



**Minutes of a meeting of the
Environment and Climate Committee
*Te Kōmiti Taiao / Āhuarangi***

**Held via Zoom on Thursday 26 May 2022, commencing at 9.03a.m.
to Hear submissions to Environmental Management Fees and
Charges**

- Present: Councillor K Fulton (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor R Reese, Y Bowater, T Brand, M Courtney (Deputy Chairperson), M Lawrey, B McGurk (Deputy Chairperson), G Noonan, R O'Neill-Stevens, T Skinner and Ms G Paine
- In Attendance: Group Manager Environmental Management (C Barton) and Governance Adviser (A Fon) and Assistant Governance Adviser (A Bryce-Neumann)
- Apologies: Apologies have been received from Councillor J Edgar on other Council business, and Councillor R Sanson

Karakia and Mihi Timatanga

1. Apologies

Resolved EC/2022/030

That the Environment and Climate Committee

- 1. Receives and accepts the apologies from Councillor J Edgar on other Council business, and Councillor R Sanson.***

Fulton/McGurk

Carried

2. Confirmation of Order of Business

The Chairperson advised of one late submission to be received from Mr Gaire Thompson, and that he had requested to speak to his submission.

3. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no interests with items on the agenda were declared.

4. Public Forum

There was no public forum.

5. To hear submissions to the Change to regulatory fees and charges 2022/2023

Document number R26906, agenda pages 4 - 11 refer.

Resolved EC/2022/031

That the Environment and Climate Committee

- 1. Receives the submissions to the change to regulatory fees and charges 2022/2023 (A2889656).***

Fulton/Noonan

Carried

5.1 Ian McComb Submission 31902-1

Mr McComb spoke in support of increasing fees as per the written submission. He noted that the level of fees charged should cover the cost of staff time and should be at a level to support delivering timely service. He noted the industry was facing many challenges and needed council staff to support development. A well-resourced consents team would make it easier for the industry, by providing sound advice and being proactive with information.

Mr McComb answered questions on staff retention policies and priority ideas, and his motivation for supporting the fees increase.

6. Late Submission to Change to Regulatory Fees and Charges

Document number R26910.

Resolved EC/2022/032

That the Environment and Climate Committee

- 1. Receives the late submission #31904-1 from Mr Gaire Thompson (A2895034).***

McGurk/Courtney

Carried

Attachments

- 1 A2895269 - Late Submission G Thompson 26May2022

6.1 Gaire Thompson Submission 31904-1

Mr Thompson spoke in opposition to the fees increases as per his written submission. He said there were anomalies in the fee structure including Log fire consents, excessive deposits for building consent amendments and code of compliance after 5 years compared with the notice to fix fee.

Karakia Whakamutanga

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.38a.m.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on 16 June 2022.

Resolved EC/2022/033

That the Environment and Climate Committee

- 1. Confirms the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee, held on 26 May 2022, as a true and correct record.***

Courtney/Paine

Carried