. *Approve* the final draft of the Annual Report 2023-2024 for provision to the Ministry for the Environment.
3. *Delegate* to the Joint Committee Chair power to approve the final Annual Report, with the ability for the Pou Tātaki to make minor editorial changes prior to publication if required.

### Carried

*Secretariat note:*

*The Members passed on to the wider Kaipara Maurikura team their acknowledgement of the many achievements presented in the KMR Annual Report. Member Craw also passed on from the NRC Chair recent 'glowing feedback' from the Associate Minister of Agriculture and for the Environment on the good work being done by KMR. The Pou Tātaki thanked the Members for this acknowledgement, as it had been a significant year for KMR, and one in which KMR was fully demonstrating its maturity and ongoing delivery.*

*Member Carmichael asked if the slightly lower than anticipated result for farm size correlated to the additional KMR investment in some projects following Cyclone Gabrielle. In response, the Pou Tātaki indicated that all figures and text in the Annual Report would be checked, including relating to this point, as we had found some type-setting errors in the image-designed version of the Annual Report tabled to the meeting. The Pou Tātaki clarified that the original (pre-image design) version of the Annual Report had received a clean audit report, and this would be tabled to the November meeting.*

## Update on KMR operational settings (ITEM 6.2)

**Report from Stephanie Versteeg - Amo-Rautaki Pākihi | Strategic Business Manager and Darren van Beek, Kaiārahi Whakaora Whenua Koawa.**

### Moved (Sayers/Craw)

That the Joint Committee:

4. *Receive* the report 'Update on KMR policy settings' by Steph Versteeg and Dave McDermott, dated 21 October 2024.
2. *Note* that following a successful winter planting season, KMR has reviewed relevant grant settings and considers they are fit for purpose for the coming season, with only minor operational improvements needed.
3. *Note* that to enable early planning of sediment reduction projects, KMR is beginning to engage on winter 2025 planting with programme partners, suppliers, landowners and groups.
4. *Note* that the KMR price schedule has been updated, as per the process agreed last year, and is being applied to projects approved from 1 October 2024.

### Carried

*Secretariat note:*

*On behalf of Member Blackwell, Member Crow asked about the potential use of plastic troughs as they tended to be cheaper than concrete ones. As with all suggestions for improvement, the Pou Tātaki confirmed we would be able to consider this in our review in spring 2025. However, it was acknowledged that plastic troughs degraded earlier than concrete ones, and 2023 flooding events had demonstrated that they were a potential hazard in wet zones. KMR was also working to de-plasticise its supply chain.*

*Member Crow also asked about KMR's commitments for poplar poles in winter 2025. We confirmed that we were working closely with NRC on poplar supply for 2025, and at this stage it was unclear whether we would have a single provider in 2025 or two providers as we did in winter 2024.*

*Member Carmichael asked about the potential to pre-order and stockpile materials in order to ensure cost-effective supply for KMR projects. The Pou Tātaki indicated that as part of KMR's regular 'Waka Go Faster' reviews, we would consider this in spring 2025. That said, inflationary pressures were coming down, and we may run the risk of locking in higher prices through such as approach at this time. KMR had also operated a pre-purchase approach previously, and the storage and freighting of the materials had negated savings. In addition, many landowners used their own fencing suppliers or used those of known and trusted local contractors. Currently, the KMR operating model was not to act as an intermediary for those type of transactions given the significant size of the catchment, although we did so in respect of nursery supply to be able to guarantee plant quality and eco-sourcing.*

## **Approach to Native planting allocations (2025) (ITEM 6.3)**

### **Report from David McDermott - KMR Nursery Lead**

#### **Moved (MacDonald/Curtis-Connelly)**

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the 'Approach to native plant allocations (2025)' report by David McDermott, KMR Nursery Lead, dated 21 October 2024.
2. Note that following a review of winter 2024 operational settings, an improved approach has been identified for allocating native plant orders to nurseries.
3. Endorse the recommended revised approach to allocating native plant orders to nurseries for the 2025 planting season.

#### **Carried**

*Secretariat note:*

*Member Sayers and other Members congratulated the KMR team on their excellent face-to-face engagement with the many landowners and groups taking action around the Kaipara Moana catchment. The Pou Tātaki thanked the Members for this acknowledgement - KMR is a voluntary programme, and so engagement and support had been a major focus for KMR since day one.*

## **2025 Meeting Dates (ITEM 6.4)**

### **Report from Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki**

#### **Moved (Blackwell/Carmichael)**

That the Joint Committee:

1. Accept the KMR Joint Committee meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year, with Members advising KMR as soon as possible of any diary clashes.

#### **Carried**

## **Pou Tātaki Report (ITEM 6.5)**

### **Report from Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki**

#### **Moved (Warriner/Curtis-Connelly)**

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Pou Tātaki report' By Justine Daw, dated 21 October 2024.

#### **Carried**

*Secretariat note:*

*The Pou Tātaki updated the Joint Committee that since the report had been finalised, KMR had been nominated for the Earthshot Prize 2025.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE (ITEM 7.1)**

The Pou Tātaki drew the attention of the Joint Committee to the correspondence received from the Minister for the Environment.

### **Karakia Mutunga**

#### **Whakamutunga (Conclusion)**

The meeting concluded at 10.58.