

Report to the Collaborative Stakeholder Group – for Decision

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Date: 14 July 2015
To: Collaborative Stakeholder Group
From: CSG Chairperson – Bill Wasley
Subject: **Policy Selection Criteria**
Section: **Agreement and Approval**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback from the 19 June Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee meeting to the CSG for decision making on five specific items.

Recommendation:

1. That the report **Policy Selection Criteria** (Doc # 3452927 dated 14 July 2015) be received for information.
2. That the Collaborative Stakeholder Group consider each item of feedback from the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee and agree any changes.
3. That any agreed changes be reported to the 14 August Committee meeting for endorsement and recommendation to the Council for approval.

Background

A paper went to the 19 June Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee (HRWO) for decision regarding the Policy Selection Criteria (PSC) following resolution at CSG12. The Committee were asked to endorse the PSC and recommended it to Council for approval (doc#3405797v7). The CSG independent chair spoke to the paper at the meeting and several CSG members were in attendance to answer questions. The committee endorsed in principle the PSC but have requested that CSG re-consider some elements of the PSC.

It was planned to consider this HRWO committee feedback at CSG13 (2/3 July) but this did not eventuate due to agenda constraints. As the next HRWO committee meeting is on 14 August feedback from CSG14 will be given verbally by the independent chair (a paper will be prepared in time for the Committee agenda pack informing them of this process).

Feedback to CSG from the HRWO Committee meeting on 19 June 2015

Following are the confirmed minutes from the HRWO committee meeting (doc#3429334)

Collaborative Stakeholder Group's Policy Selection Criteria

(Agenda Item 6) (Doc # 3405797)

Bill Wasley, Independent Chairperson of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group sought endorsement for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group's Policy Selection Criteria.

Arising from questions, answers and related discussion, the following matters were noted:

- Members were advised that there is no weighting prescribed to the Collaborative Stakeholder Group's Policy Selection Criteria.
- The importance of early input by the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee around decisions from the Collaborative Stakeholder Group was emphasised to avoid matters being brought back to the Committee for decision-making. It was acknowledged that the Policy Selection Criteria has been placed before the Committee on a number of occasions for their feedback.
- The Committee acknowledged the importance of the work by Collaborative Stakeholder Group members.
- While members were in support of the CSG Policy Selection Criteria in principle, and requested that the recommendation be altered to reflect the 'in principle' agreement, the Committee requested that the Independent Chair of the CSG take specific matters back to the CSG for discussion and consideration, and that the outcomes of those discussions be reported back to the Committee. The specific matters that the Committee asked the Independent Chair to discuss with CSG were:
 - Under the heading 'Optimises environmental, social and economic outcomes', bullet point one, consider replacing the term 'aim for' to 'provide for'.
 - Under the heading 'Acceptable to the wider community' last bullet point, consider inserting commentary regarding those benefiting from the solution contributing to the solution.
 - Under the heading 'Achieves the restoration and protection of native habitats and biodiversity', third bullet point, consider whether this applies only to indigenous plants and animals or whether it should be extended wider.
 - Under the heading 'Allows for flexibility and intergenerational land use', fourth bullet point, consider if there is sufficient flexibility of future land use *potential*, as opposed to the presently termed land use.
 - Under the heading 'Allows for flexibility and intergenerational land use', add a new bullet point 'Provide for equitable outcomes between landowners'.

Cr Stark moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

RESOLVED

1. THAT the report 'Collaborative Stakeholder Group's Policy Selection Criteria' (Doc # 3405797 dated 20 May 2015) be received for information.

The motion was put and carried (HR15/18)

Cr Mahuta moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

RECOMMENDED

2. THAT the Collaborative Stakeholder Group's Policy Selection Criteria is endorsed in principle by the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee and is recommended to Council for approval.

The motion was put and carried (HR15/18.1)

Process from here

Decisions made by CSG regarding the above five items of feedback will be recorded and taken to the 14 August HRWO Committee meeting. The independent chair will verbally inform the Committee of CSG resolutions and request that the Committee endorse the finalised PSC and recommend it to Council for approval.

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**Independent Chairperson of the
Collaborative Stakeholder Group**

List of Attachments:

Attachment 1: Policy Selection Criteria, dated June 4th

The Collaborative Stakeholder Group's Draft Policy Selection Criteria

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Gives effect to Te Ture Whaimana/the Vision and Strategy

Does the policy give effect to the Vision and Strategy for the restoration and protection of the health and wellbeing of the Waikato and Waipa rivers?

RMA (including the NPS Freshwater Management)

Does the policy:

- comply with the RMA (including the purpose and principles of the Act)?
- take account of existing policy frameworks?
- achieve the range of values identified?

Provides for aspirations of River Iwi

Does the policy:

- provide for them to retain and use their taonga in accordance with their tikanga and kawa?
- give effect to their environmental, economic, cultural and social relationships with land and water?

Gives positive social and community benefits

Does the policy:

- minimise social disruption and provide social benefit?
- enhance people's use of the river?
- take account of unique features and benefits?
- result in outcomes people can identify with, own and feel proud of?

Acceptable to the wider community

Does the policy:

- achieve sound principles for allocation?
- recognise efforts already made?
- exhibit proportionality (those contributing to the problem contribute to the solution)?

Optimises environmental, social and economic outcomes

Does the policy:

- aim for cost-effective solutions?
- provide confidence and clarity for current and future investment?
- provide realistic timeframes for change?

Achieves the restoration and protection of native habitats and biodiversity

Does the policy:

- support resilient freshwater ecosystems?
- support interconnectedness and connectivity between land and water?
- support healthy populations of indigenous plants and animals?

Realistic to implement, monitor and enforce

Is the policy:

- able to be measured, monitored and reported?
- implementable and technically feasible?
- administratively efficient?

Allows for flexibility and intergenerational land use

Does the policy:

- foster innovation?
- encourage positive actions being taken?
- allow for change and review as new information and issues arise?
- provide flexibility of future land use (including Treaty settlements land and multiple Māori owned land)?
- take account of complexity and difference between farming systems and farm enterprises?

Supported by clear evidence

Does the policy:

- take an evidence-based and knowledge-based approach (including Mātauranga Māori)?
- transparently show the costs for meeting the outcomes?
- prioritise efforts to achieve catchment solutions?
- set transparent limits and definitions?