



## **Notice of Meeting**

A meeting of the Tararua District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on **Wednesday 24 April 2024** commencing at **1:00pm**.

Bryan Nicholson  
**Chief Executive**

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## **Agenda**

- 1. Welcome and Meeting Opening**
- 2. Council Prayer**
- 3. Apologies**
- 4. Public Forum**

A period of up to 30 minutes shall be set aside for a public forum. Each speaker during the public forum section of a meeting may speak for up to five minutes.

Standing Orders may be suspended on a vote of three-quarters of those present to extend the period of public participation or the period any speaker is allowed to speak.

With the permission of the Mayor, members may ask questions of speakers during the period reserved for public forum. If permitted by the Mayor, questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

### **4.1 Public Forum re Fluoride**

Dr John Jukes, Dr Matt Shelton and Debbie Webster will be in attendance to address the meeting regarding the fluoridation of the Dannevirke Drinking Water.

## **5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda**

Major items not on the agenda may be dealt with at this meeting if so resolved by the Council and the chairperson explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public the reason why the item was not listed on the agenda and the reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Minor matters not on the agenda relating to the general business of the Council may be discussed if the chairperson explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at that meeting, but no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting.

## **6. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business**

## **7. Confirmation of Minutes**

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### ***Recommendation***

*That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 March 2024 (as circulated) and Extraordinary Council meeting held on 10 April 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as true and accurate records of the meetings.*

## **8. Community Boards and Community Committees Reports**

### **8.1 Minutes - Positively Woodville Community Committee**

**20**

#### ***Recommendation***

*That the minutes of the Positively Woodville Community Committee meeting held 2 April 2024 be received.*

### **8.2 Minutes - Explore Pahiatua Community Committee**

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#### ***Recommendation***

*That the minutes of the Explore Pahiatua Community Committee meeting held 3 April 2024 be received.*

### **8.3 Minutes - Eketahuna Community Board**

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#### ***Recommendation***

*That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held 8 April 2024 be received.*

**Note:** Any of the Community Boards and Community Committees may send a representative to address the Council on any issues within the agenda or matters of interest to them.

## **9. Reports**



<b>9.1</b>	<b>Presentation of Petition to Stop Fluoridation of Tararua Drinking Water</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>9.2</b>	<b>Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024</b>	<b>107</b>
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<b>11.</b>	<b>Portfolio Reports</b>	
	Councillors assigned the responsibility to undertake the portfolio for a specific activity can report back on any of these matters.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Mayoral Matters</b>	
<b>12.1</b>	<b>Submission - Fast Track Approvals Bill</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Items not on the Agenda Accepted in Accordance with the Procedure Outlined as per Agenda Item 4</b>	
<b>14.</b>	<b>Closure</b>	





Minutes of a meeting of the Tararua District Council held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 27 March 2024 commencing at 1:00pm.

## **1. Present**

Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor), N L Chase, A K Franklin, S M Gilmore, P A Johns, M F Long, K A Sutherland, S A Wallace and S M Wards

### **In Attendance**

Mr B Nicholson	- Chief Executive
Mrs A Small	- Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing
Ms S Lowe	- Group Manager – People, Capability and Customer Experience
Mr H Featonby	- Group Manager - Infrastructure
Ms J Smith	- Legal Counsel and Procurement Manager
Ms F Chase	- Facilities Manager
Mr D Watson	- Manager – Special Projects
Mr P Wimsett	- 3-Waters Transition Manager
Mr M Dunn	- Manager – Programmes and Projects
Mr J Single	- Regulatory Services Manager
Mrs S Walshe	- Finance Manager
Ms M Yule	- Project Accountant
Mr J Vince	- Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Coordinator
Ms S Ellis	- Democracy Support Officer

## **2. Council Prayer**

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Council Prayer.

## **3. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

#### **4. Public Forum**

Nikki Kilmartin of fluoride free Tararua, accompanied by a group of other ratepayers against fluoride, spoke to the Council to request a deference of the proposed fluoridation timeframe to 31 December 2024, in accordance with the allowances provided to other councils – most notably, Nelson City Council.

She stated her distaste for the inclusion of fluoride in the water supply, and likened it to forceful medication. She spoke about the detrimental health effects of fluoridation, including its effects on hypersensitive individuals and cumulative effect in the pineal gland, and questioned whether Council would be willing to give people poisoned water. She stated that 75 countries had stopped fluoridation initiatives due to these health concerns, and added that there existed more effective preventative measures against tooth decay.

With regard to the growing number of individuals in opposition to fluoridation, she stated that ~600 ratepayers had signed a petition against it, with the intent to present it to Council in due course. She added that the addition of fluoride had been ruled as unlawful and as a breach of Section 11 of the NZ Bill of Rights, and that the choice of ratepayers to not include fluoride on these grounds should be respected.

She reiterated her desire for the Council to follow Nelson City Council in postponing the addition of fluoride, and reminded all attendants of a public meeting to be held on 23 April 2024 at 7pm.

Her Worship the Mayor acknowledged the presentation and stated she had forwarded this to the Chief Executive, but added that there were some differences between the situation regarding the postponement of the Nelson City Council fluoridation and this Council, and that she was seeking further advice.

#### **5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda**

Nil

#### **6. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business**

Cr S M Gilmore – Mayors Taskforce for Jobs

Cr E L Peeti-Webber – member of Dannevirke Multisport Complex Trust re Better Off Funding

## **7. Confirmation of Minutes**

*That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 February 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Crs Wallace/Peeti-Webber*

*Carried*

## **8. Community Boards and Community Committees Reports**

### **8.1 Eketāhuna Community Board minutes**

*That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held 11 March 2024 be received.*

*Crs Gilmore/Franklin*

*Carried*

### **8.2 Explore Pahiatua Community Committee minutes**

*That the minutes of the Explore Pahiatua Community Committee meeting held 6 March 2024 be received.*

*Crs Gilmore/Franklin*

*Carried*

### **8.3 Positively Woodville Community Committee minutes**

*That the minutes of the Positively Woodville Community Committee meeting held 5 March 2024 be received.*

*Crs Gilmore/Franklin*

*Carried*

### **8.4 Dannevirke Community Board minutes**

*That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held 18 March 2024 be received.*

*Crs Gilmore/Franklin*

*Carried*

## **9. Reports**

### **9.1 Change of Location for the Proposed Sheltered Seating at Fountaine Square**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Chief Executive dated 20 March 2024 to consider changing the location of the sheltered seating area within the southern end of Fountaine Square, Suburban Sections 1 & 2 Woodville, to within the northern end of Fountaine Square on the Ormond Street side. Alternatively, the current proposed location in the southern end as per the previous resolution would be maintained.

***That the report from the Chief Executive dated 20 March 2024 concerning the Change of Location for the Proposed Sheltered Seating at Fountaine Square be received.***

***That the Tararua District Council rescinds the following motion made 20 December 2023:***

***“That the Council approves the request from Woodville Women’s Institute to build a sheltered seating area within the southern end of Fountaine Square, Suburban Sections 1 & 2 Woodville, pending a discussion with Woodville Women’s Institute regarding position and final design.”***

**AND**

***That the Tararua District Council makes the following motion in its place:***

***“That the Council approves the request from Woodville Women’s Institute to build a sheltered seating area within the northern end of Fountaine Square on the Ormond Street side, Suburban Sections 1 & 2 Woodville.”***

***Crs Johns/Gilmore***

***Carried***

## **9.2 Proposed Dog Registration Fees for the 2024/2025 financial year.**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Regulatory Services Manager dated 07 March 2024 to seek approval and adoption of the proposed dog registration fees for the 2024/2025 financial year.

***That the report from the Regulatory Services Manager dated 07 March 2024 concerning the Proposed Dog Registration Fees for the 2024/2025 financial year. be received.***

***That pursuant to Section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996, the following dog registration fees (including GST) for the year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 be adopted:***

### ***Animal Control Advice***

<b><i>Application and compliance advice</i></b>	<b><i>No charge</i></b>
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### ***Dog Registration***

#### ***Urban Domestic Dog***

<b><i>Fee if paid on or before 1 August</i></b>	<b><i>\$150.00</i></b>
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<b><i>Late fee if paid after 1 August</i></b>	<b><i>\$</i></b>
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#### ***Urban Domestic Dog (Desexed)***

<b><i>Fee if paid on or before 1 August</i></b>	<b><i>\$120.00</i></b>
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<b><i>Late fee if paid after 1 August</i></b>	<b><i>\$180.00</i></b>
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***Preferred Owner Dog (Entire) Also includes current members of Dogs New Zealand (formerly NZ Kennel Club).***

<i>Fee if paid on or before 1 August</i>	<b>\$80.00</b>
<i>Late fee if paid after 1 August*</i>	<b>\$120.00</b>

*Preferred Owner Dog (Desexed) Also includes current members of Dogs New Zealand (formerly NZ Kennel Club).*

<i>Fee if paid on or before 1 August</i>	<b>\$70.00</b>
<i>Late fee if paid after 1 August*</i>	<b>\$105.00</b>

*\* Preferred owner status may be revoked if paid after 1 August. If revoked, the applicable dog registration fee will apply.*

*Over 65's Canine Companion (available to Over 65's that do not qualify for Preferred Owner).*

<i>Fee if paid on or before 1 August</i>	<b>\$90.00</b>
<i>Late fee if paid after 1 August*</i>	<b>\$135.00</b>

*Rural Domestic Dog*

<i>Fee if paid on or before 1 August</i>	<b>\$78.00</b>
<i>Late fee if paid after 1 August</i>	<b>\$117.00</b>

*Dogs NZ Rural Domestic Dog, (Current members of Dogs New Zealand, (formerly NZ Kennel Club).*

<i>Fee if paid on or before 1 August</i>	<b>\$52.00</b>
<i>Late fee if paid after 1 August*</i>	<b>\$78.00</b>

*\*may be revoked if paid after 1 August. If revoked, the applicable dog registration fee will apply.*

*Working Dog\**

*(First 5 Dogs full fee then additional dogs are registered at tag fee only)*

<i>Fee if paid on or before 1 August</i>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<i>Late fee if paid after 1 August</i>	

*\*Providing a false statement when registering a dog is an offence subject to a \$3000 fine on conviction.*

*Dangerous Dog - as classified under the Dog Control Act 1996*

<i>Fee if paid on or before 1 August</i>	<b>Base fee plus 50%</b>
<i>Late fee if paid after 1 August</i>	<b>Additional 50% fee</b>

*Disability assist dog with organisation certificate* **No charge**

*Any new dog that is less than three months old after 1 August in any calendar year will be charged a pro rata of the dog registration for that year.*

*All other fees and charges relating to Animal Control will be presented later this year for adoption, included in the Tararua District Council Fees and Charges schedule.*

**Crs Sutherland/Wards**

**Carried**

### 9.3 Pensioner Housing Fees

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing dated 12 March 2024 to provide a recommendation on Pensioner Housing fees and seek approval for the proposed fees for the 2024/2025 financial year; as well as to seek approval from Council to increase the self-imposed Pensioner Housing fee cap of 30% Gross Superannuation to 33% Gross Superannuation.

***That the report from the Group Manager - Strategy & Community Wellbeing dated 12 March 2024 concerning the Pensioner Housing Fees be received.***

***That the Council approves the proposed Pensioner Housing fees and charges for the 2024/2025 financial year.***

***That Council approves increasing the self-imposed Pensioner Housing fee cap of 30% Gross Superannuation to 33% Gross Superannuation.***

***Crs Johns/Gilmore***

***Carried***

### 9.4 Waihi Falls Toilet

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Manager – Programmes & Projects dated 12 March 2024 to present the current funding arrangements achieved with the Waihi Falls Toilet project and gain Council direction on whether to proceed or not.

***That the report from the Manager - Programmes & Projects dated 12 March 2024 concerning the Waihi Falls Toilet be received.***

***AND***

***That the Council agree that the project proceed with a Council-funded portion of \$26,000 from the current renewal budget (depreciation reserves).***

***Mayor Collis/Chase***

***Carried***

### 9.5 2024-2034 Long-term Plan Options Report

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Group Manager – Corporate & Regulatory dated 20 March 2024 to discuss and seek direction from the Council on management's analysis of options for the 2024-2034 LTP.

The Chief Executive referred to the discussions held at the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 26 March 2024 and advised that although the report proposed releasing an unaudited Consultation Document to enable Council to meet the 30 June 2024 deadline, management's position on that had changed, and now recommended delaying adoption of the Long-term Plan until 30 June 2025 and instead preparing an enhanced Annual Plan. The reasons for this related



to:

- The significant unknowns with impact of changes in direction of Government that impacted Council's ability to make decisions in the area of three-waters in particular;
- More work required to be able to provide confidence in the figures being included in Long-term Plan and provide information to support Council's decision-making;
- Auditors due on site this week to start auditing the Long-term Plan information;
- Delay would allow officers more time to focus on providing a good Long-term Plan.

Her Worship the Mayor provided a brief overview of the long-term plan and the annual plan, and what items are generally included in each. She outlined the largest factors surrounding why this decision was required – namely the uncertainty surrounding 3 waters, and the roading issues caused by Cyclone Gabrielle. She spoke about the decision made in the Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 26 March 2024 to vote against the deferral, and the rationale behind each option presented – deferral could clear up the uncertainty, but should there be no significant differences in six months' time it would have proved unnecessary, and the initial risks faced would still remain.

Her Worship the Mayor shared the opinion of the Audit and Risk Committee Chairperson, outlining the risks associated with both options being considered.

Cr S Gilmore spoke in favour of the recommendation, to defer the adoption of the Long-term Plan to 2025 and adopt an enhanced Annual Plan instead (option 4). and noting this would provide opportunity for better understanding of 3 waters, NZTA Waka Kotahi funding, better understanding of budget and the risk of not having a level of confidence in budget figures past year two. There would also be opportunity for more clarity on District Plan, and more time to provide a clearer rationalisation plan. With regards to the political risk of delivering a LTP just before an election he stated that it was best to base the decision on what was best for the community rather than members' re-election prospects.

Cr P Johns spoke in favour of option 2, to proceed with adoption of a Long-term Plan by 30 June 2024, and sought clarification of what data was currently lacking that wouldn't be clear in six months' time.

Cr S Wards spoke in favour of option 4, noting her concern with the use of placeholder figures and her reluctance to commit to a plan with uncertainty in its budget figures, or to commit a budget to expenditures later found unnecessary.

Cr K Sutherland spoke in favour of option 4, and noted that Section 50 only applies for an LTP extension for 3 months; this would not apply with a deferred

LTP. He added that multiple Councils were considering extension to alleviate audit fees, and to account for changes under the water services bill, given the hard decisions to be made. He expressed a desire to consider the longevity of the LTP beyond the statutorily bound ten years, and to make decisions that would have a lasting impact - especially in regards to funding, and with 3 waters still a considerable uncertainty. He added that he felt the extended period would provide an opportunity to further assess infrastructure, and make an informed decision given a larger amount of available information.

Cr A Franklin spoke in favour of option 4, and agreed that further factual information was needed as opposed to placeholders in an LTP.

Cr S Wallace spoke in favour of option 2, and argued that rulings from central government would affect the LTP regardless of when they were instated. He stated that it was best to find the most appropriate long term option regardless of change.

Cr N Chase was in favour of option 2, and stated that it would be best to continue with the current information, as she didn't see how much would change. She expressed concern about having the same numbers six months on regardless.

Cr E Peeti-Webber spoke in favour of option 2, and stated that they have the majority of information required now to continue with the LTP, as well as not to waste more time.

Cr M Long spoke in favour of option 2, and expressed concern regarding the uncertainty surrounding 3 waters and roading funding.

Her Worship the Mayor spoke in favour of option 2, and moved such in Recommendation.

***That the report from the Group Manager - Corporate & Regulatory dated 20 March 2024 concerning the 2024-2034 Long-term Plan Options Report be received.***

***That the Council adopts the option to release an unaudited 2024-2034 Long-term Plan consultation document for consultation to enable Council to meet the 30 June 2024 adoption deadline.***

***It was requested that a vote on the motion be taken by way of a division, with the outcome being as follows:***

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs Collis</b>	<b>Cr Wards</b>
<b>Cr Chase</b>	<b>Cr Gilmore</b>
<b>Cr Johns</b>	<b>Cr Sutherland</b>
<b>Cr Peeti-Webber</b>	<b>Cr Franklin</b>
<b>Cr Long</b>	
<b>Cr Wallace</b>	

***The Mayor declared that the motion was carried.***

***Mayor Collis/Johns***

***Carried***

**9.6 Significance and Engagement Policy**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Legal Counsel dated 14 March 2024 which presents the reviewed Significance and Engagement Policy for adoption by Council.

***That the report from the Legal Counsel dated 14 March 2024 concerning the Significance and Engagement Policy be received.***

***That Council adopt the amended Significance and Engagement Policy.***

***That if Council determines any changes to the policy are required, the Chief Executive be delegated the power to make such amendments.***

***Crs Wallace/Peeti-Webber***

***Carried***

**9.7 Iwi and Māori Participation in Council Decision Making Policy**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing dated 12 March 2024 to seek adoption of the Iwi and Māori Participation in Council Decision Making Policy by Council. It was asked that both the terms iwi and Māori were used in future documents, as they encompassed all Māori. It was also asked to view the accompanying operational procedures document.

***That the report from the Group Manager - Strategy & Community Wellbeing dated 12 March 2024 concerning the Iwi and Māori Participation in Council Decision Making Policy be received.***

***That Council adopt the Iwi and Māori Participation in Council Decision Making Policy.***

***That if Council determines any changes to the policy are required, the Chief Executive be delegated the power to make such amendments.***

***Crs Chase/Wallace***

***Carried***

**9.8 Redirection of Three Waters Better Off Support Grant Funding**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing dated 19 March 2024 to consider redirection of two allocations agreed for projects from the Better Off Support Package, to support the transition to Local Water Done Well. This would also involve the retention of an existing part of the allocations: \$50,000 for the skate park, as well

as \$200,000 for the Council's Play, Active Recreation and Sports (PARS) strategy general maintenance and action of in-progress initiatives. Cr E Peeti-Webber's conflict of interest re the proposed skate park was noted, and intention to leave the meeting for any deliberations relating specifically to that matter.

***That the report from the Group Manager - Strategy & Community Wellbeing dated 19 March 2024 concerning the Redirection of Three Waters Better Off Support Grant Funding be received.***

***That the Tararua District Council notes that the following approved projects under the Three Waters Better Off Grant Fund are currently unspent:***

**Actioning Council's Play, Active Recreation and Sports (PARS) Strategy  
- \$1,500,000**

**Upgrade of Council Owned Reserves - \$500,000**

***That the Tararua District Council approve the application for a portion of the unspent Better Off Funding projects to be redirected to support the transition to Local Water Done Well, with the balance remaining allocated to a previously approved Better Off Grant Fund project as follows:***

**Local Water Done Well projects - \$1,750,000**

**Actioning Council's Play, Active Recreation and Sports (PARS) Strategy  
- \$250,000**

***Crs Wallace/Sutherland***

***Carried***

***Crs S Gilmore and M Long recorded their votes against the motion***

#### **9.9 Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) Report**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs dated 01 March 2024 that seeks to update Council on the completed and planned activities within the Tararua MTFJ Programme.

***That the report from the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Coordinator dated 01 March 2024 concerning the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) Report be received.***

***Mayor Collis/Gilmore***

***Carried***

#### **9.10 Requests for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 12 March 2024 to provide information on the requests for information received under the Local Government Official Information and

Meetings Act 1987.

***That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 12 March 2024 concerning the Requests for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 be received.***

**Mayor Collis/Franklin**

**Carried**

## **10. Portfolio Reports**

**Passenger Transport** - Cr A Franklin reported on her attendance at a Passenger Transport meeting held by Horizons Regional Council. She spoke regarding a Passenger Transport review, criticising some downplayed elements, but ultimately pleased by the notable number of submissions from all over the district, as well as Palmerston North. She expressed optimism regarding further developments in public transport within the district, especially considering its inclusion in the LTP.

**Connect Tararua** - Cr A Franklin reported on her attendance at a Connect Tararua meeting. She noted that it was a very productive meeting, with renewed discussion centred around rural connectivity and Spark RCG towers near Norsewood, and the potential for establishment of a business case to include Norsewood in the next tranche of RCG towers to be constructed.

**Te Maruata** - Deputy Mayor E Peeti-Webber reported on her attendance at Te Maruata, a Māori local government arm of councils online conference. She noted a high and growing level of attendance, and the discussion of the proposed repeal of Māori wards in local government, that took place.

**Norsewood** – Cr S Wallace reported on his attendance at a Norsewood community meeting. He noted that it was a very positive event, with attendees highly receptive towards current initiatives and works undertaken by Council – especially in regards to wastewater, which could in part be attributable to the recent wastewater segment presented on television.

## **11. Mayoral Matters**

Her Worship the Mayor congratulated the Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing on her new role, and expressed gratitude for everything she had achieved during her time at Council.

## **12. Items not on the Agenda**

Nil

There being no further business the Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 3:45pm.

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Mayor



Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Tararua District Council held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 10 April 2024 commencing at 9:30am.

## **1. Present**

Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor), A K Franklin, S M Gilmore, P A Johns, K A Sutherland, S A Wallace and S M Wards

### **In Attendance**

Mr P Jones	- Chairperson, Audit and Risk Committee (via Teams)
Mr B Nicholson	- Chief Executive
Mr R Suppiah	- Group Manager – Corporate and Regulatory
Mr H Featonby	- Group Manager - Infrastructure
Ms G Nock	- Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager
Mrs S Walshe	- Finance Manager
Ms E Roberts	- Revenue Manager
Ms A Rule	- Policy and Planning Advisor
Mrs A Dunn	- Manager – Democracy Services (via Teams)
Ms S Ellis	- Democracy Support Officer

## **2. Apologies**

*That the apologies from Councillor N Chase and Councillor M Long be accepted and leave of absence granted for the meeting.*

*Crs Sutherland/Peeti-Webber*

*Carried*

## **3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business**

Nil

## **4. Reports**

### **4.1 Extension of Timeline for Long-term Plan**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Chief Executive dated 3 April 2024 that sought adoption of an amended timeline for the 2024-34 Long-term Plan, including rescission of the resolution made 27 March 2024.

*Councillor S A Wallace joined the meeting at 9:33am*

The Group Manager – Corporate and Regulatory advised that since Council's decision of 27 March 2024 to adopt an unaudited consultation document to allow for adoption of the Long-term Plan by 30 June 2024, the auditor availability meant that additional time was required to enable the Long-term Plan to be adopted to come into effect starting with the 2024-25 financial year. By selecting the option allowed for under temporary legislation to extend the legal timeframe to 30 September 2024, but adopt by 31 July, would enable the Council to strike rates using the rates resolution for Year 1 of the Long-term Plan.

In discussion, concerns were raised surrounding the risks in adopting the proposed extension, namely the potential invocation of Section 50 of the Ratings Act requiring rates to be set utilising data from the previous year, and the risks of auditing an Long-term Plan with significant uncertainties still as yet to be wholly accounted for; notwithstanding concerns regarding an audit timeframe and auditor availability.

With regard to the third option available under temporary legislation, to defer the Long-term Plan and move forward with an enhanced annual plan in its place, it was noted that the date for finalisation of this option was 30 April.

***That the report from the Chief Executive dated 03 April 2024 concerning the Extension of Timeline for Long-term Plan be received.***

***That the Tararua District Council rescinds the following motion made 27 March 2024:***

***“That the Council adopts the option to release an unaudited 2024-2034 Long-term Plan consultation document for consultation to enable Council to meet the 30 June 2024 adoption deadline.”***

***That the Tararua District Council makes the following motion in its place:***

***“That the Council adopts the option for extending the statutory deadline by which the 2024-2034 Long-term Plan must be adopted by three months to 30 September 2024, noting its intention to adopt the Long-term Plan on 31 July 2024.”***

***Crs Collis/Johns***

***Carried***

***The motion was declared carried on the casting vote of Her Worship the Mayor***



There being no further business the Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:29am.

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Mayor



## MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting held 2 April 2024, 7pm  
Woodville Sports Stadium Supper room**

**1. Present:**

J Kopa, C Wilton, V Tomlinson, R McMillan, A Sowry, B Swenson, D Henman, D Stokes, Cr S Gilmore, S Ashton, J Lovett, N Lovett, B Hutton, S Ashton, P Cox  
AM Hapuku (arrived late)

**2. Apologies:**

S Silvester, R Winter, P Johns ( a late apology)

*That the apologies be accepted*

*B Hutton/ V Tomlinson*

*Carried*

*That we send a condolence card to Cr Johns*

*J Kopa / C Wilton*

*Carried*

**3. Conflicts of Interest:**

None declared.

**4. Notifications of other General Business**

- Town gardens ( B Hutton)
- Good news report from Athol Sowry

**5. Minutes of the previous meeting**

*That the minutes are confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

*B Hutton / B Swenson*

*Carried*

**6. Matters Arising from the minutes.**

**6.1 ANZAC DAY**

Vicky reports that she is co-ordinating the event and would like some assistance on the day if anyone can help.

**6.2 GST registration is underway**

**6.3 Sowry Road development**

The Chair and Cr S Gilmore gave an update and advised that this is not something Positively Woodville needs to be involved in, it is an issue for Council to deal with.

**6.4 Mad Hatters Day date is changed to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**

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## 7. Correspondence

**Inward:** TDC – Invoices  
V Tomlinson – 150<sup>th</sup> celebration report  
R Winter – Project Completion report

**Outward:** Nil

*That the correspondence be approved.*

**C Wilton / J Lovett**

**Carried**

## 8. Financial

A report was presented by V Tomlinson.

*That the financial report be accepted and accounts paid*

**V Tomlinson / C Wilton**

**Carried**

## 9. Grant applications

NIL

Name		Project	Amount	Approved
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## 10. TDC Report – Cr S Gilmore

The Mayor asked me to pass on a thanks for the level of transparency in Positively Woodville minutes which was noted in our last council meeting.

### Meeting venue hire

The Chief Executive has decided Community Committees with an active service agreement will no longer be required to pay for venue hire fees for their monthly meetings. Any other venue hire costs will remain.

### Long-term Plan options

Under legislation passed by the new government, councils had an option to defer the Long-term Plan (LTP) and instead complete an Enhanced Annual Plan, or consult with an unaudited Consultation Document.

A LTP is for a duration of 10 years and updated every 3 years. If council opted to defer, a LTP would need to be completed next year.

There was significant debate around the options (which can be watched on the recording of the meeting) with council resolving not to defer and continue with the LTP process, but choosing the option to consult with an unaudited Consultation Document.

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### **Redirection of Three Waters Better off Funding**

At our last meeting council resolved to redirect a portion of this central government funding directly to waters projects.

Originally councils were encouraged to use this funding for non water projects, but the new government has asked councils to rethink this.

The two funding streams that had not been spent were:

Actioning Council's Play, Active Recreation and Sports (PARS) Strategy at \$1,500,000 and

Upgrade of council owned reserves at \$500,000.

Council has significant challenges with our 3 waters infrastructure and resolved to divert \$1,750,000 to water projects and hold \$250,000 for actioning the PARS Strategy.

## **11 General Business**

Athol Sowry reported that some great things have been happening in the town that he wanted to share. AIPA weekend was held in Waipukarau and the members of that group flew to his property for morning tea, The Red Poll Cattle Association is visiting Athol's Stud early next year, this will consist of international delegates.

### **a. Young persons Exhibition at Rinitawa Gallery**

Seona Ashton reported that the exhibition was a success with a good response from young people under 30. They will have a new co-ordinator for this event for the exhibition next year.

### **b. 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations update**

- V Tomlinson tabled a report on their progress. There has been agreement that groups are responsible for their own events. The 150<sup>th</sup> logo will be used by each club.
- Athol Sowry is managing the '150 Farming' event

***That Positively Woodville underwrite the farming event up to \$2600.00. This will be recouped with ticket sales. Any extra profit will be given to a charity of Athol's choice***

**V Tomlinson / B Hutton**

**Carried**

- B Hutton advised that the Gallery have gained exclusive use of the Lindauer glass plate negatives that will feature in an exhibition in 2024.

### **d. Town gardens**

V Tomlinson has met with A Small, F Chase and the garden contractors. There is an amount of \$7000.00 included in our funds from Council for town beautification. Adele Small advised that when the time comes to update the

garden contract, there will be a variation to the contract to include the gardens.

**e. Draft Constitution**

The final draft will soon be emailed to members for their consideration with discussion and feedback at the May meeting. Hard copies of the document will be available at the site.

The Chair will ask that the changes are highlighted so that it is easy to read.

**f. Community Plan**

A community day will be held on Saturday 27 April, 10am – 4pm at the Supper room in the Sports Stadium. This is an opportunity for the community to give feedback on ideas and add some ideas that they may have.

Invitations will be sent to clubs/organisations with current projects that PW can support.

The Chair is hoping community members will be involved, they do not need to be members to be in a project group.

Cr S Gilmore, V Tomlinson, B Hutton, J Lovett have offered to help on the day

**g. Flag Trax**

An application has gone to Meridian Power Up fund which closes on 21 April 2024.

***That thanks is given to Joy and Kimberley for their work on the application***

***B Hutton / V Tomlinson***

***Carried***

**h. Resene**

An application will be made to Resene for paint to help beautify the town. here was discussion around encouraging business owners to spruce up their businesses to enhance the buildings

**i. Selleys promotion:** Any purchase of Selleys product can go into a draw to win \$10,000.00 and can also nominate a group to receive \$10,000

**j. Community Gardens**

V Tomlinson has met with E Elliott and a report will be given next month.

**The meeting was declared closed at 8.05pm**

**Chairperson**

**Date**

## Positively Woodville Treasurers Report March 2024

	Income	Expenditure	Balance
<b>Discretionary Fund**</b>			\$ 1,958.62
<b>General Working Account</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>		<b>\$ 39,507.85</b>
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	
Mar-24 Subs - P Tayler	\$ 5.00		
Credit from BNZ from WDV/WCC Account	\$ 292.54		
NZME (Bush Telegraph) -- Xmas Thanks Notice		\$ 327.75	
Reimbursement - J Kopa - Travel to Sports Awards		\$ 27.90	
TDC - Annual Payments (two years)	\$ 82,887.00		
Interest	\$ 66.87		
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$ 83,251.41</b>	<b>\$ 355.65</b>	<b>\$ 122,403.61</b>
<b>Invoices to Pay</b>			
TDC - Stadium Hire 5/3 Mtg PW		\$ 24.00	
<b>Committed Funds / Projects</b>			
Ongoing 150th celebrations			\$ 5,892.95
Mad Hatters Day 2024 (confirmed at Feb Mtg)			\$ 8,000.00
Community Garden (DIA Funds)			\$ 5,599.12
Tararua Trust donation - Defibrillator	<b>balance left</b>		\$ 246.01
Dis Grant for Woodville School (approved)			\$ 1,720.00
Dis Grant Fund			\$ 1,958.62
	<b>Total Committed:</b>		<b>\$ 23,416.70</b>
<b>Potential Available General Funds 2024/25</b>			<b>\$ 98,962.91</b>
<b>Saver Account:</b>			
Walkway Fund			\$ 6,023.84

### Note

\*\* - This will increase and the total available funds decrease once % is known.



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**Minutes of the Explore Pahiataua Incorporated Society meeting held at the Tararua District Council Service Centre 136 Main Street, Pahiataua on Wednesday 3 April 2024, 7:00pm**

*The meeting commenced with a committee photograph, with orders of business from 7:15pm.*

**1. Present**

- 1.1. Committee Members: Ali Romanos (Chair), Louise Powick (Deputy Chair), Raylene Treder (Secretary), Marie Kissick (Treasurer), Ingrid de Graaf, Richard Hansen, Georgina Morrison and James Devoe.
- 1.2. Tararua District Council Representatives: Cr Alison Franklin and Cr Scott Gilmore
- 1.3. Members of the public: David Jackson, Emma Elliott

**2. Apologies**

- 2.1. Nil.

Ali Romanos/Raylene Treder

**Carried**

**3. Conflicts of Interest**

- 3.1. Nil.

Ali Romanos/Raylene Treder

**Carried**

**4. Notification of Items not on the agenda**

- 4.1. Rhys Punler – gift to acknowledge his service to Explore Pahiataua.
- 4.2. Shirley Hull – Civil Defence Emergency Response.

**5. Confirmation of Minutes.**

**That the minutes of the Explore Pahiataua meeting held Wednesday 6 March 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting with the below changes:**

- The date of the minutes confirmed at the previous meeting was incorrect: 6 December 2023 should be 6 March 2024.
- 10.4 change "chainsaw course" to "Competenz chainsaw assessment".
- Correction that the Mitre 10 account is in credit \$300.68 not \$66.63.

Raylene Treder/Marie Kissick

**Carried**

## **6. Matters Arising**

- 6.1. On 12 March 2024, Ali Romanos sat on the judging panel for the Tararua Sports Awards. On 22 March 2024, Raylene Treder attended the awards ceremony held at Tararua College.
- 6.2. Ingrid de Graaf to post on the Explore Pahiataua Facebook page a Congratulations to the award winners at Tararua Sports Awards that are currently or formerly of Pahiataua, namely Jamie Davidson, Brodie Bennett and Ken Metekingi.
- 6.3. The meeting for the proposed windfarm to be located at Makomako was held at the Balance Hall with residents. Louise Powick reported the meeting was well attended. The community gave plenty of feedback regarding lack of consultation of the proposal. Lorraine Stephenson would like to hold a public meeting once the developers have submitted the plans.
- 6.4. Louise Powick updated the website with the necessary changes. Louise Powick to make further minor changes; changing the name of Pahiataua Paper Plus to The Bookshop.
- 6.5. Ali Romanos to seek update of committee members on Council website.
- 6.6. Ali Romanos to liaise with George Morrison to set up Google Docs for committee File management and meeting documentation.

## **7. Correspondence**

### **Inwards**

- From: TDC – Update from the Tararua Recovery team.
- From: Carol Wilton (TDC) – Creative Communities.
- From: Pare Kore – Newsletter
- From: Hinekawa Wilson-Munday (Sport Tararua) – Judging evening for the Sports Awards.
- From: TDC – Draft MOU for the Dog Park.
- From: QV: Notice of updated QV for 183 Main St – Capital Value \$155,000.
- From: Waireka Community Trust – Grant approved for \$10,000 for the dog park development.
- From: Pahiataua Shears committee – Thank-you card re grant received from EPI.
- From: Rhys Punler – resignation from EPI committee.

### **Outwards**

- To: Tararua District Council – Signed MOU for the Dog Park
- To: Mayor Tracey Collis – re Listener article on Earthquake-prone buildings. Ali Romanos reported he had received no response to date.



**That the inwards be received and outwards noted.**

Ali Romanos/Marie Kissick

**Carried**

**8. Committee Matters**

- 8.1. **Co-option to Explore Pahiata Executive Committee of Georgina Morrison and James Devoe.**

**That Georgina Morrison and James Devoe be co-opted to committee**

Ali Romanos/Raylene Treder

**Carried**

- 8.2. Emma Elliott remuneration for community garden.

**That Emma Elliott be paid equivalent of ordinary committee meeting fee to run this portfolio, with payment to be made at same time.**

Louise Powick/Ingrid de Graaf

**Carried**

- 8.3. **Rhys Punler's resignation:** The Committee accepted this and agreed Ali Romanos should organise a gift to value of \$200.00.
- 8.4. **Replacement for Rhys's Harvard Plane photo attraction portfolio:** James Devoe appointed. The Committee briefed James on where the project was placed, and discussion was had as to potential designs and issues. In the first instance, James to liaise with Waka Kotahi NZTA to confirm viability, before proceeding any further with the design. Cr Alison Franklin to provide James a contact for Waka Kotahi NZTA.
- 8.5. **Replacement for Rhys on Road Safety Committee:** Marie Kissick appointed as the new Road Safety Committee representative from Explore Pahiata.
- 8.6. **Shirley Hull – Civil Defence Emergency Response:** Ali Romanos referred to contact with Shirley about the request for a representative from Explore Pahiata to sit on this committee/group. Georgina Morrison indicated she can take on this role. This will be confirmed in due course once matters are finalised.

**9. Explore Christmas**

- 9.1. Ali Romanos wanted this to be placed on the agenda again, with subcommittee to start planning for the event: Ingrid de Graaf, Ali Romanos and Sarah Romanos as initial members. Ingrid de Graaf to contact Fiona Stokes to gauge interest in helping again.
- 9.2. Road Closure application to be submitted to the Tararua District Council in June.
- 9.3. Louise Powick to follow up on the invoice for the traffic management for the road closure for last year's parade.

**10. Tararua District Council Report**

- 10.1. Cr Alison Franklin provided an oral report, to which Cr Gilmore also spoke.

- Long Term Plan (**LTP**) – Council had considered two options for the upcoming LTP: (a) to progress as per normal; or (b) complete an annual plan and complete the LTP the following year. It was decided by Council to continue with the status quo and complete the LTP this year.
- Better Off Funding – Money was allocated to the PARS from the DIA. DIA have requested this be spent on 3 Waters. \$600,000 was earmarked for the Pahiata new swimming pool, but this is no longer available. Council agreed to increase debt funding and consult with the community in the LTP consultation document, that the pool receive \$2.5 million.
- \$177 million needs to be spent on 3 waters over the next 10 years to have all plants compliant, due to increased regulations and infrastructure.
- Cr Alison Franklin to confirm when the LTP Consultation Document be available for the community to provide feedback.
- Tararua District Council received an infringement notice for the work being completed at the on the Eketahuna wastewater site.

**That Cr Franklin's Council Report be received.**

Ali Romanos/Raylene Treder

**Carried**

#### **11. Financial Report**

- 11.1. Marie Kissick noted we are currently in credit with Mitre 10 – \$300.68

**That the financial report from Marie Kissick (Treasurer) for the preceding month be received and identified invoices approved for payment.**

- NZME – Bush Telegraph Feature \$513.19.

Marie Kissick/Ingrid de Graaf

**Carried**

#### **11.2. Tagged Funds**

- Agreed that in future this will include meeting fees of \$6,990 to enhance Committee's budgeting.
- Georgina Morrison queried if the Committee has a formal budget. Discussion had as to committee funds being distributed on a case-by-case basis and put into the tagged funds spreadsheet.
- Community Garden funds to be included in the tagged funds. Marie Kissick to provide Emma a report on the outgoings for the Community Garden.

#### **11.3. Other Financial matters**

Marie Kissick has the paperwork completed for the closure of the Harvard Park Account with BNZ. Marie Kissick to action.

## **12. Portfolio Reports**

### **12.1. Pahiatua Districts Business Group (PDBG) (Ingrid de Graaf)**

- March saw the PDBG advertise (email and Facebook) online events (“AI Revolutionising Business Productivity” & “Unconscious Bias”) hosted by the Manawatu Chamber but the response was minimal
- Ingrid de Graaf waiting for a response from CEDA regarding a new date for an event.
- Combined Chambers event to be held in May at Tui HQ to be advertised.

### **12.2. Explore Pahiatua Marketing (Ingrid de Graaf)**

- March Bush Telegraph advert was based on committee changes.
- April Bush Telegraph will be based on the upcoming Polish Flag Day in May and how the community can be involved.
- Facebook – Shared Children’s Day post, posted Bush Telegraph advert regarding “Plans for 2024’.
- Ingrid de Graaf to place on the Facebook page information about the Long-Term Plan Consultation and how to submit a submission.
- Ingrid de Graaf to place a post on Facebook page to thank Karolyn Donald and Rhys Punler for their contribution to the Explore Pahiatua Committee.
- Half-page advertisement in the Bush Telegraph to feature the Polish Memorial Flag day celebration.
- Ingrid de Graaf to promote the antenna app on Facebook.

### **12.3. Youth Centre (Ali Romanos)**

- Raylene Treder to meet with Georgina Morrision to discuss the best approach for funding to Eastern and Central Community Trust for the upgrade to the Youth Centre.

### **12.4. Carnival Park (Richard Hansen)**

- Still awaiting a quote for removal of the pine trees on the western boundary of the park.
- Discovery of a broken limb from one of those pines, leaning on the neighbour’s gum tree and posing a threat to the fence on the western boundary. Caution tape was used to isolate this potentially dangerous hazard. No risk to track users unless someone ventured off the track.
- Possum trapping continues – 8 possums recycled in March.

- 51 visitors over the Easter weekend.

**12.5. Community Garden (Emma Elliott)**

- Education event of the year will be Sunday Session 1pm -3pm: Winter Veggie Growing for Beginners on May 5th. Tutor's costs are covered by Wairarapa REAP, seedling starter pack supported by garden committee/EPI.
- The community evening to mark Neighbours Aotearoa on 28th March 6pm was moved to Bush Community Centre due to the weather.

**12.6. Swimming Pools (Louise Powick)**

- Awaiting the LTP consultation.
- Date for the golf fundraiser changed to the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
- Kerry Fraser from Sprung (Canada) to visit Pahiatua on the 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.

**12.7. Rotary Dog Park (Raylene Treder)**

- Applied to Waireka Community Trust for funding of \$15,276.77 for the development of the Dog Park. Granted \$10,000.
- Ben Luders to meet with Lions Club to see if they can help with the lime path and agility equipment.
- Committee meet with Adele Small and Fountaine Chase Tararua District Council to discuss the development and to draft an MOU between Tararua District Council and Explore Pahiatua.
- MOU received three days later and signed between Tararua District Council and Explore Pahiatua. Impressive.

**12.8. Road Safety Committee (Marie Kissick – new portfolio holder)**

- No report.

**12.9. Harvard Plane Photo Attraction (James Devoe – new portfolio holder)**

- No report.

**12.10. Polish memorial / 80<sup>th</sup> Reunion (Gilda McKnight)**

- Gilda McKnight visited McKay's Crossing to seeing the hut facades there, to seek ideas.
- Adam Mantery's a graphic designer, he has offered to take on the writing and graphics for the information boards, and will work with a creative designer, Aneta, to move forward with the project. Both Adam and Aneta are both of Pahiatua Children descent which is especially significant.

- Cr Alison Franklin, Andrew McKnight, Andrew McKnight meet with Erin from Waka Kotahi on Thursday at the memorial site to get approval for the positioning of the display boards. Polish National Flag Day to be held 2 May, Mayor Tracey Collis has purchased flags from the Embassy for businesses to display in shop windows. I will have information for an article about the flag day to Ingrid by 17th April.

**12.11. Incorporated Societies Act Compliance – Ali Romanos / Marie Kissick**

- Looking into whether remaining an incorporated society or becoming a charitable trust is in Explore's best long-term interests. Options will be carefully weighed up and put to whole committee in due course.

Meeting Closed at 8:45pm.

Ali Romanos (Chair): \_\_\_\_\_



## Eketāhuna Community Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Eketāhuna Community Board held in the Eketāhuna War Memorial Hall, corner of Jones Street and State Highway 2, Eketāhuna on Monday 8 April 2024 commencing at 10:03am.

### 1. Present

Board Members: S C McGhie (Chairperson), T M Carew (via Teams), E E Chase, and Cr S M Gilmore

#### In Attendance

Ms F Chase	-	Facilities Manager
Mr C Yonge	-	Team Leader Economic & Community Development
Ms K Stevens	-	Economic & Community Development Advisor
Mrs A Dunn	-	Manager – Democracy Services (via Teams)
Ms S Ellis	-	Democracy Support Officer

### 2. Apologies

*That the apologies from Councillor M F Long and Deputy Chairperson L J Barclay be approved and leave of absence granted for the meeting.*

*Gilmore/Chase*

*Carried*

### 3. Public Forum

There were no requests for public forum.

### 4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

**ANZAC day funding** – Chairperson S McGhie discussed with the Board the funding of the Eketāhuna ANZAC day event. It was noted that, to allocate funding towards the RSA for ANZAC day, an application for funding would need to be submitted in time for inclusion in a formal report on the agenda for the next meeting; this was underlined in regards to maintaining transparency with the

community regarding any decisions made.

## **5. Confirmation of Minutes**

***That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 11 March 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.***

***Gilmore/Chase***

***Carried***

## **6. Reports**

### **6.1 Consideration of Applications to the General Assistance Grants Fund 2024**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Democracy Support Officer dated 8 March 2024 that presented to the Board the applications for funding from the General Assistance Grants Scheme, for consideration and decision.

It was noted that the Eketāhuna Golf Club had not provided with its application balance sheet information, nor any history of approaching external organisations for funding. It was decided to put the application on hold until further details could be procured, and to add this to the agenda of the next Community Board meeting.

In addition, it also was noted that the Eketāhuna Living History Event application, being a collaboration between two separate organisations, did not adhere to the application process specifications requiring submission by a formal organisation. Information regarding their bank details was also not included. In discussion, it was also established that one party was unaware of the submission. It was decided that further enquiries would be made into the application on the involvement of all included.

***That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 08 March 2024 concerning the Consideration of Applications to the General Assistance Grants Fund 2024 be received.***

***That the Eketāhuna Community Board place on hold the decision to make a grant from its General Assistance Grants Fund to the Eketāhuna Golf Club Inc, towards replacement of the rear fire exit doors in clubhouse, and the refurbishment of the changing room doors, pending supply of balance sheet information.***

***Gilmore/Carew***

***Carried***

***That the Eketāhuna Community Board make the following grant from its General Assistance Grants Fund:***

***NZ Police, \$184.00 towards a reward for the work of the Eketāhuna School***

*students who operate the crossing and warden system.*

*Chase/Carew*

*Carried*

*That the Eketāhuna Community Board make the following grant from its General Assistance Grants Fund:*

*Eketāhuna Lawn Tennis Club, \$400.21 towards insurance costs of the Eketāhuna Multisport turf and pavilion.*

*Carew/Chase*

*Carried*

*That the Eketāhuna Community Board decline to make a grant from its General Assistance Grants Fund to the Eketāhuna Living History Event, and seeks an application to be submitted for the event from a formal organisation.*

*McGhie/Gilmore*

*Carried*

## 6.2 **Roading decision making process**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 02 April 2024 that informed the Board of the process for setting Council's roading programme and funding, in order to assist Board Members with responding to enquiries from the community.

*That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 02 April 2024 concerning the Roothing decision making process be received.*

*Chase/Gilmore*

*Carried*

## 6.3 **Management Report**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 02 April 2024 that provided an update to the Board on key activities and items of interest as reported to the meeting of the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee meeting held 20 March 2024.

*That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 02 April 2024 concerning the Management Report be received.*

*Carew/Gilmore*

*Carried*

## 7. **Reports from Board Representatives Appointed to Organisations and Assigned Responsibilities**

Nil



**8. Discussion Items**

**Newman Road Footpath** – The Chairperson noted a discussion regarding the need for scraping to be undertaken to clear the footpath.

**9. Chairperson's Remarks**

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance.

**10. Items not on the Agenda**

Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:35am.

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Chairperson





## Report

Date : 17 April 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council

From : Allie Dunn  
Manager - Democracy Services

Subject : **Presentation of Petition to Stop Fluoridation of Tararua Drinking Water**

Item No : **9.1**

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### **1. Reason for the Report**

1.1 To present a petition from Fluoride Free Tararua to the Tararua District Council.

### **2. Background**

2.1 A petition from Fluoride Free Tararua has been received by the Council's Chief Executive.

2.2 The petition has been signed by 640 people.

2.3 The statement of the petition is:

*"We the undersigned residents in the Tararua area:*

- 1. Advise the Tararua District Council we do not want fluoride added to our drinking water.*
- 2. Remind the Tararua District Council that its duty is to the communities it serves, not central government policy.*
- 3. Call on the Tararua District Council to seek an interim injunction restraining the Director-General of Health from issuing a directive under s116E of the Health Act 1956 on the Tararua District Council to fluoridate the drinking water until*

*the court case against the Director-General by New Health NZ currently before the high court is decided.”*

- 2.4 The requirements for presentation of petitions is set out in Council’s Standing Orders, section 17. These are:

## **17. Petitions**

### **17.1 Form of petitions**

Petitions may be presented to the local authority or any of its committees, local boards or community boards, as long as the subject matter falls within the terms of reference of the intended meeting.

Petitions must contain at least 20 signatures and consist of fewer than 150 words (not including signatories). They must be received by the chief executive at least 5 working days before the date of the meeting at which they will be presented.

Petitions must not be disrespectful, use offensive language or include malicious statements (see standing order 19.9 on qualified privilege). They may be written in English or te reo Māori. Petitioners planning to present their petition in te reo or sign language should advise the chief executive in time to allow translation services to be arranged.

### **17.2 Petition presented by petitioner**

A petitioner who presents a petition to the local authority or any of its committees and subcommittees, local boards or community boards, may speak for 5 minutes (excluding questions) about the petition, unless the meeting resolves otherwise. The Chairperson must terminate the presentation of the petition if he or she believes the petitioner is being disrespectful, offensive or making malicious statements.

Where a petition is presented as part of a deputation or public forum the speaking time limits relating to deputations or public forums shall apply. The petition must be received by the chief executive at least 5 working days before the date of the meeting concerned.

### **17.3 Petition presented by member**

Members may present petitions on behalf of petitioners. In doing so, members must confine themselves to presenting:

- (a) The petition;
- (b) The petitioners’ statement; and
- (c) The number of signatures.

### **3. Conclusion**

3.1 When petitions are presented to Council, the Council has the following options:

- Pass a resolution to formally receive the petition;
- Request the Chief Executive provide a report to a future meeting on options relating to the statement of the petition;
- Forward the petition to another agency, should the petition relate to matters aligned with the processes undertaken by that agency;
- Decline to receive the petition.


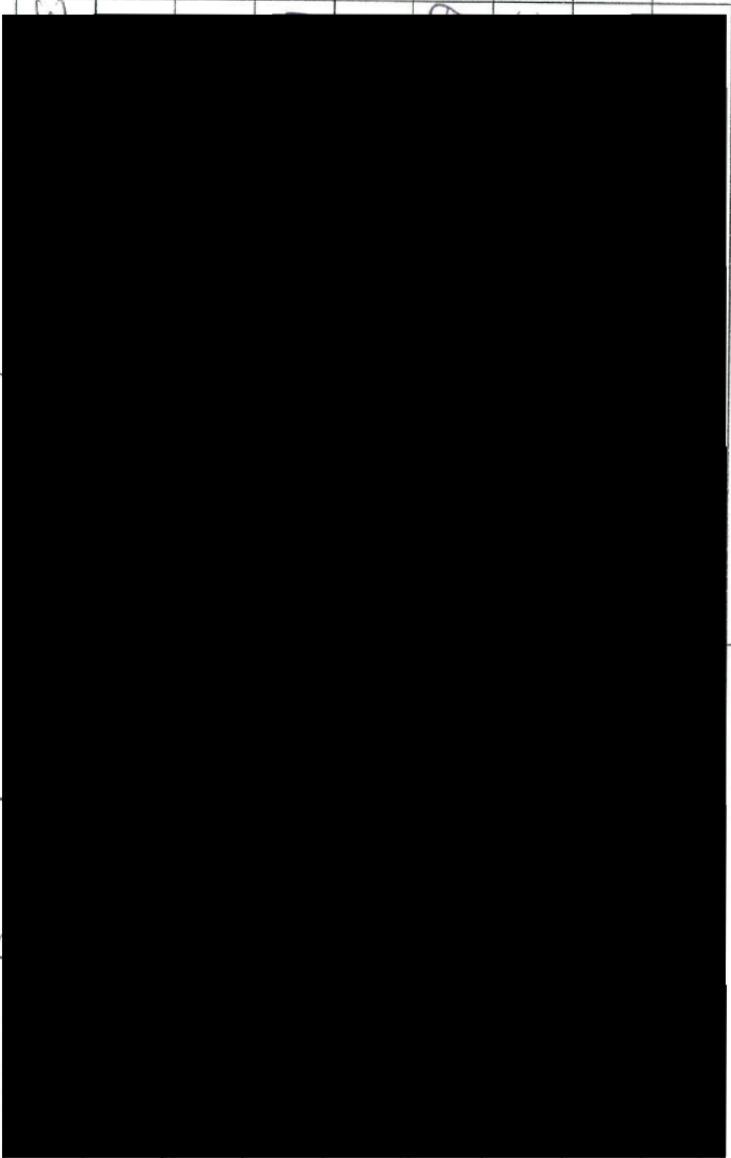






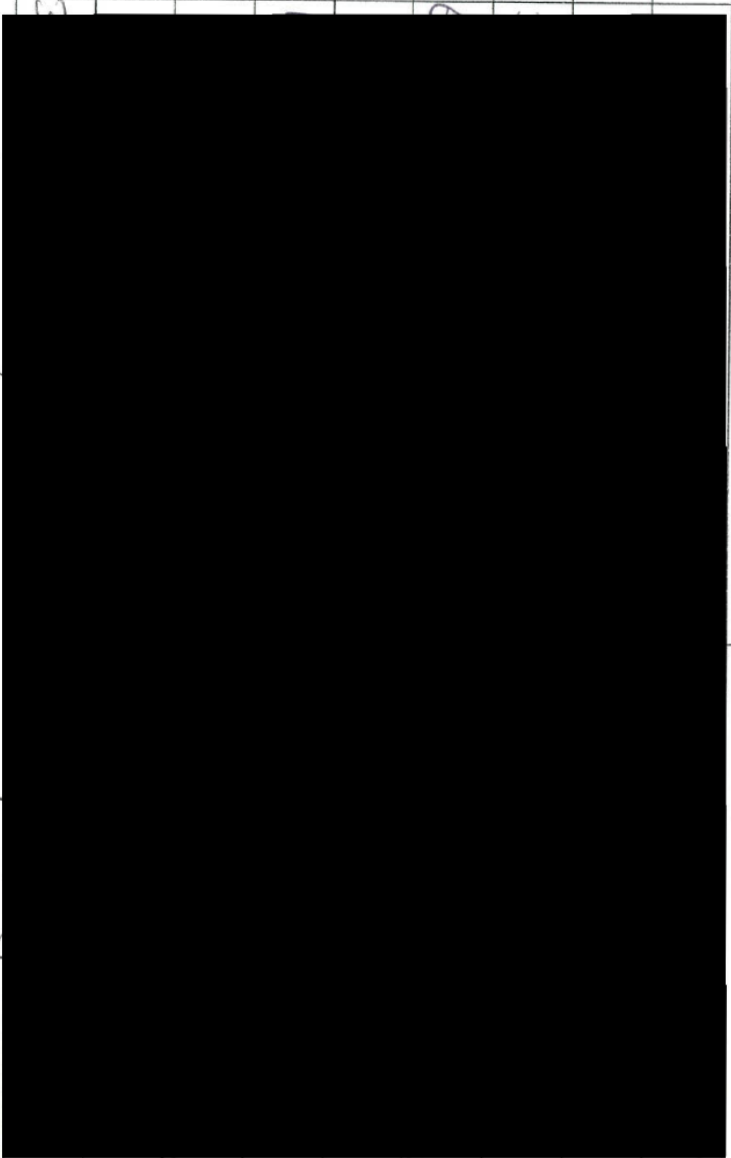


### **Attachments**

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# PETITION TO STOP FLUORIDATION OF TARARUA DRINKING WATER

WE the undersigned residents in the Taranua area:

1. Advise the Taranua District Council we do not want fluoride added to our drinking water.
2. Remind the Taranua District Council that its duty is to the communities it serves, not central Government policy.
3. Call on the Taranua District Council to seek an interim injunction restraining the Director-General of Health from issuing a directive under s116E of the Health Act 1956 on the Taranua District Council to fluoridate the drinking water until the court case against the Director-General by New Health NZ currently before the High Court is decided.


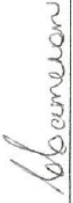







Name	Signature	Address	Email
Georgia Stephenson			
Scott Dyer			
Rebecca Sarna			
James Harold			
Bern Williams			
Nathan Conyne			
Goldenbury			
Kirstene Sutton			
Debra Taylor			

Please return completed forms to Fluoride Free Taranua

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Name	Signature
K. Watson	
C. Cameron	
D. Harris	
V. Carr	
B. Walters	
L. Sward	
A. Blake	
S. Robertson	
G. Charnley	

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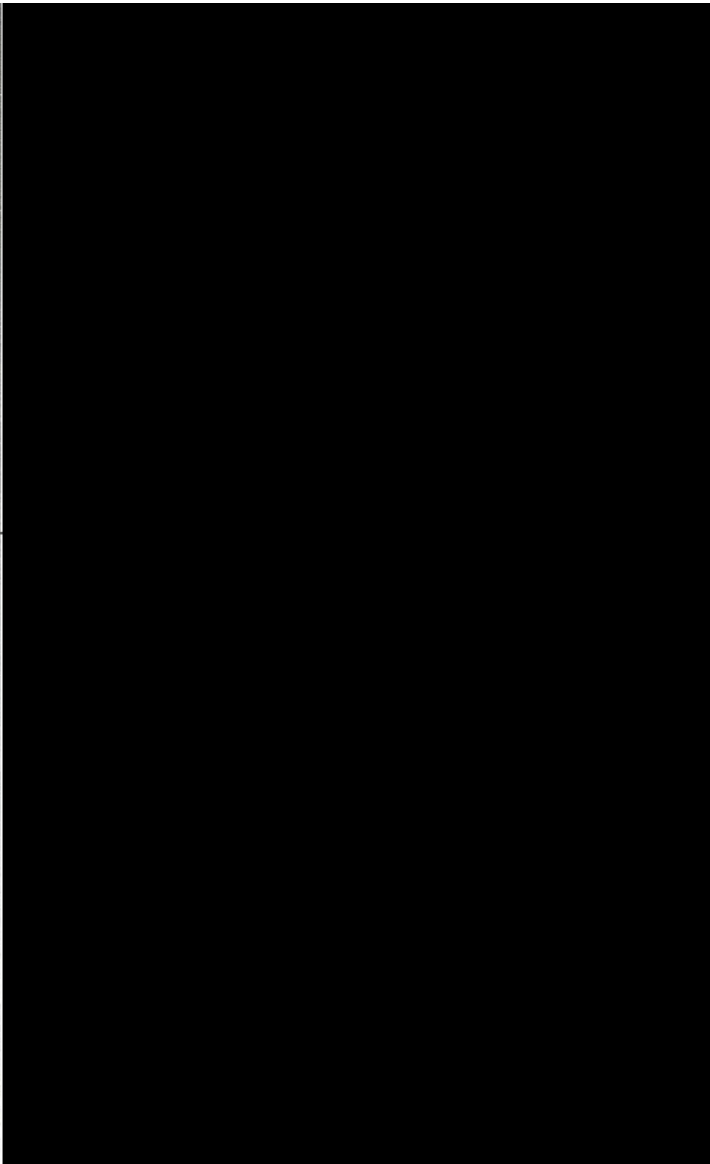
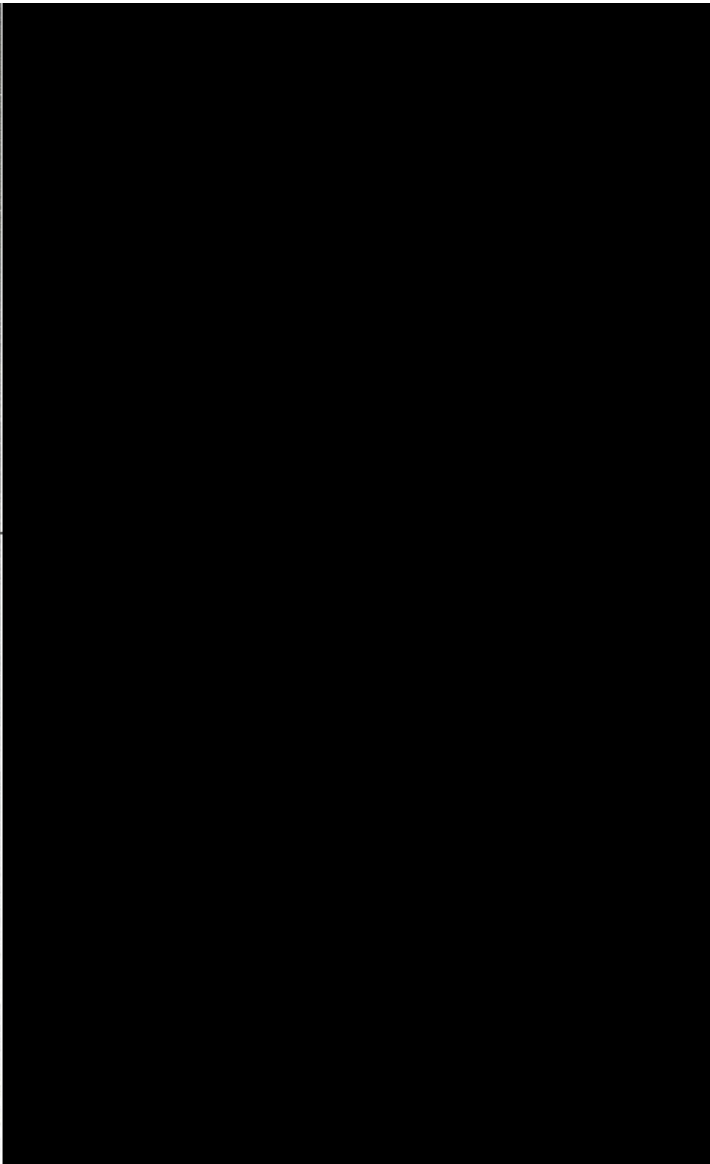
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Sue	<i>[Signature]</i>		
Frances	<i>[Signature]</i>		
Lauren	<i>[Signature]</i>		
Sabrina	<i>[Signature]</i>		
Trudy	<i>[Signature]</i>		
Tessa	<i>[Signature]</i>		
Ella	<i>[Signature]</i>		
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Berry Crette	
Maxine	
Jackie	
Rhannon	
MA Simi	
Miriam Tio Loren	
Oliver m. lls	
Vicki Jameson	





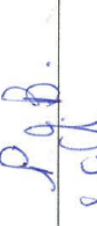


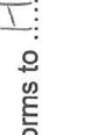

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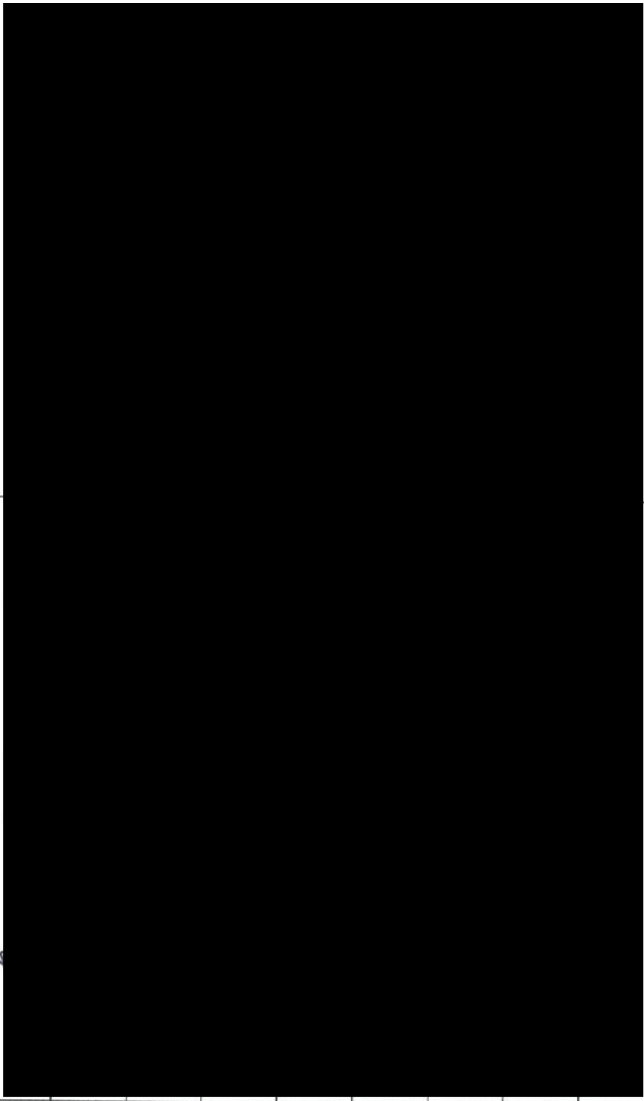








Name	Signature	Address	Email
Sarah Harrison			
Graham Hesse Ph.D.P			
Denise Roe			
Toni More			
K. Keen			
Pat Beauchamp			
Liz Walker			
M. Osborn			
Hester Head.			

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Selena Lamb			
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Sigman Owen			
Boya Bayly			
Coral-Mae Jensen			
Cody Jensen			
Clare Curless			

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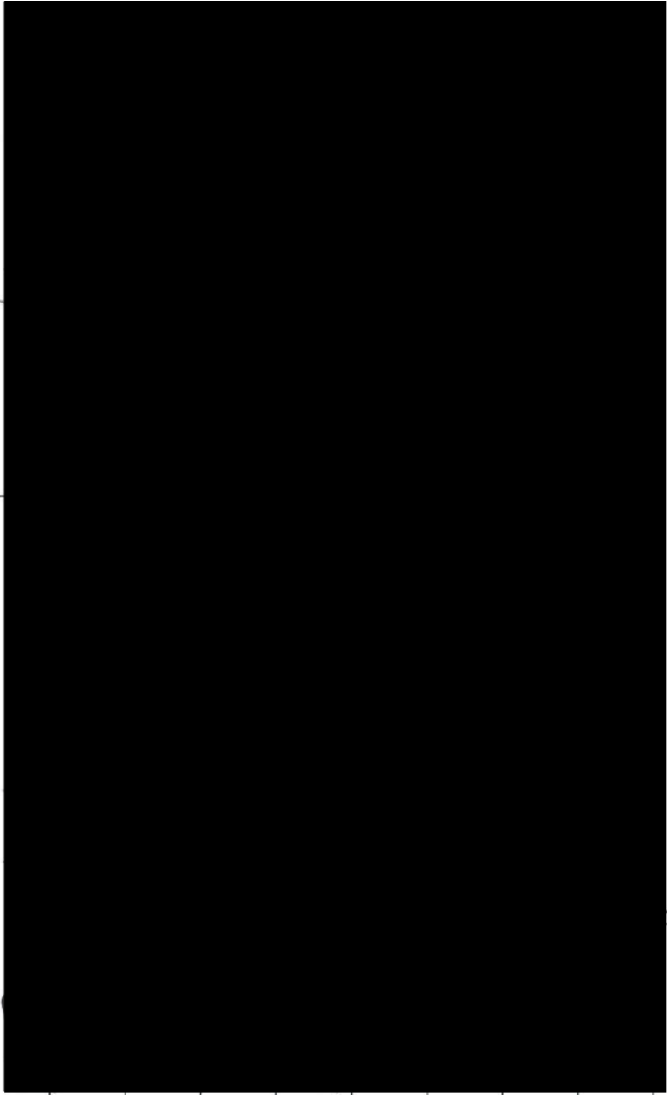








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Marvin Case			
Courtney Wright			
<del>Margaret Anderson</del> M. P.			
Kat Henson			
Bailey Holham			
Heath Anderson			
Scott Gault			
Bill Stevenson			

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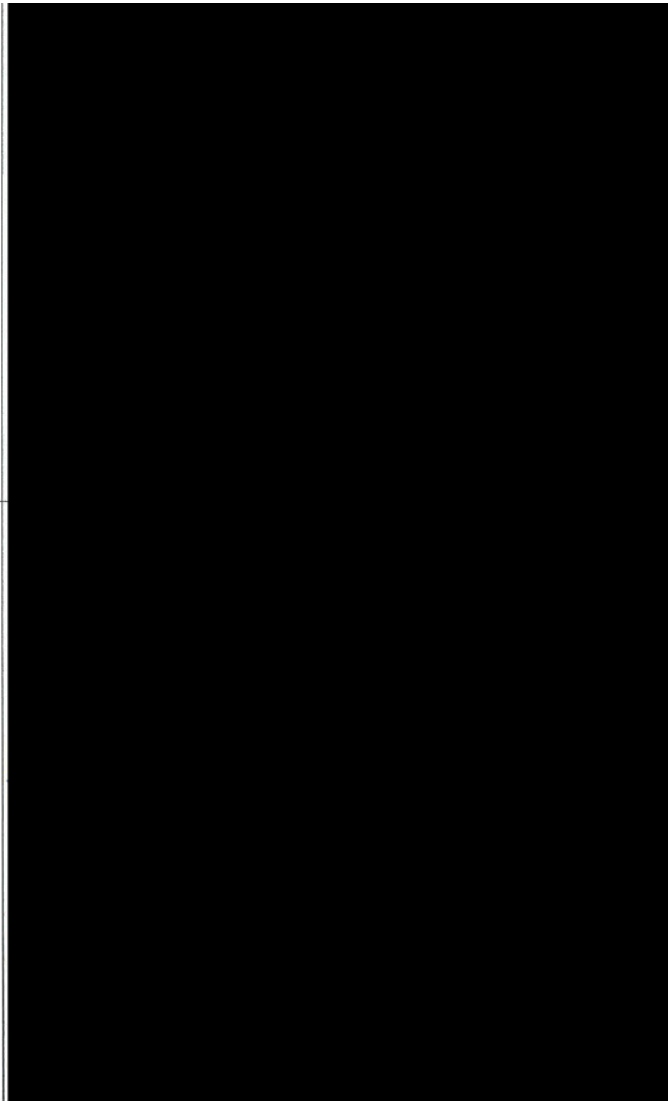








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CRAIG	BROUGHTON		
do	[Signature]		
Lauren W	[Signature]		
Naia Knight	[Signature]		
Brian Knight	[Signature]		
Nicola Scrimshaw	[Signature]		
Raewyn Scrimshaw	[Signature]		
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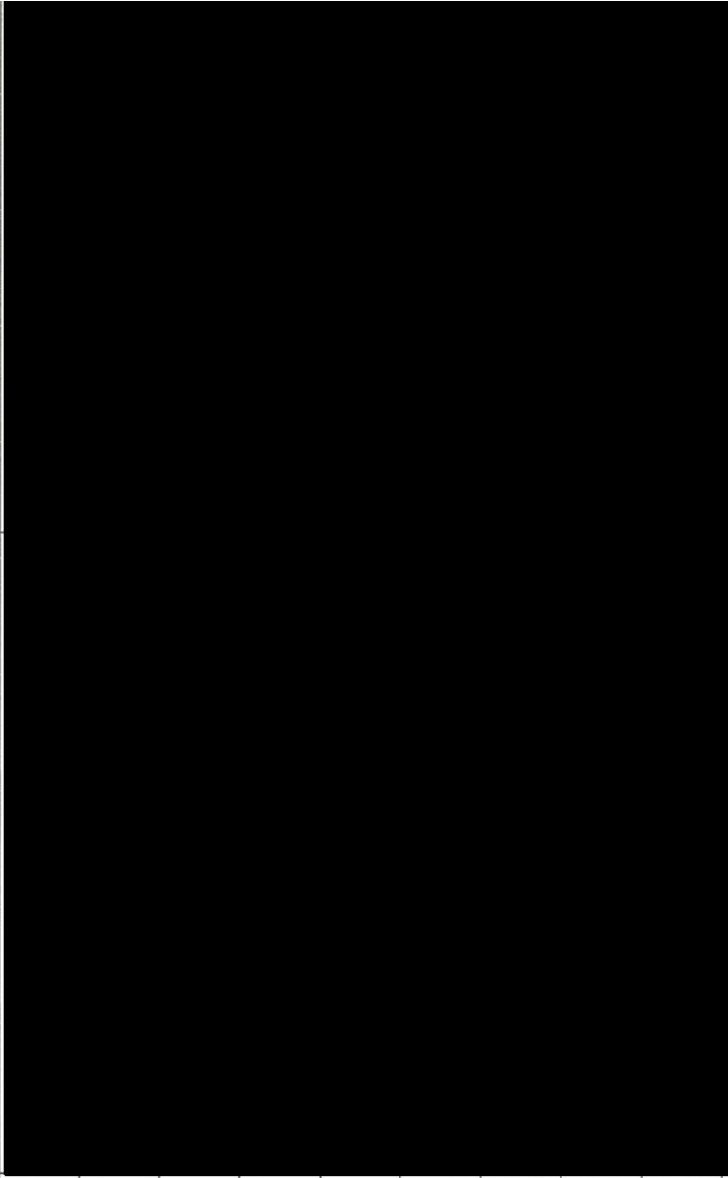
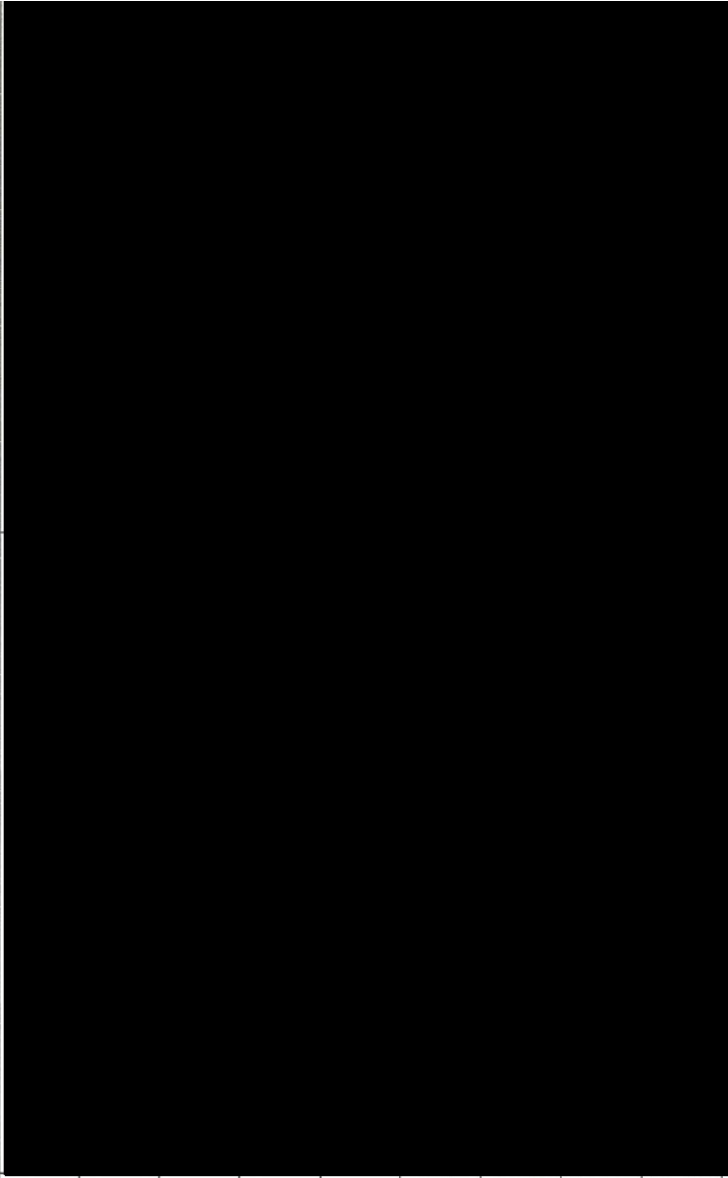






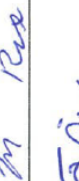

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Jaz Bailey			
Carol <del>Hick</del> Bobbea			
Kim Baker			
Dawn Wakeley			
Ross Julian			
Lois Featherhead			
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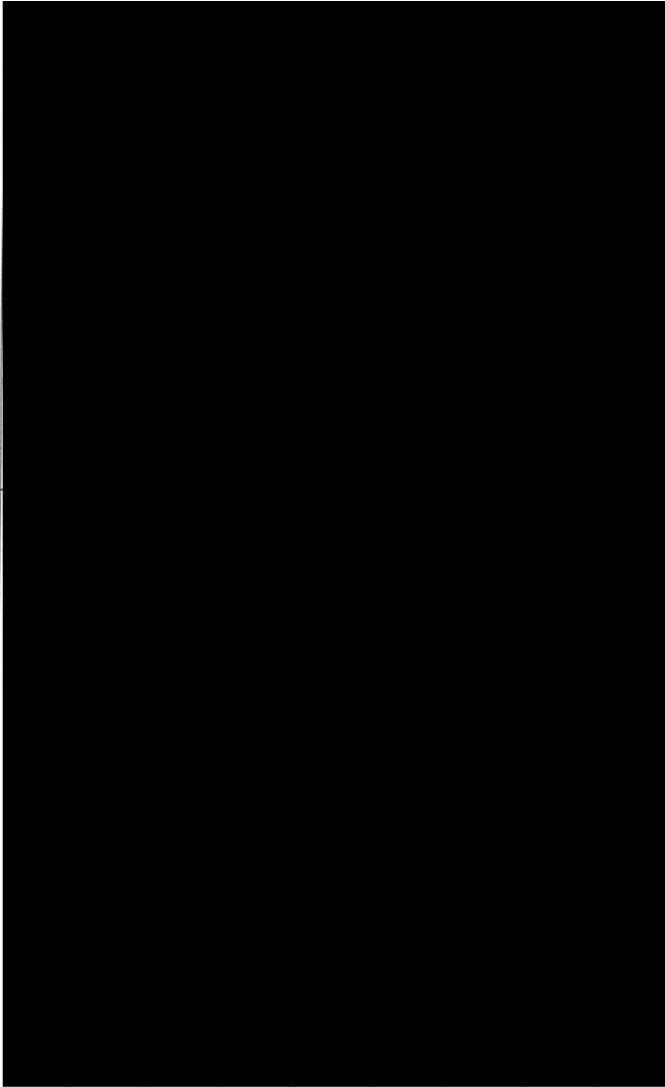








Name	Signature	Address	Email
Rangji Hapi			
Darren Foster			
PETER ARDOTT			
Kerry Mansell			
Kahia Christison			
Ina Freyab			
Susan Westbury			
Maryann Rix			
Seanmarie Rix			

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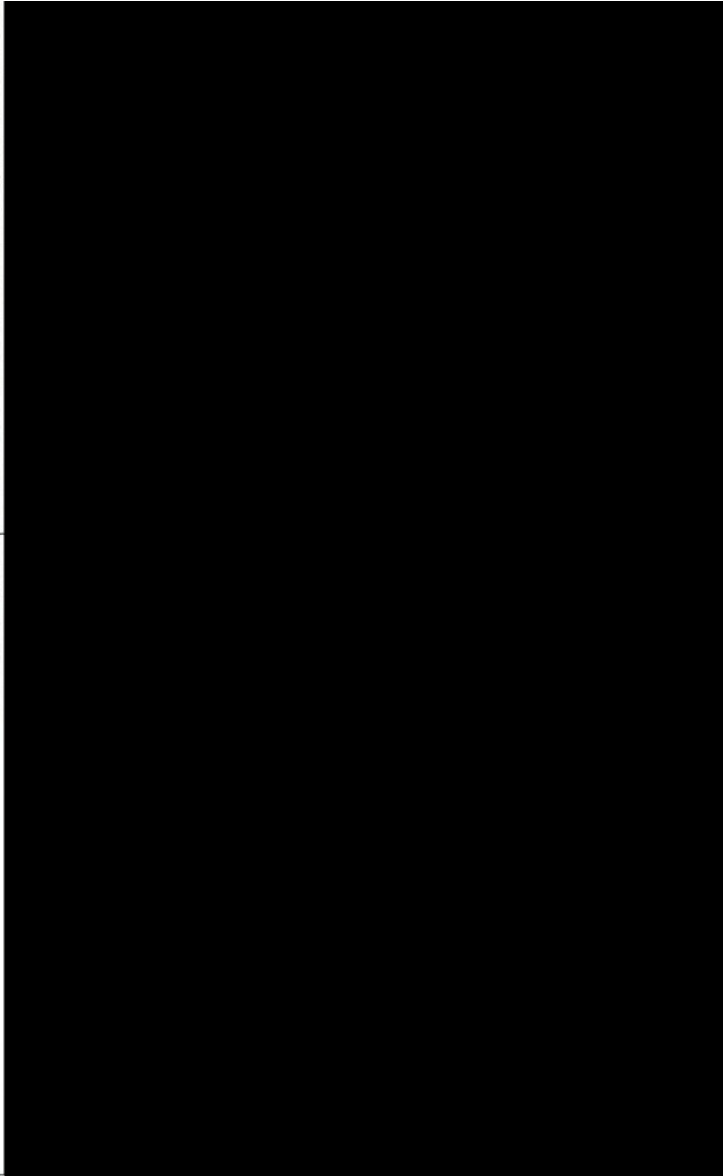





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L. P. Fold			
Renee Brandon			
Rita			
Jasmine Cooper			
Christine Benbow			
M. Craddock			
A. Hana			


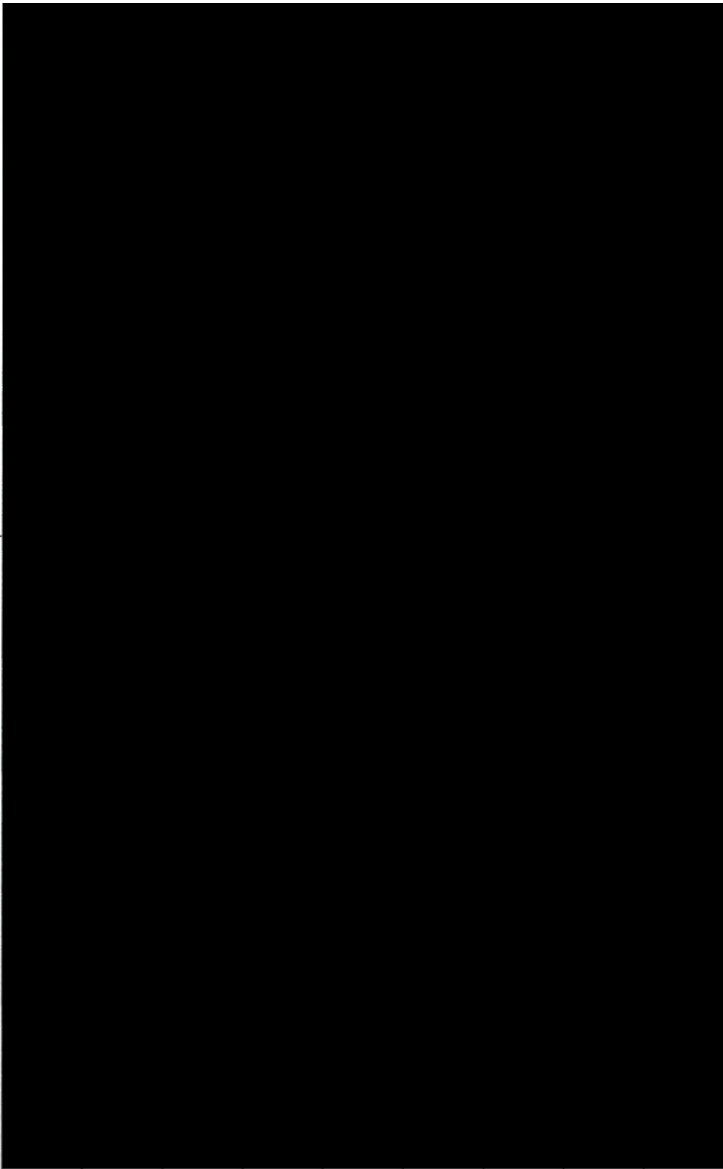
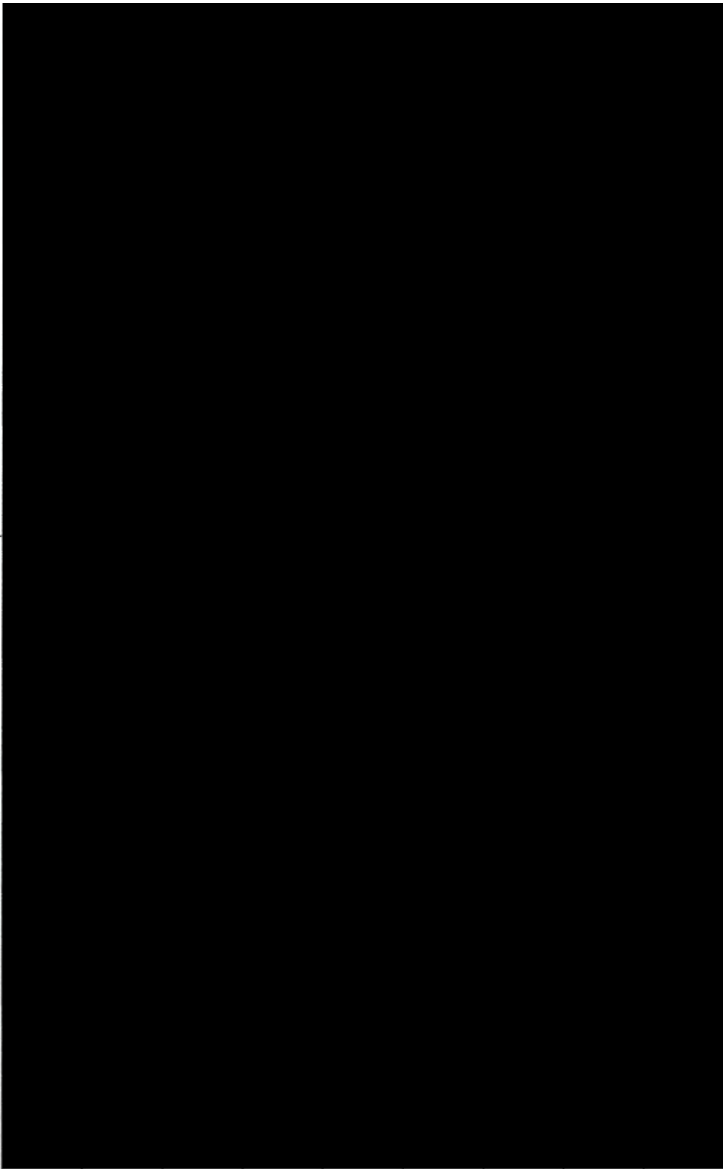








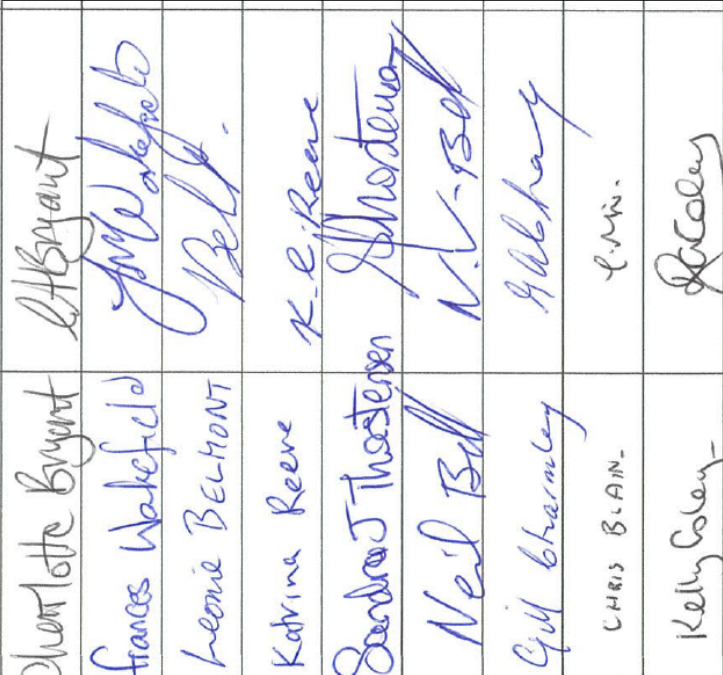
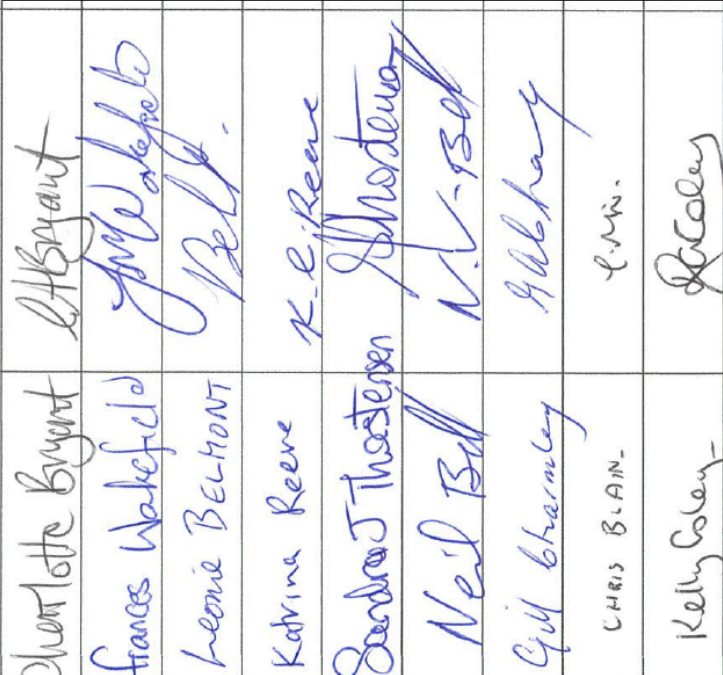
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Karina Reeve			
Sandra Thorstensen			
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Gill Kearney			
CHRIS B. AN.			
Kelly Coley			


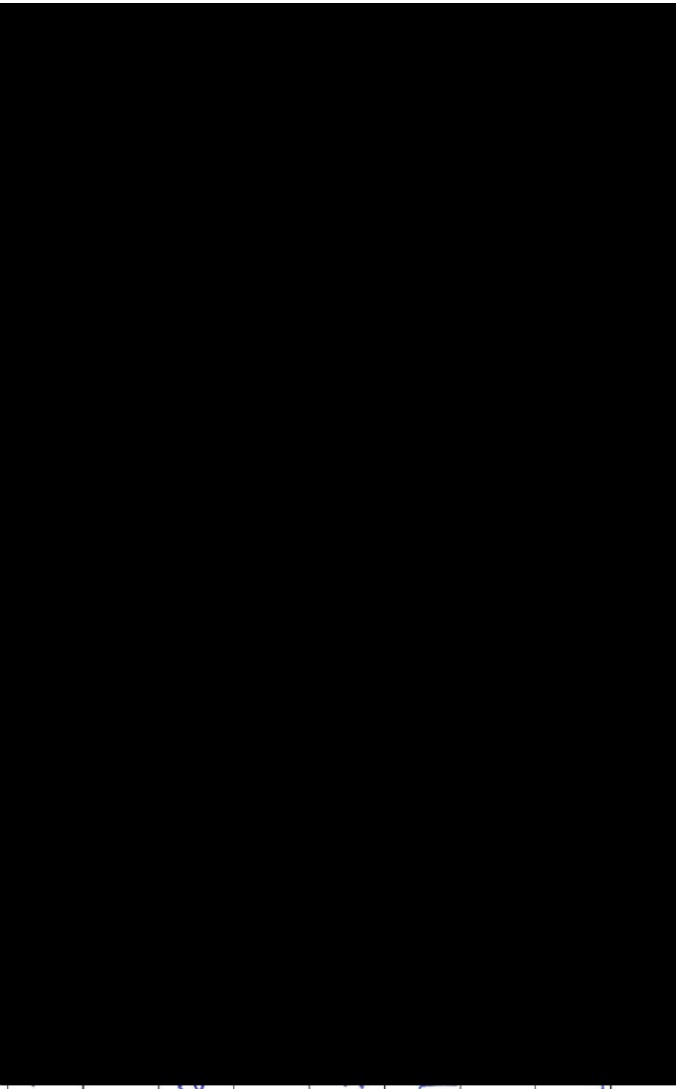
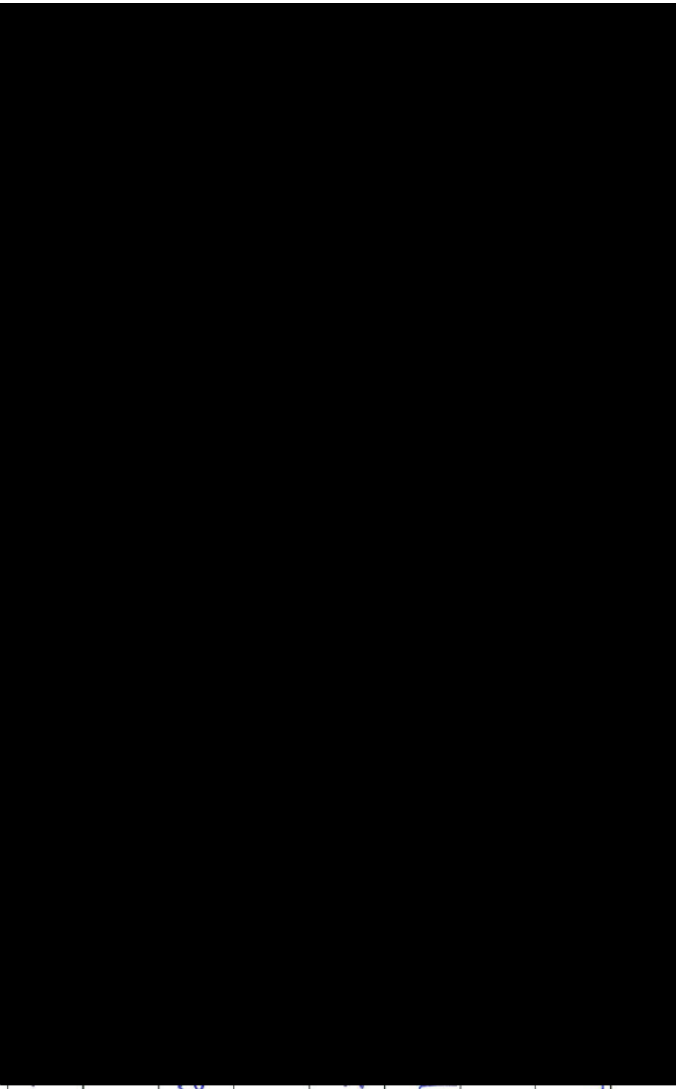








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Nick Kilmartin			
Marilyn Brown			
Karadiana Heas			
Leah Wilson			
ERIK FLESSH			
TREVOR VILJOEN			
Glenys Gulligan			
Ashley Stuart			

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Christina Hales			
Norman Conway			
Vanette Jacobs			
Dawn Turner			
Jackie Martin			
Karin Kerr			
Marian Holdaway			
Paeg Te Whenua			

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Dame Boyle	D Boyle
MANDEEP	M D Singh
Ramariot Kaur	R Kaur
Min Park	M Park
Russell Broom	R Broom
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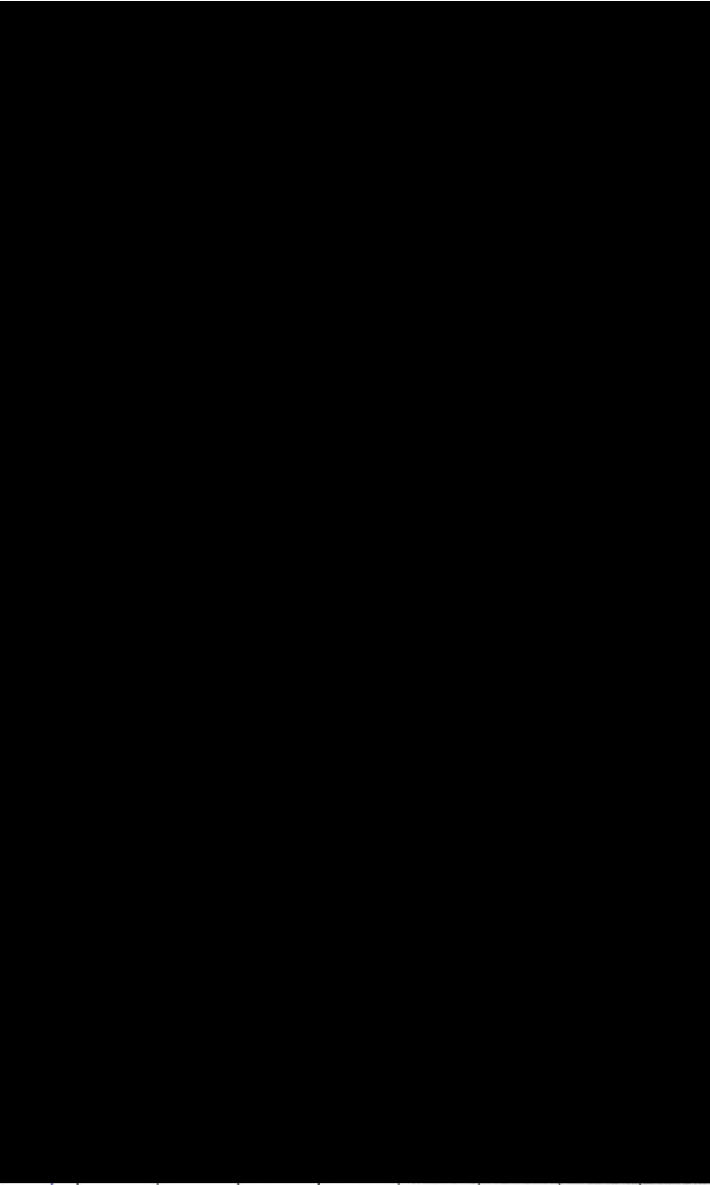
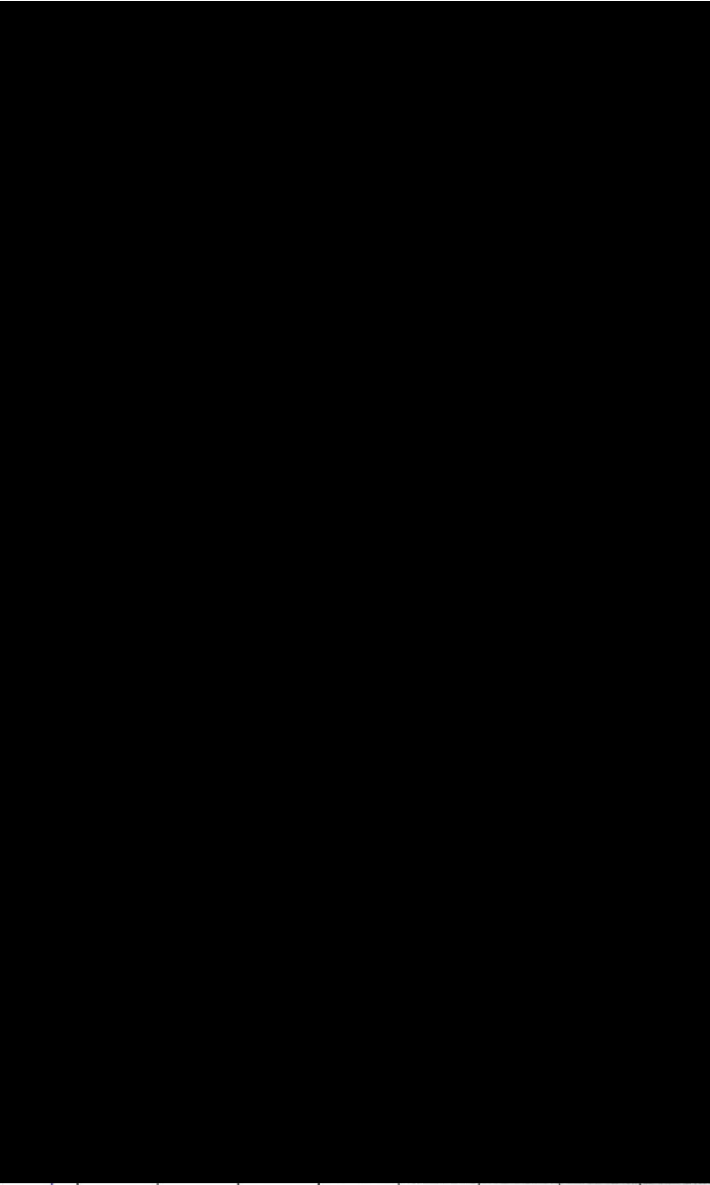





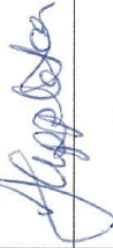


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I. Gordon			
Philip More			
Michelle Eiskings			
F Appleton			
Hayley Max			
Nicole Sprey			


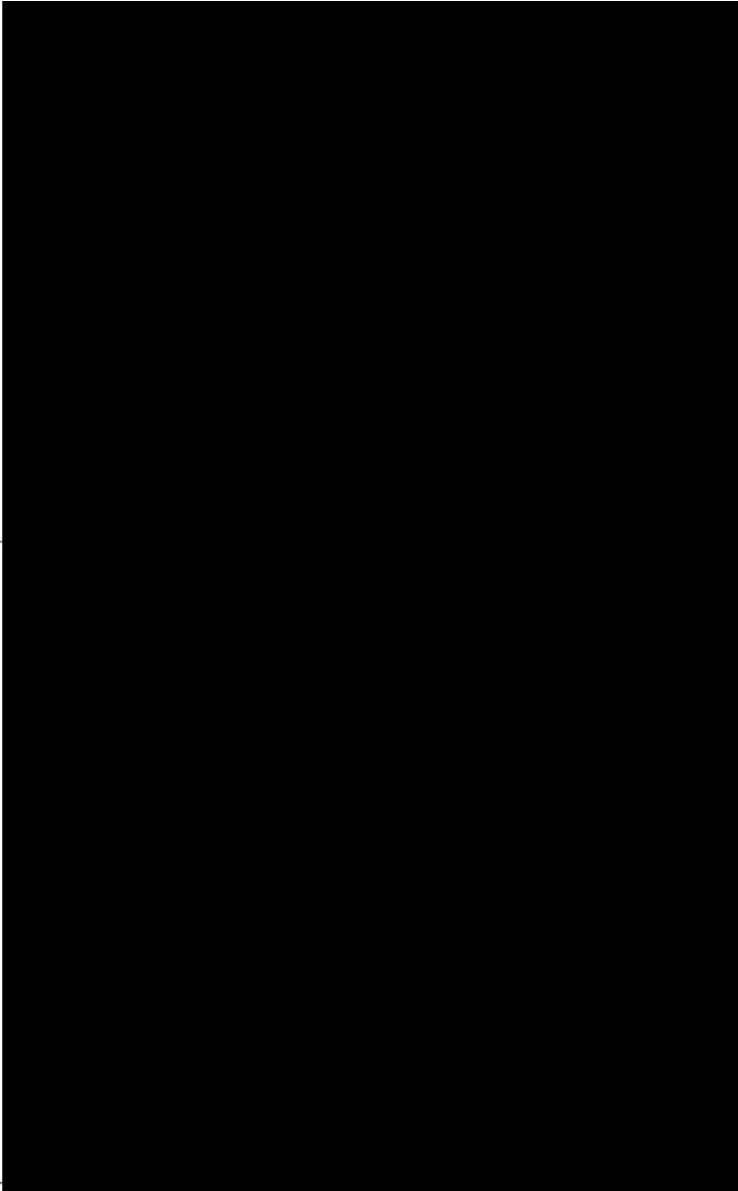
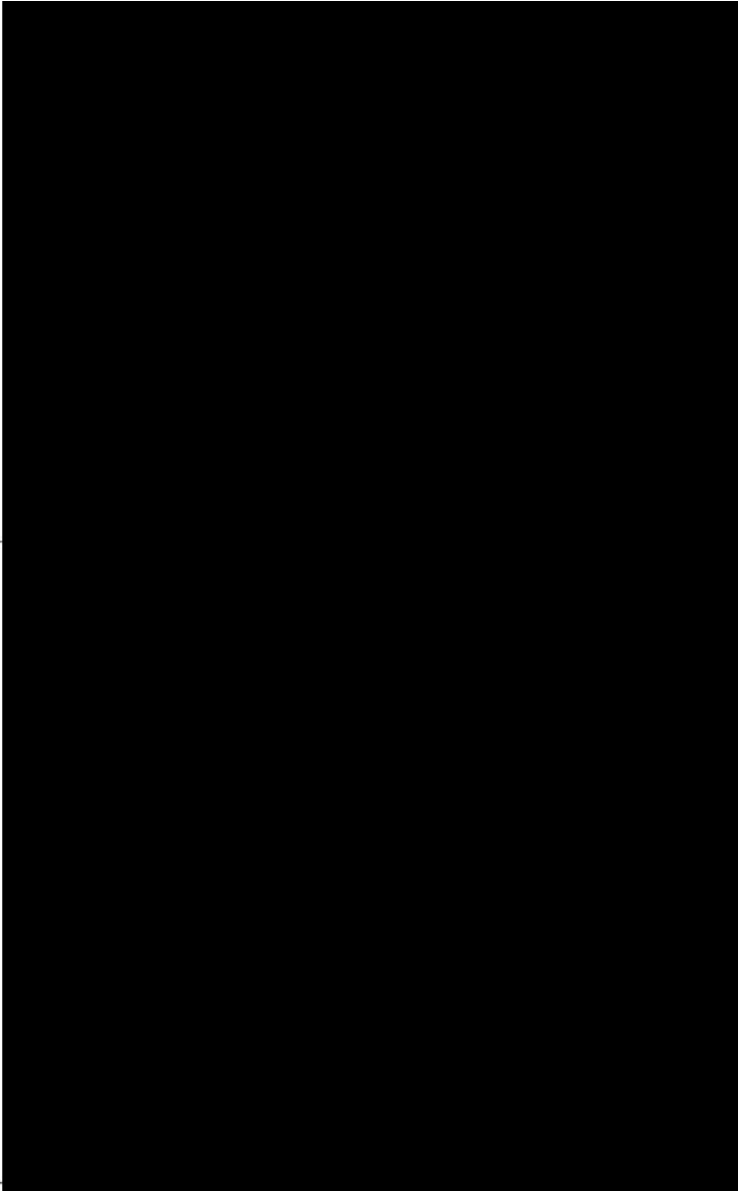








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Dean Heston			
AC. Edgcombe			
Ala Hama			
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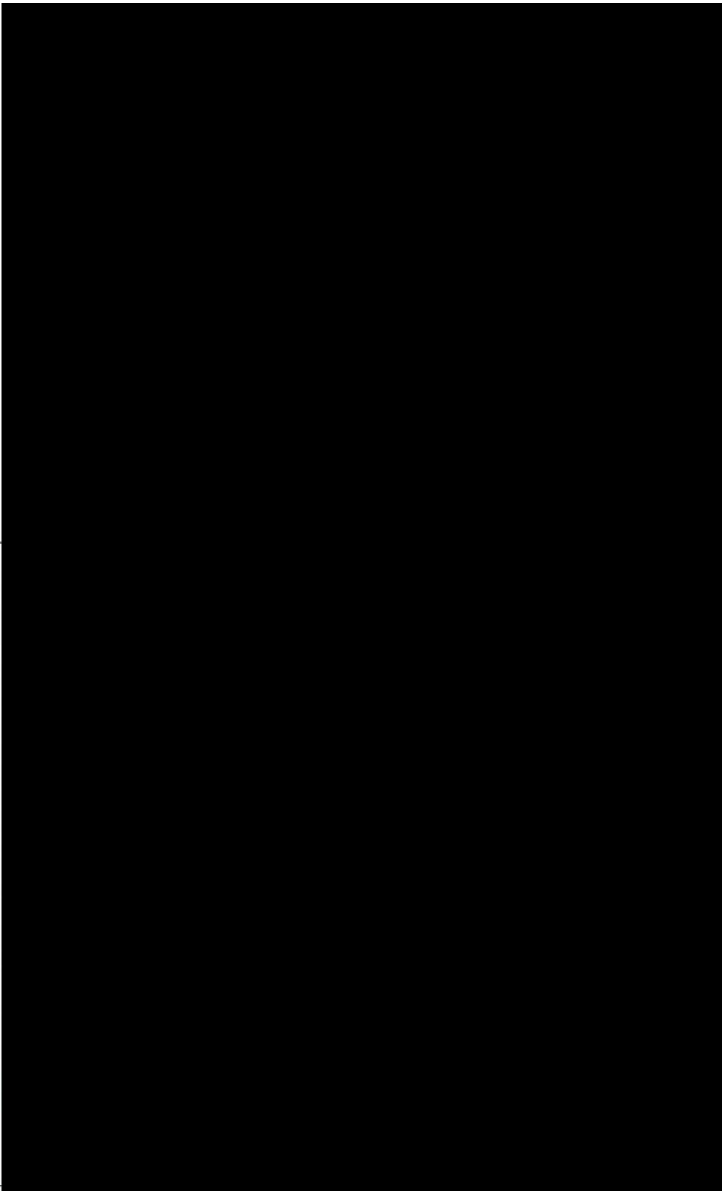








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SAM DAST			
Sam McHughan			
Cecile Eileen Gallenay			
SAM E GAWITH			
Sam Christison			
Penelope Dwydale			
Emily Harold			
Aimee Congreve			

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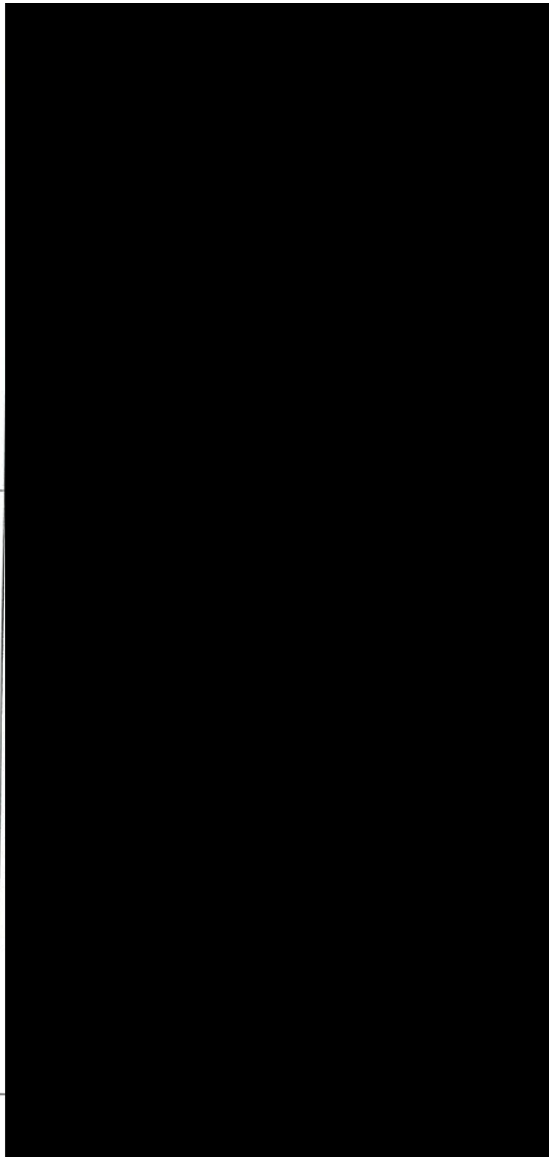






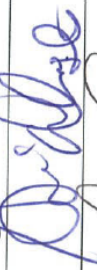


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Adam Nevan			
Gail Victor-Gordon			
Rae Wilson			
Chloe Kite			
S. McAllister			
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Harold			


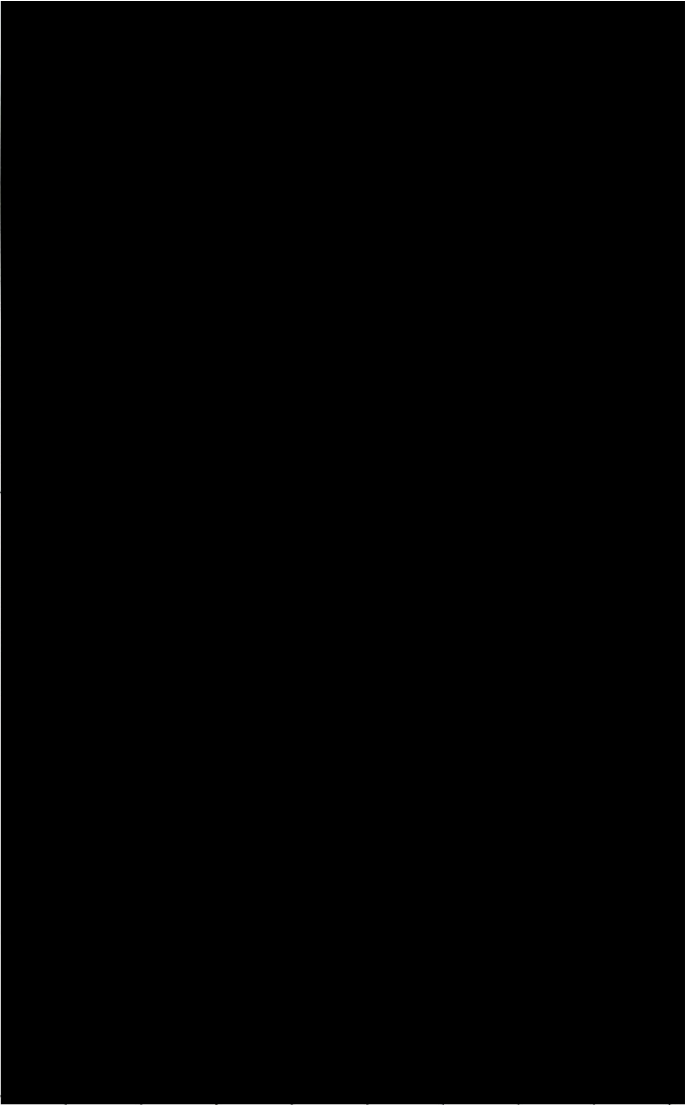








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Teva Todd			
Thomas Kameua			
Brian Morreel			
Bailey Martin			
Kim Tawhai			
MIKE ROSS			
Hinekuia Paea			

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Debbie Webster	Debbie Webster		
F. Duguet	F. Duguet		
Casey Phillipson	Casey Phillipson		
Palous Kamaura	Palous Kamaura		
Kathy Massey	Kathy Massey		
Ik. Jong	Ik. Jong		
Hanna Waters	Hanna Waters		
Valesha Stevenson	Valesha Stevenson		


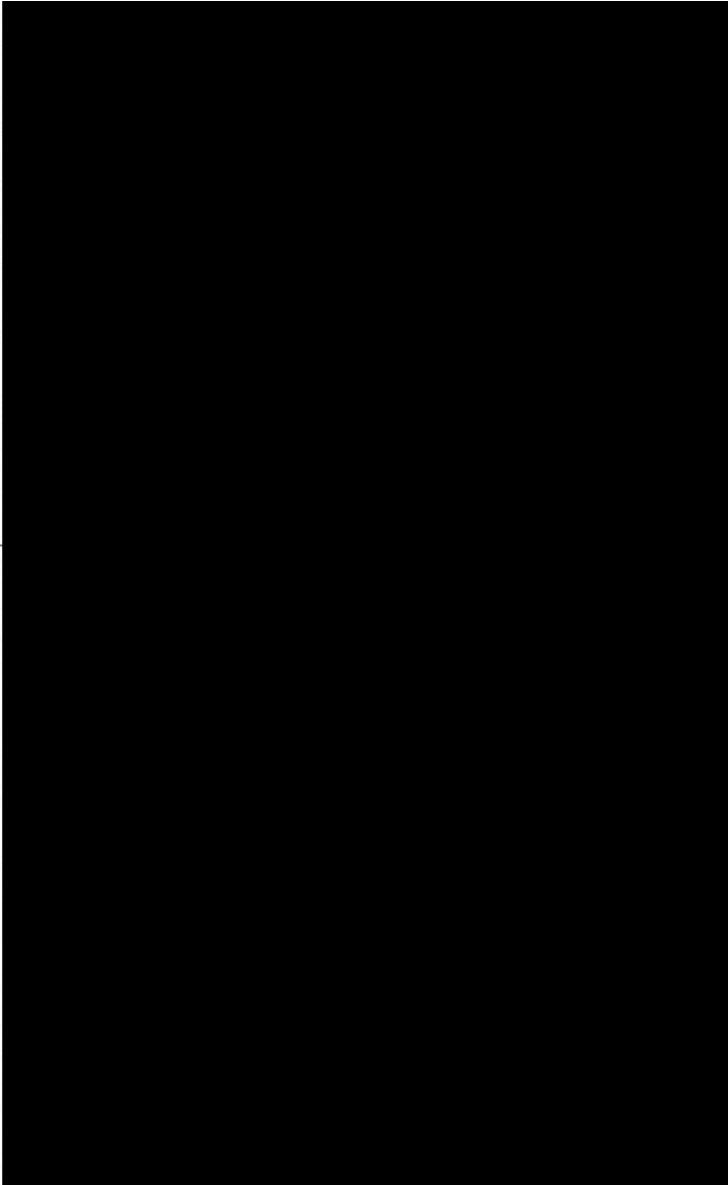
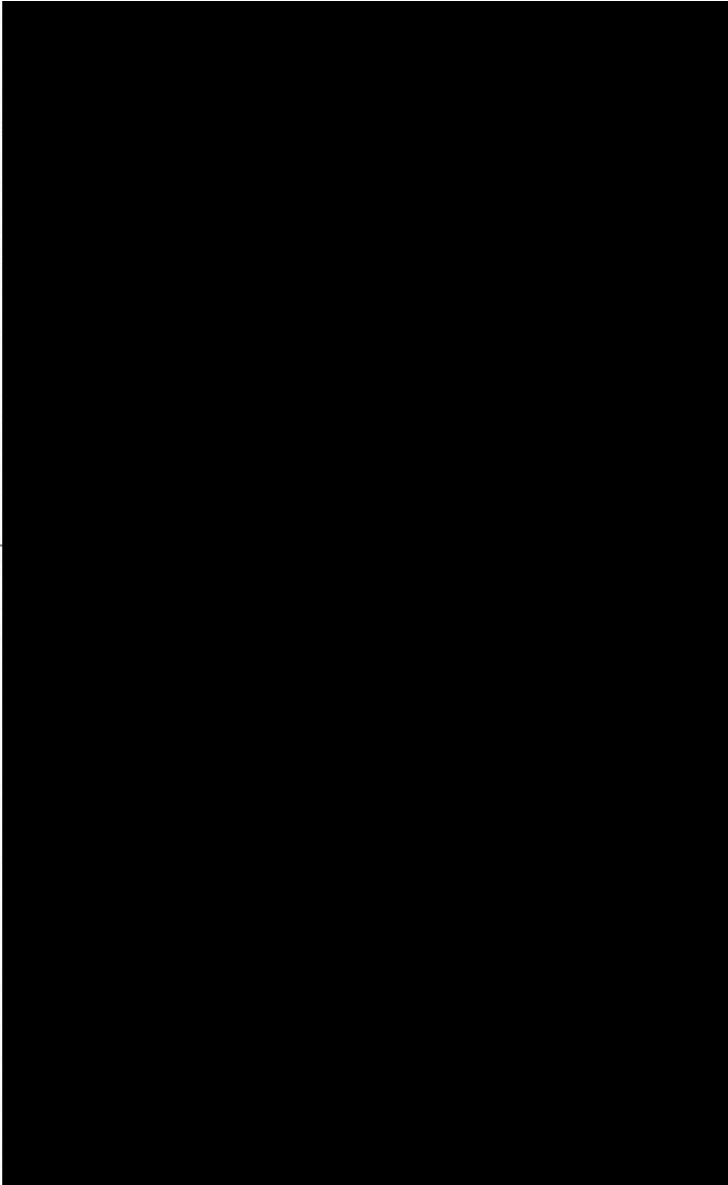
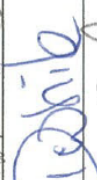






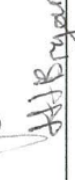
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Dani White			
Dana Wisniewsky			
Caleb Macgregor			
Cam Phillipson			
Robynne Clead			
Pat Albane			
Julia Thompson			
Andrew Bryant			


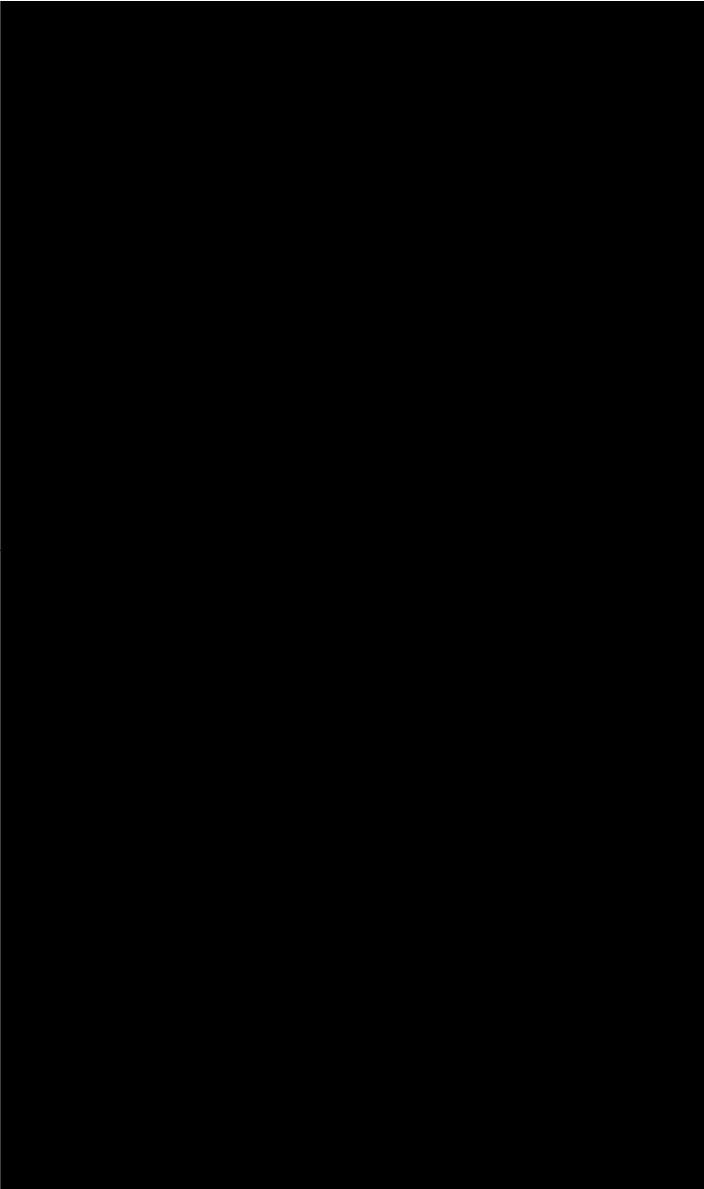
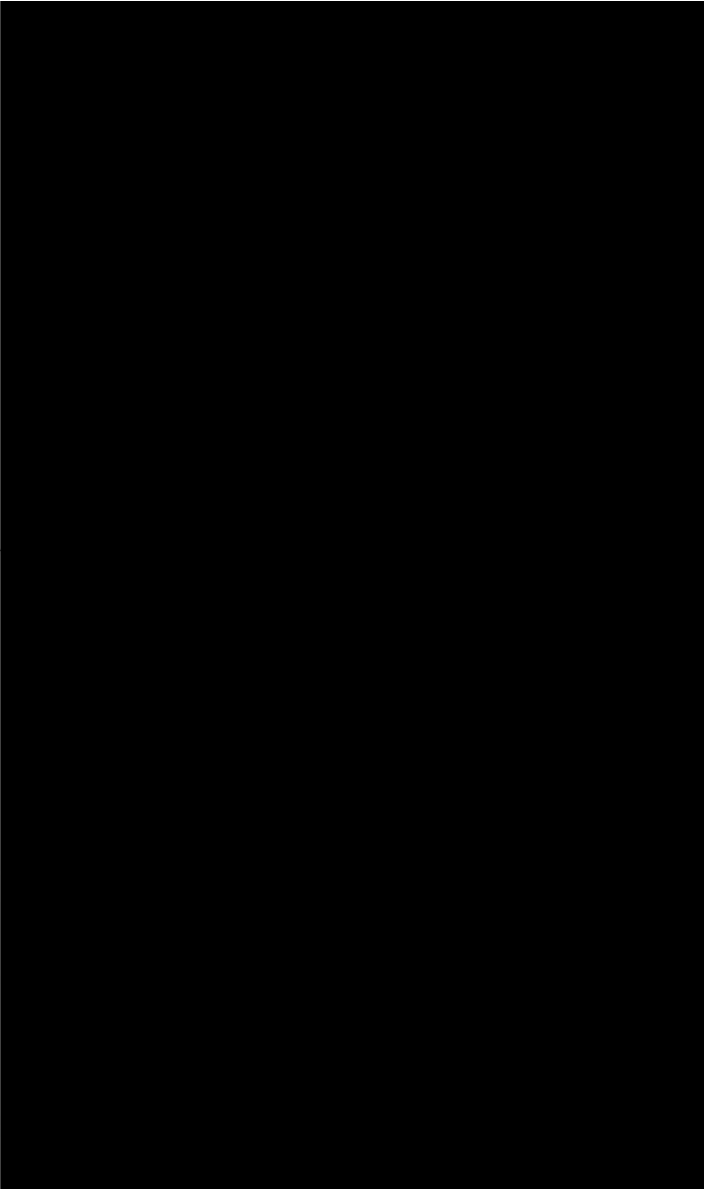








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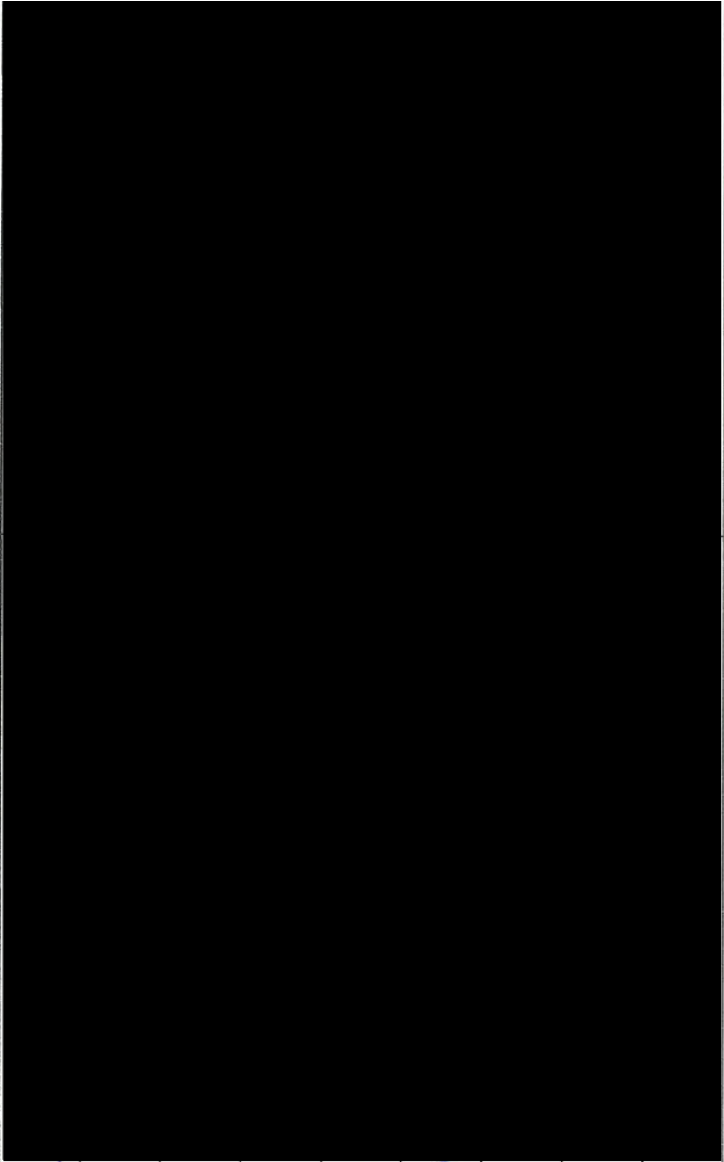
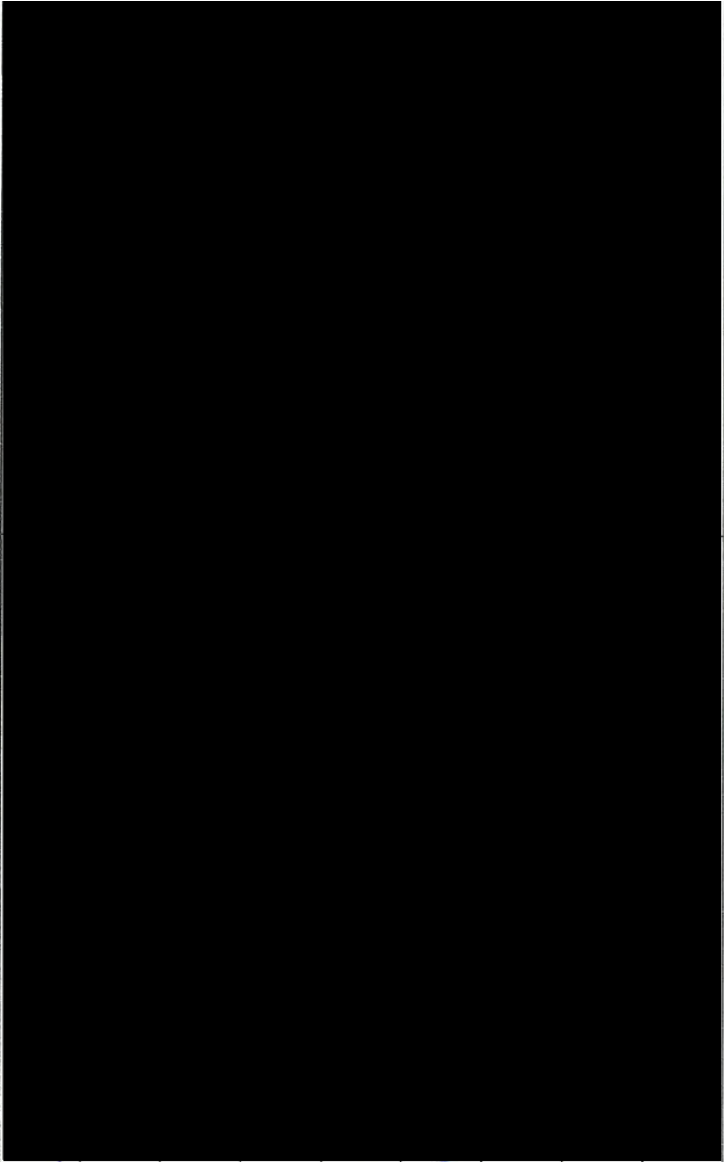






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Tiani Barber			
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Kare Barber			
Fiona Watson			
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Sylvie O'Donnell			
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Lorraine Scott-Wilson (GABRIELLE) GAY TAYLOR			
Kim Olsen			
Holly Smith			
Beth Dawson			
F. DWANET			
M. DINGLEY			



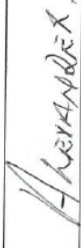

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Simon Owen			
Tracy Winther			
MARTIN LANDFORD			
Kyla-Jane			
Vanika			
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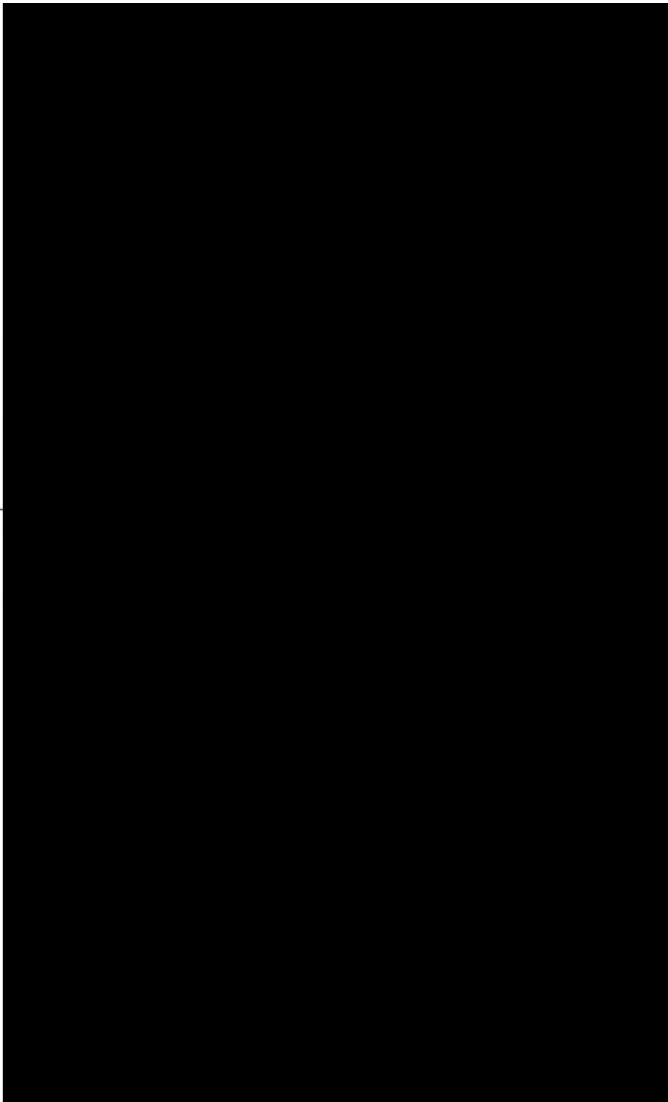

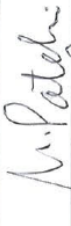

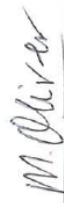




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Mel Oliver			
Ann Sergeant			
Diane Clayton			
Colleen Hinck			
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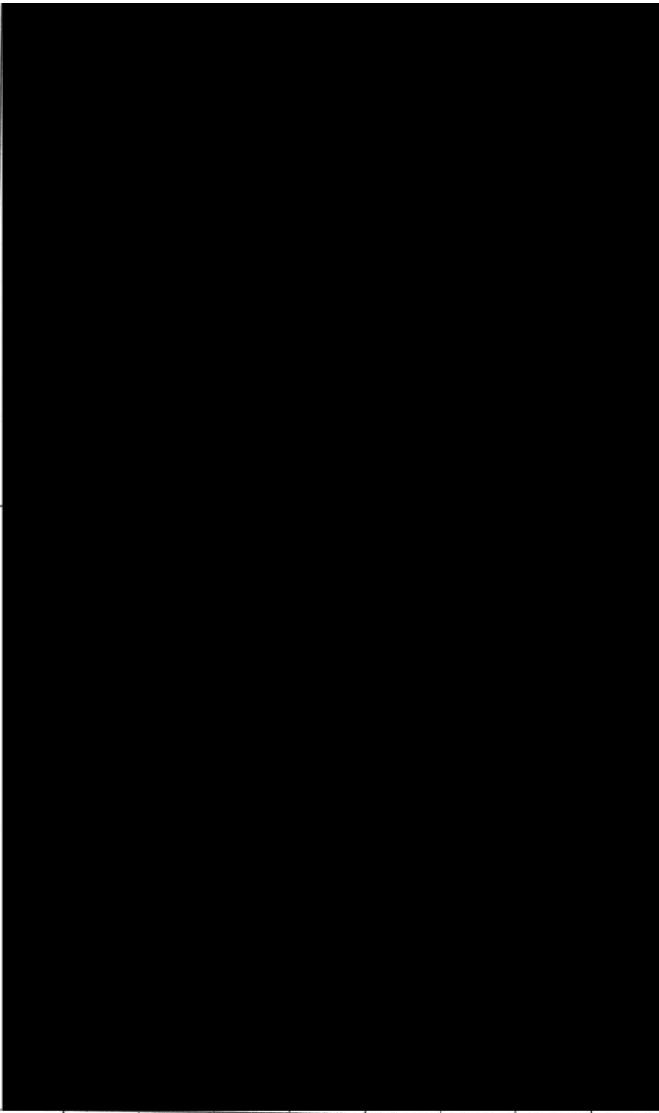
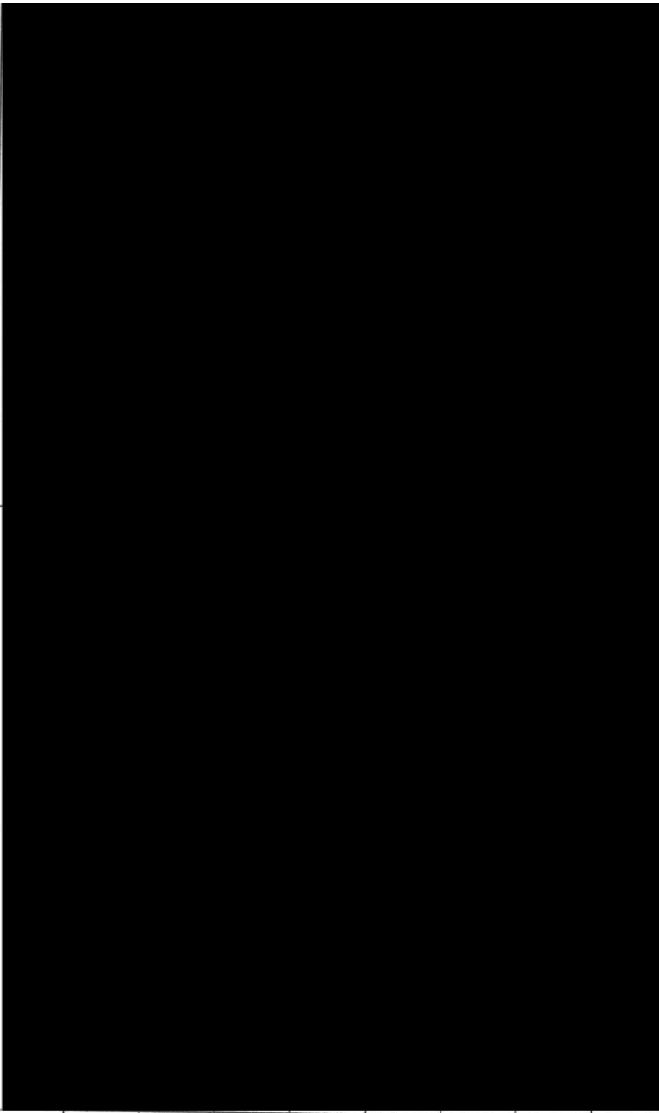










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Karen Phelps			
Claudette Hance			
Kate Adred			
Joan Warburton			
BEN ALDEN			
Michelle Warburton			
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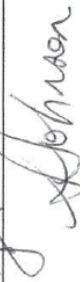
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Jim Trotter			
Deb Edwards			
Murray Ross			
Marianne Andersen			
Rebekah Charlton			
Simon O'Neill			
Sam Pullin			
Sally Johnson			


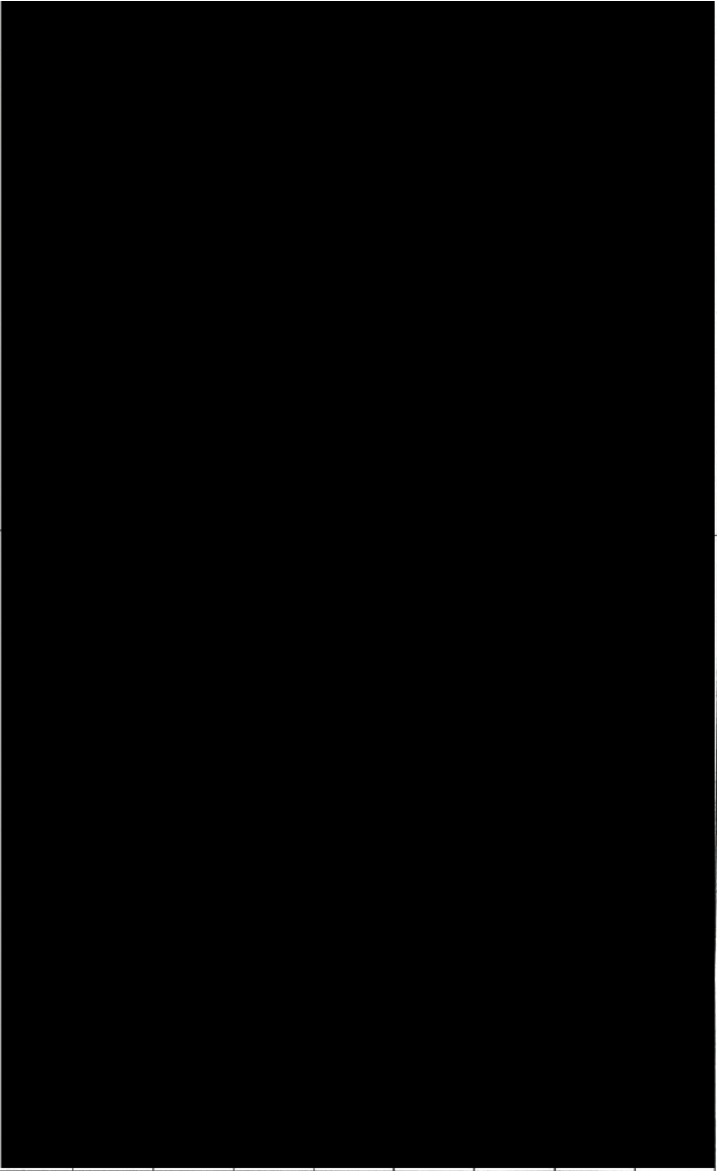








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Nelly Dargatz			
Kirsty Tairua			
Brendan Hobbs			
Michelle Parkinson			
Mark North			
Michaela Walker			
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Heather			


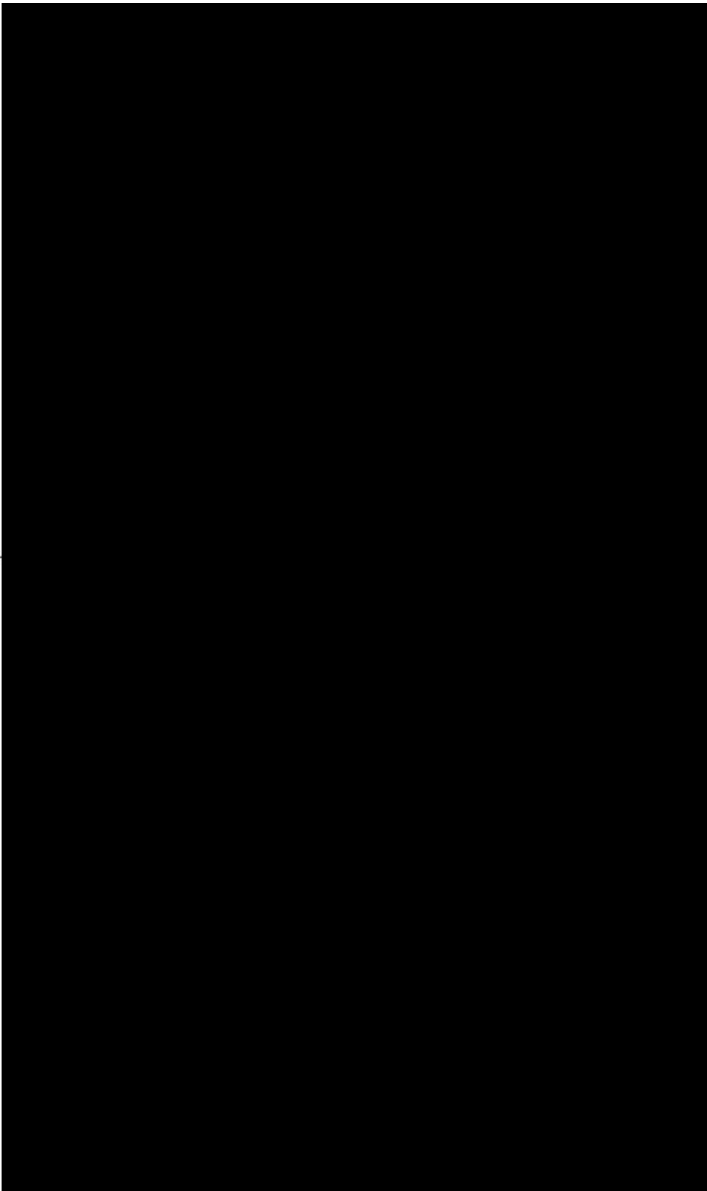








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Claire Crawford			
Alis Cunningham			
Rachel Saults			
Shirley Southgate			
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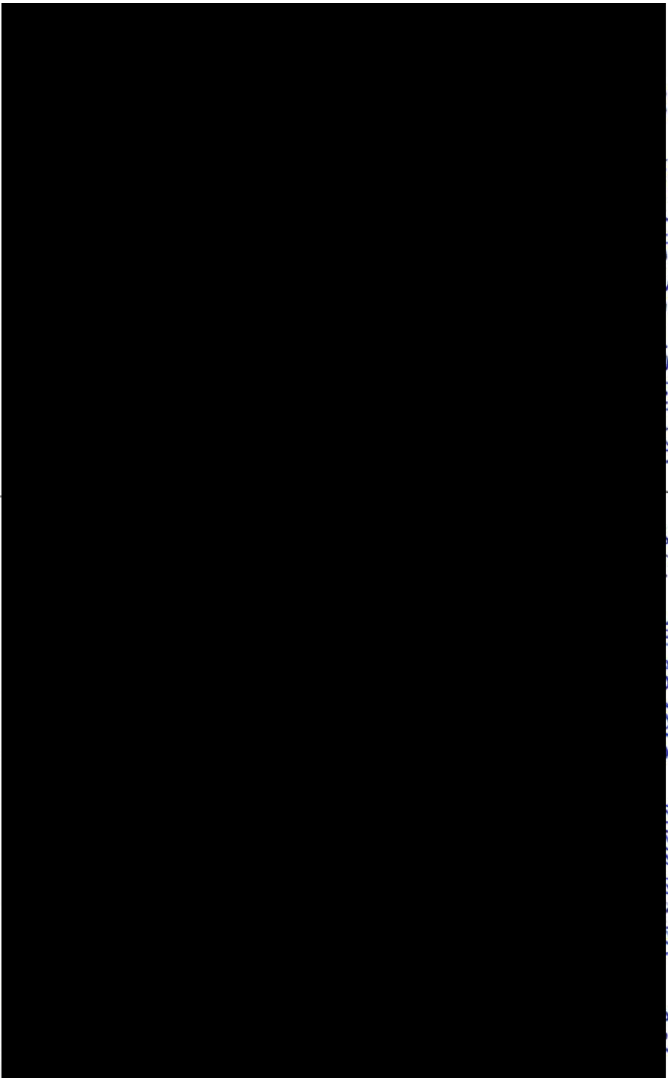





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Jonny Max			
Melanie Knightly			
Connie Peters			
Hayley Max			
Ruth McNaie			
P Hutchins			
A Crosswell			


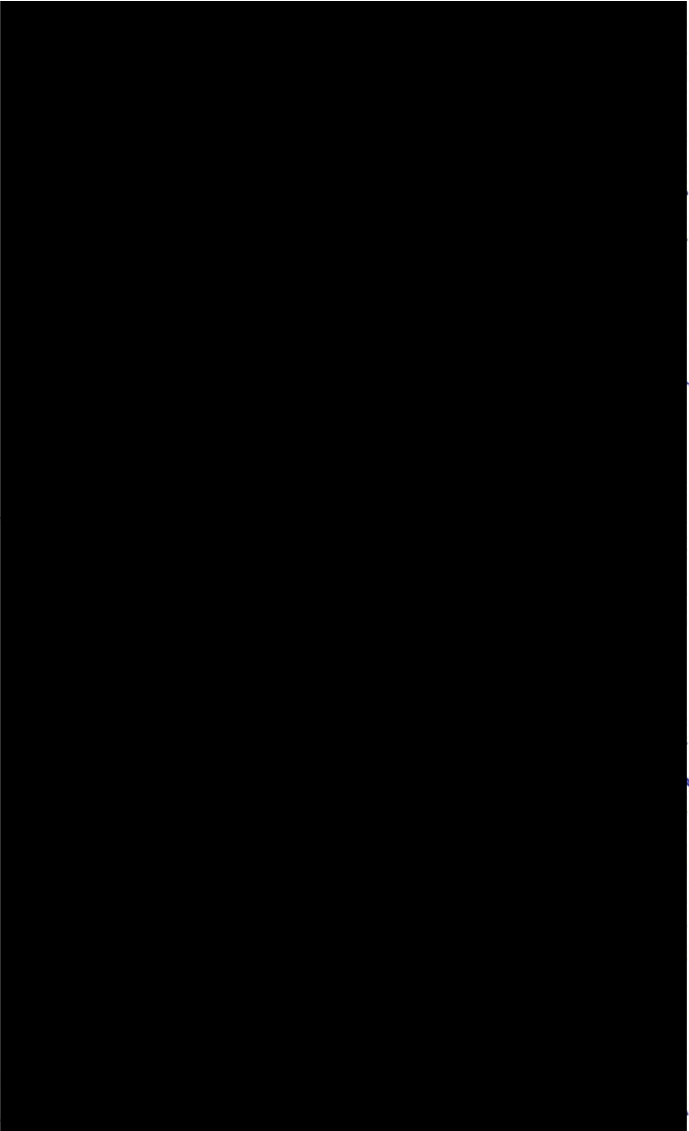
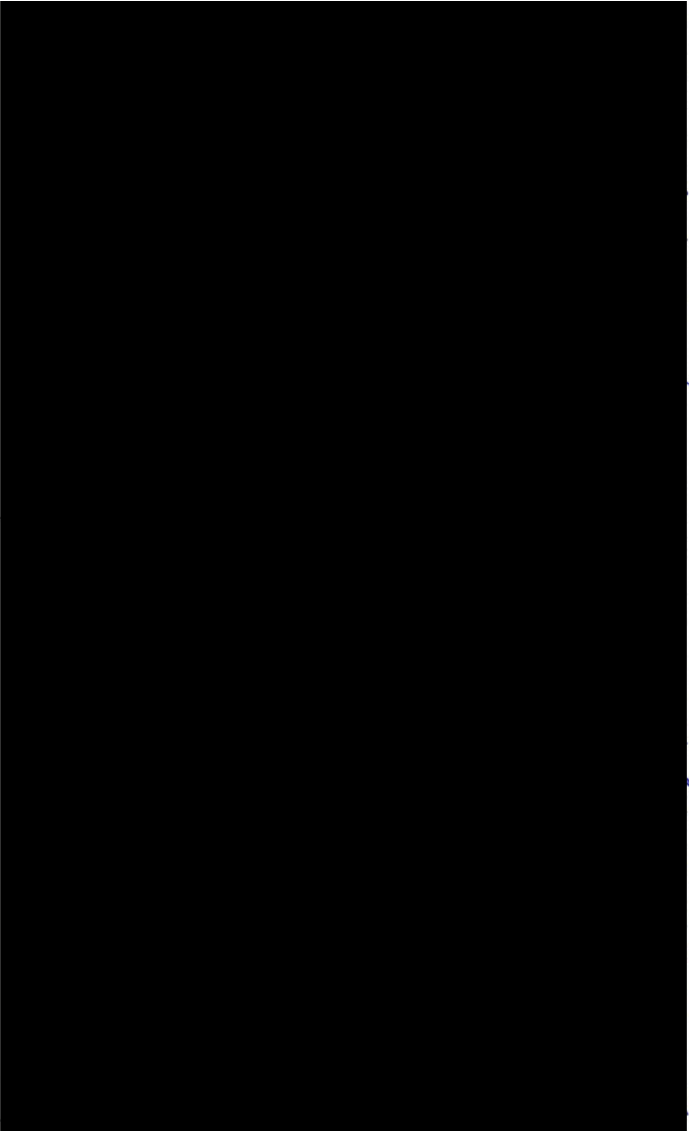
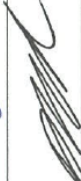







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Sam			
Isaac			
Cushla			
Nicole			
Selena			
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Diana Bailey			
Browner Chandler			
Nike McGrath			
Janet McGrath			
Imelda Stranbridge			
Dorothy Lock			
Kathryn Under			
Kelly Fitzgerald			






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Sean Walker			
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Erana Motu			
Kaylene Peeti			
Carla Beddall			
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Mori			

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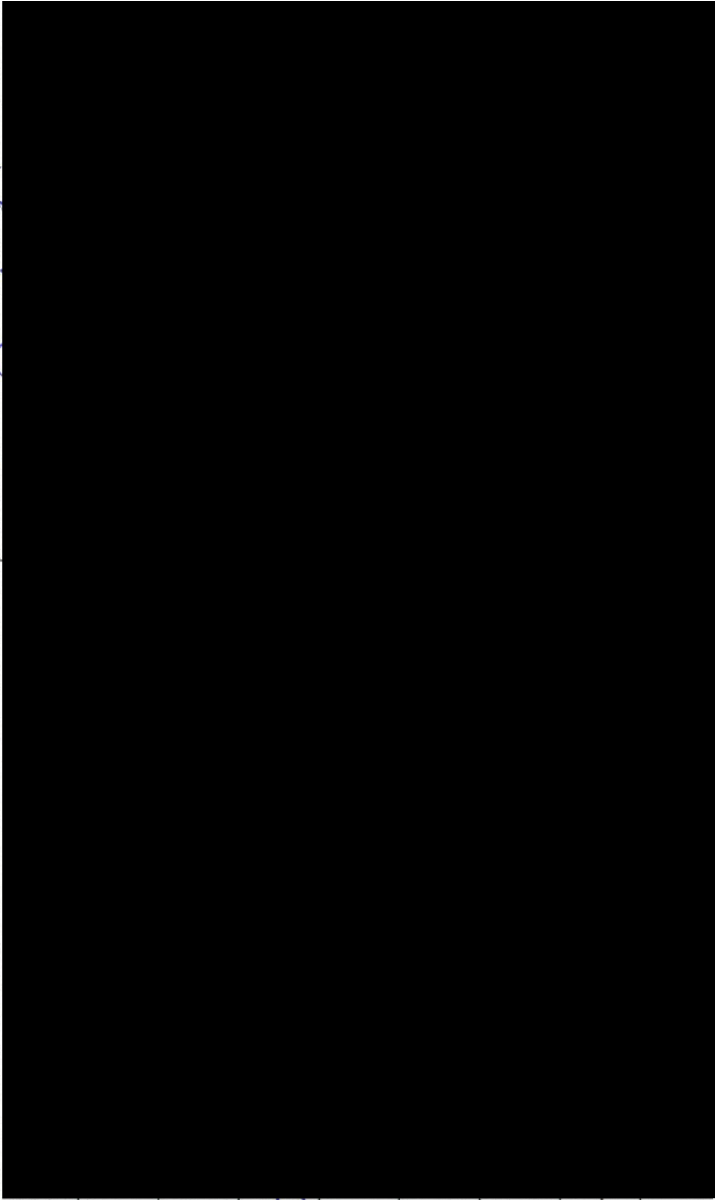
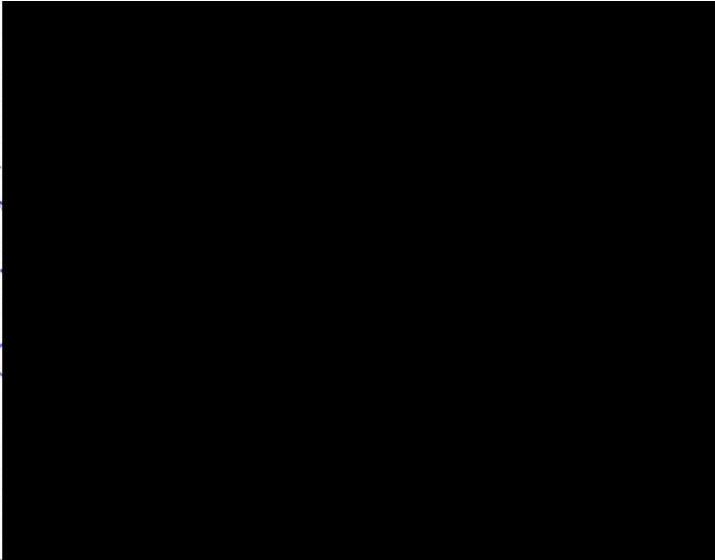








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Kylie Spence			
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Varina Ashby			

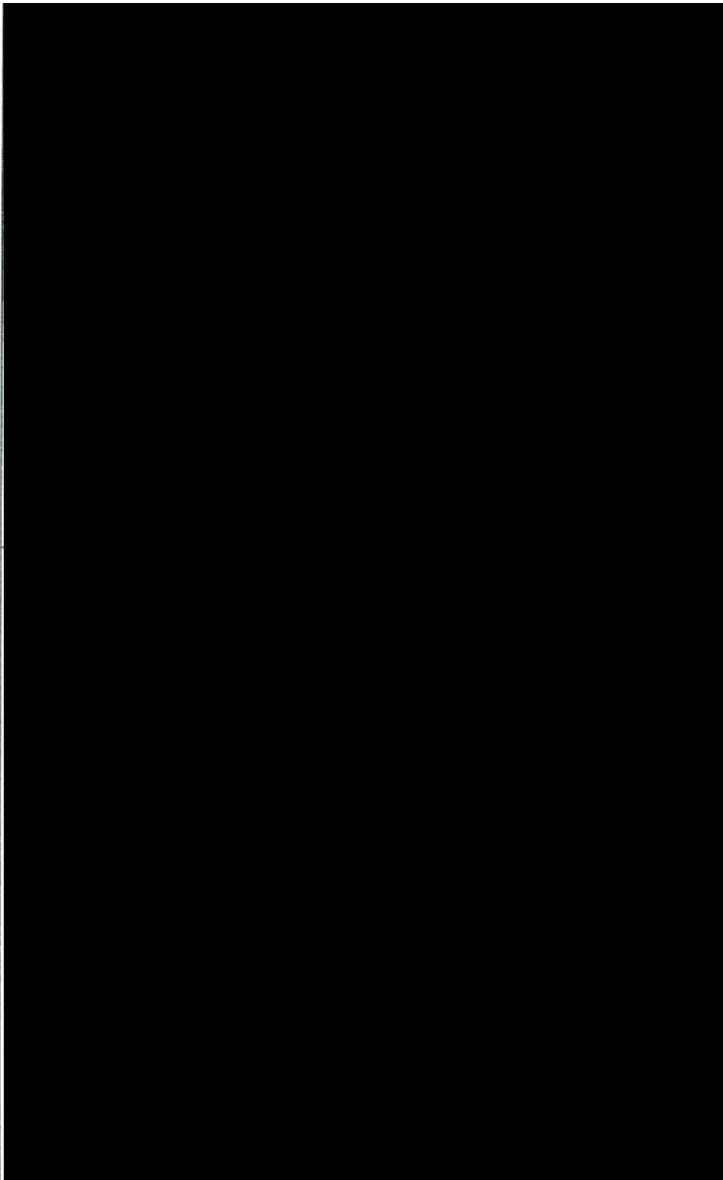






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Kendrick Wilton			
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Dana Sharda			
Jennifer Harris			
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Cliff			
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Lisa			

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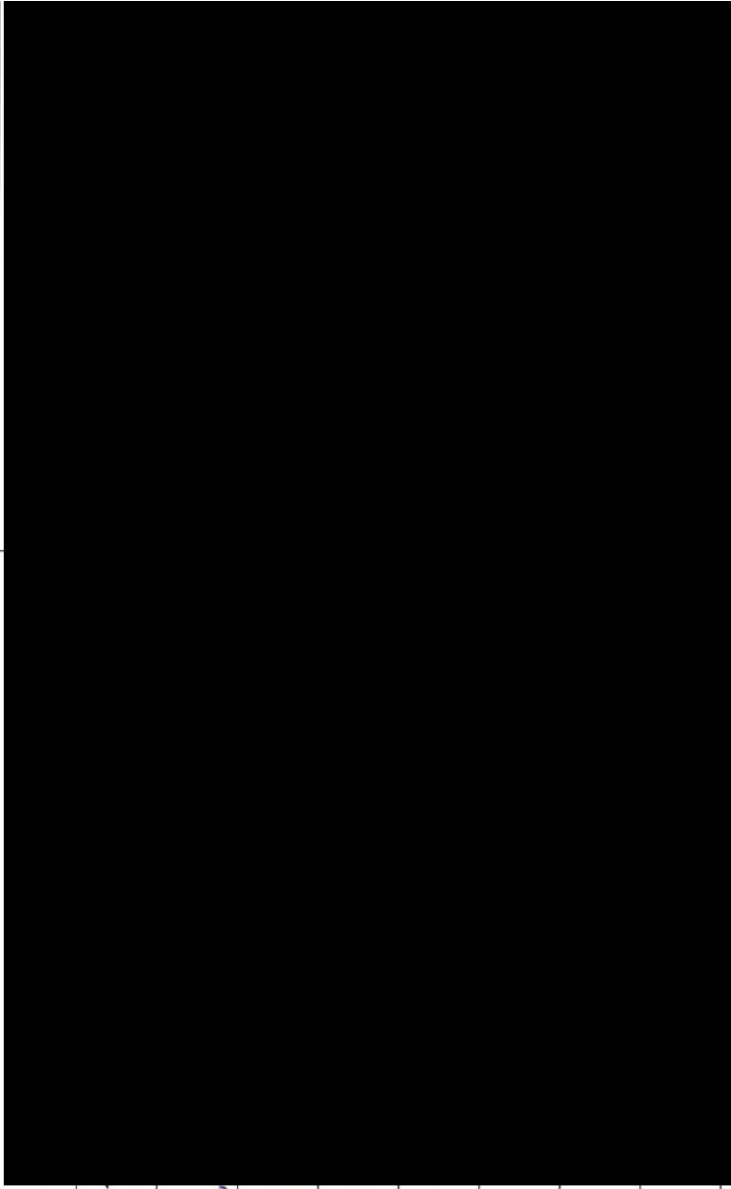








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Kath Hapuku			
Tania Spriggs			
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Scotti Russell			
Laven Holland			
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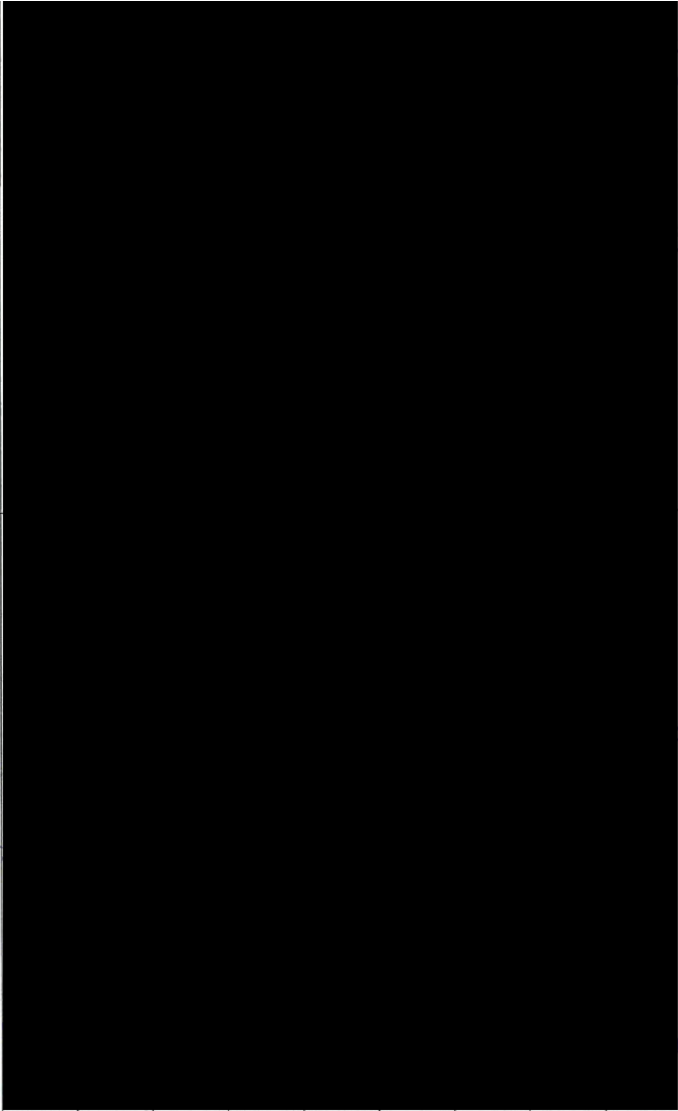




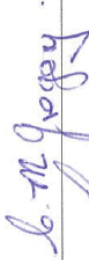



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JAYNE MILLER			
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Jaz Longdon			

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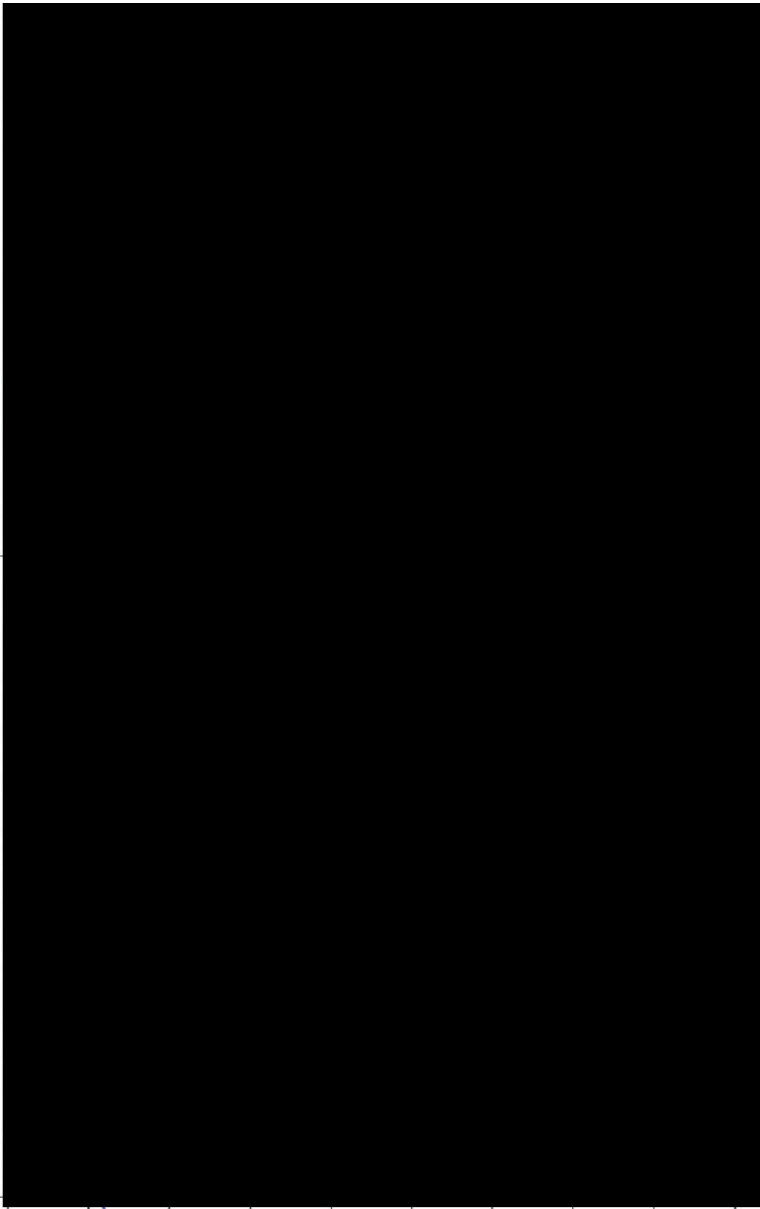










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Karen Brewer			
Lyn Broadbent			
Shane Kelly			
Elisapei Ligabue			
Denise Innes			
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Vernd Hansen			


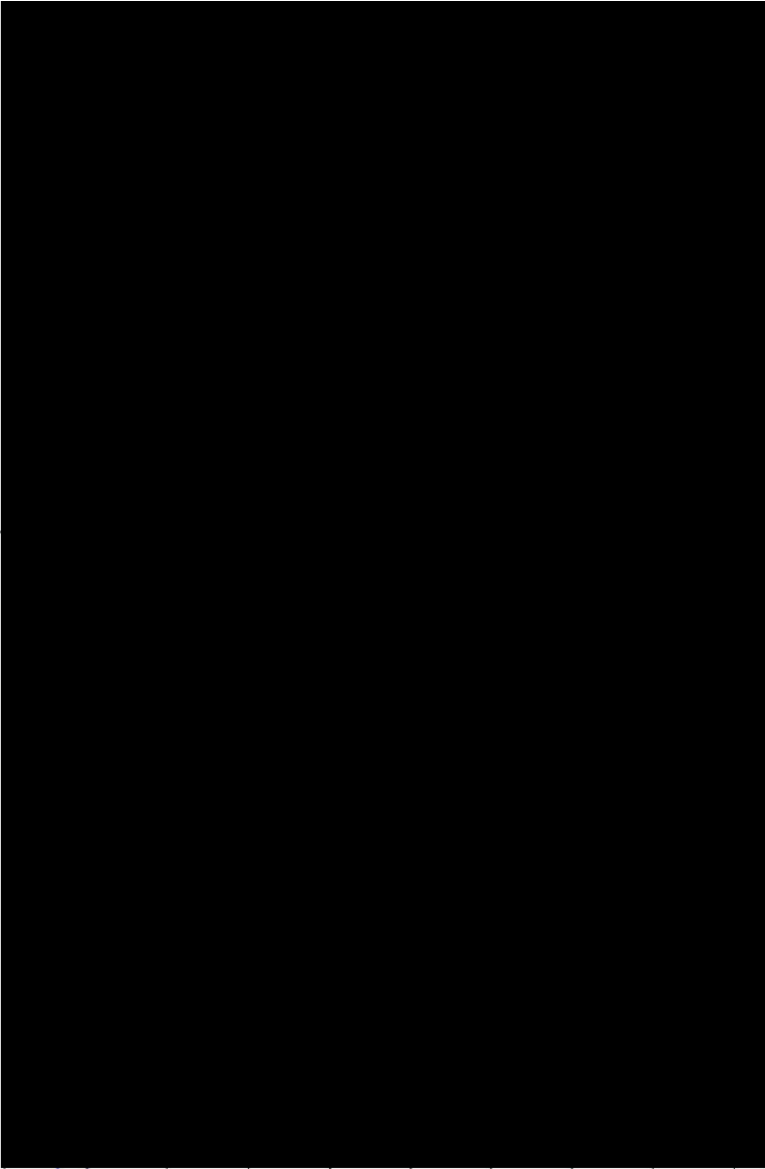

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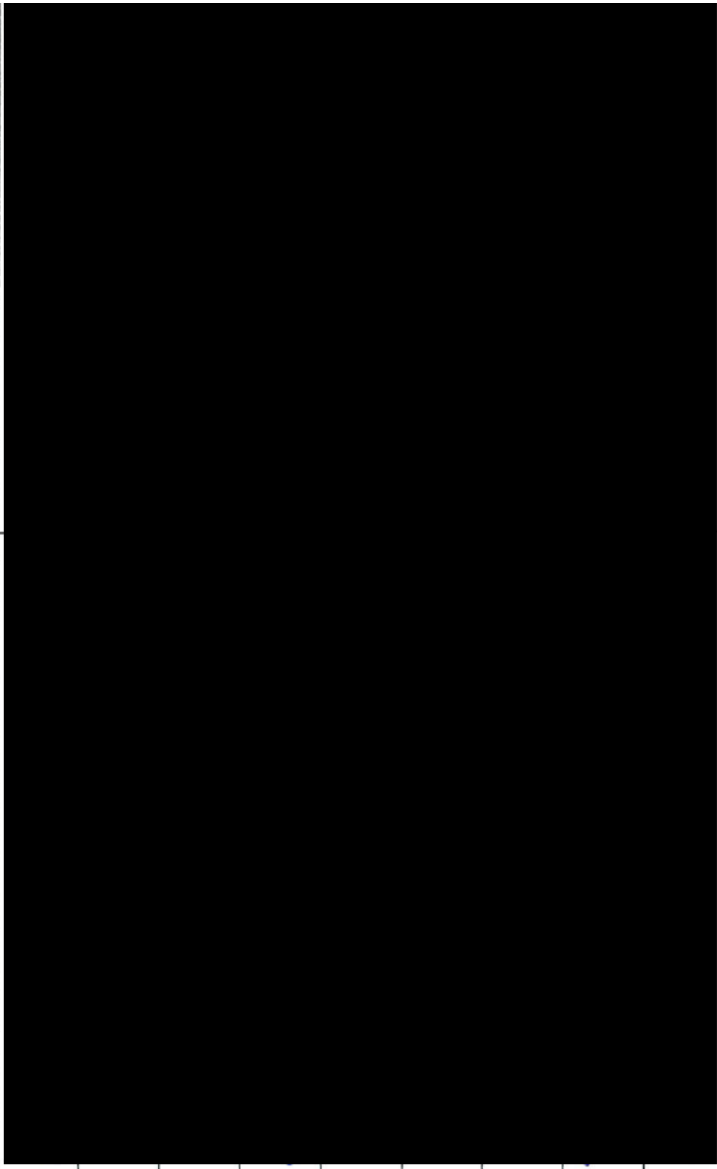








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A. Hiddington			
Art Cherry			
Kiri Collins			
Leelan			
Mervin			
FRANK EDWARDS			
Claudette Thomas			

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Hine te whiringa Hani Jordan			
Virginia Laws			
Sara Little			
Sarah Peach			
Aisha Phelps			
William Burns			
D. Webster			


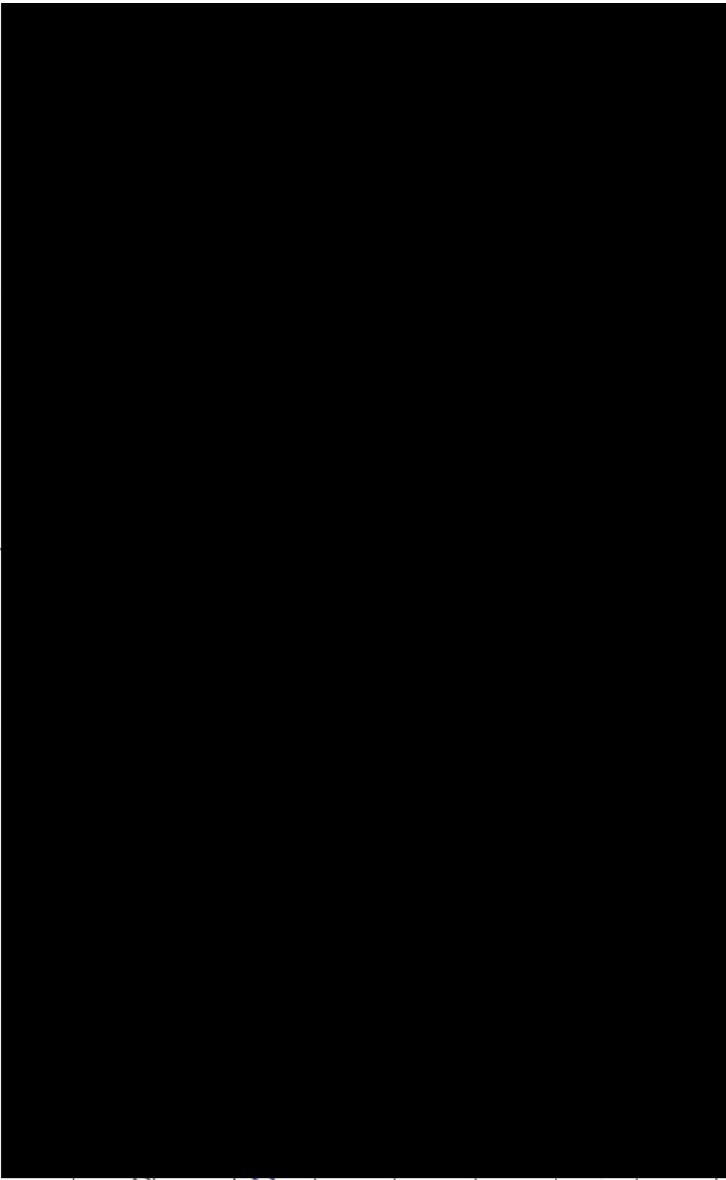







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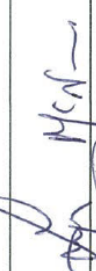
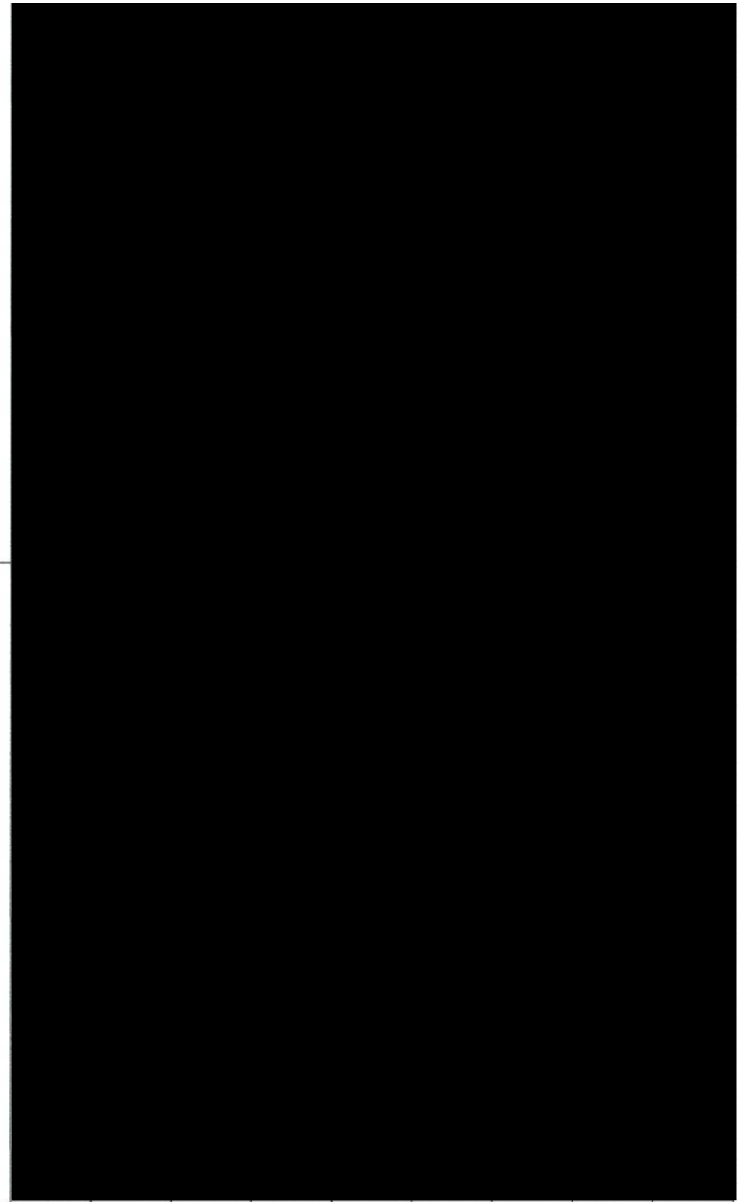
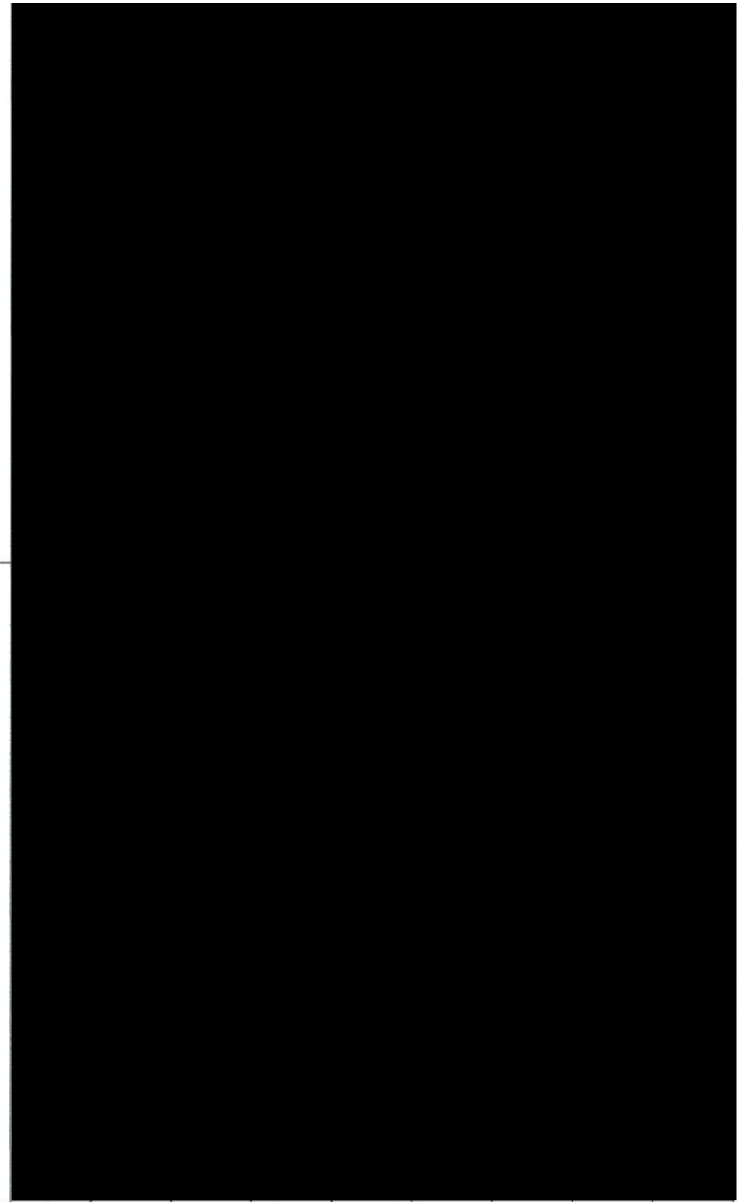






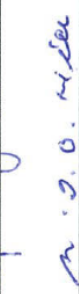



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Ginny Downs			
Mr. B. R. R. R.			
Lia Loux			
Susan Wais			
Angie Knight			
Tara Chomley & P.			
Noelene Hill			
Eric Street			

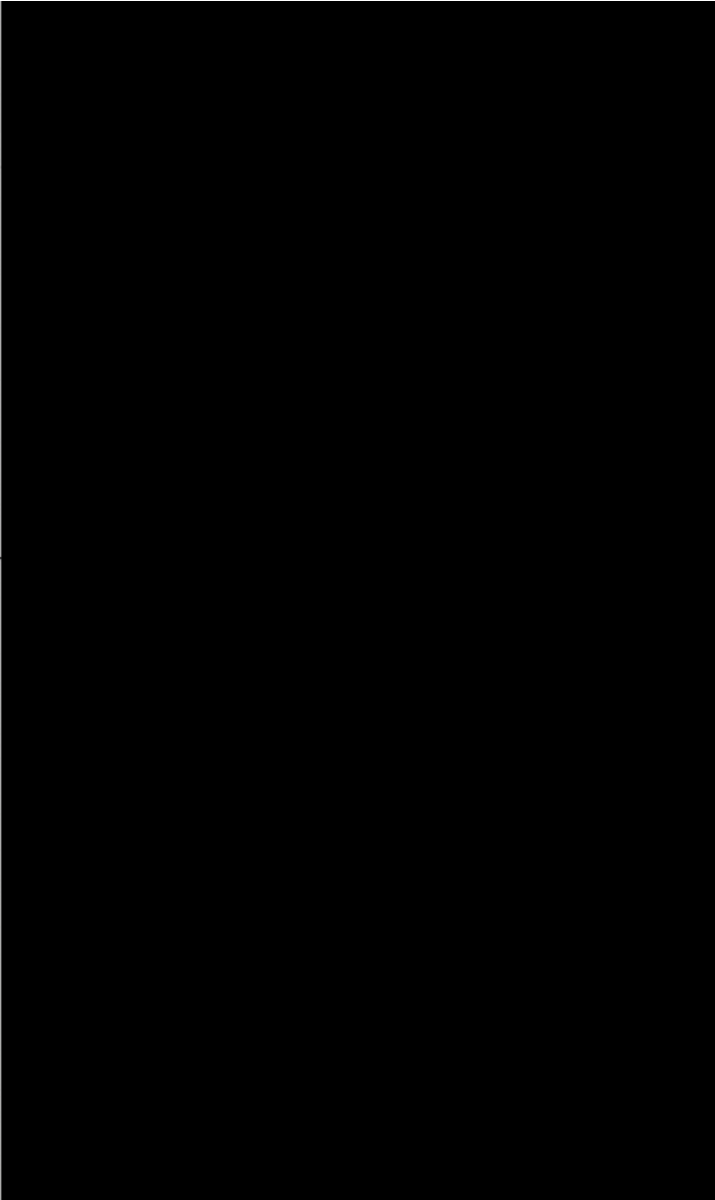

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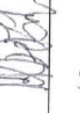




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Anthony Jordan			
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PAMELA MORGAN			
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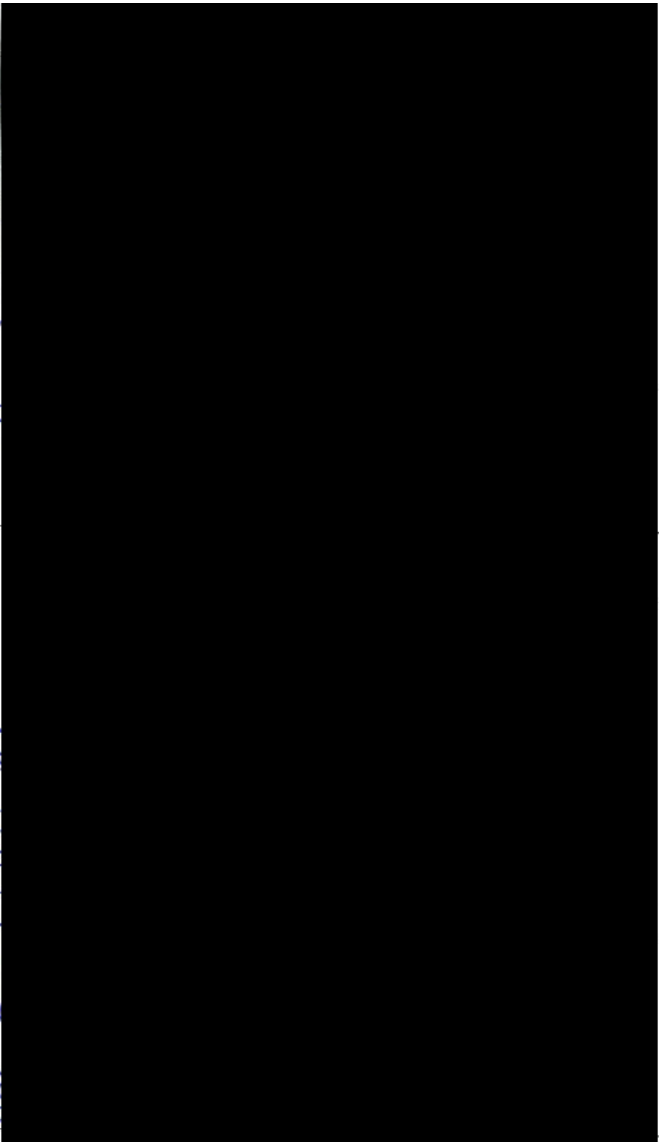
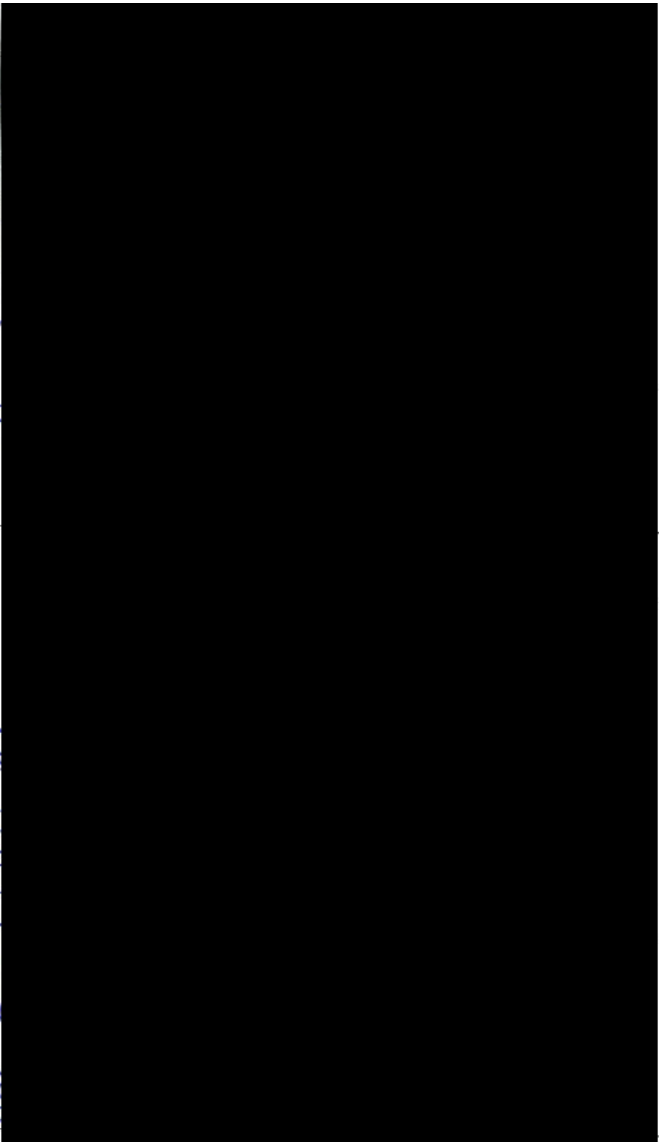


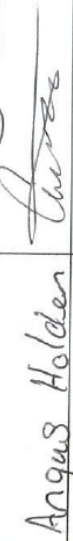

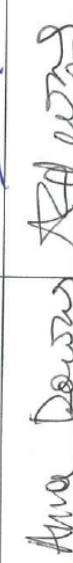

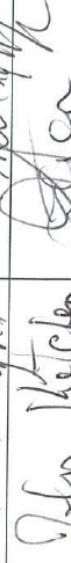
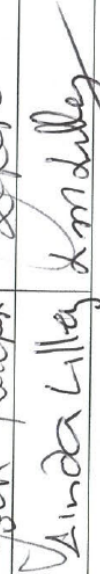
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Simon Owen			
Jackie Henderson			
Angus Holden			
Michael Falkner			
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Mark Wright			
John Fletcher			
Vanda Lilley & family			

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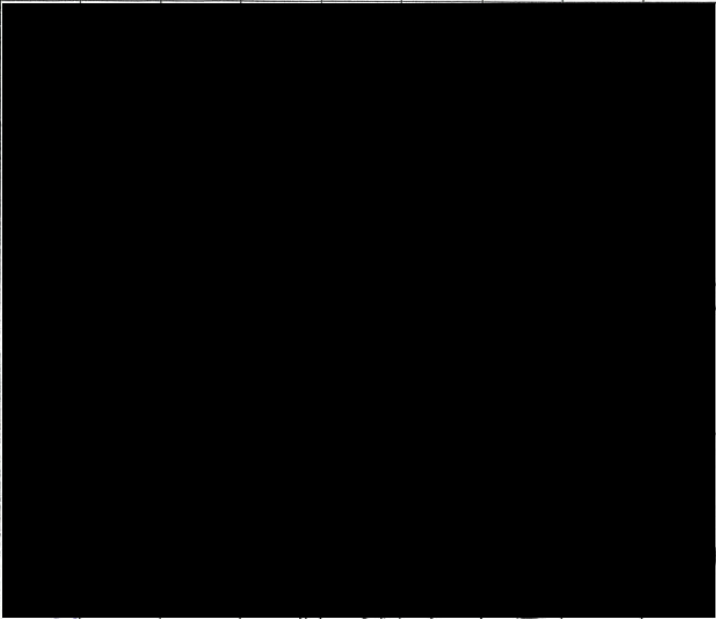
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A. van Halbeek	A. van Halbeek		
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Kodi	Kodi		
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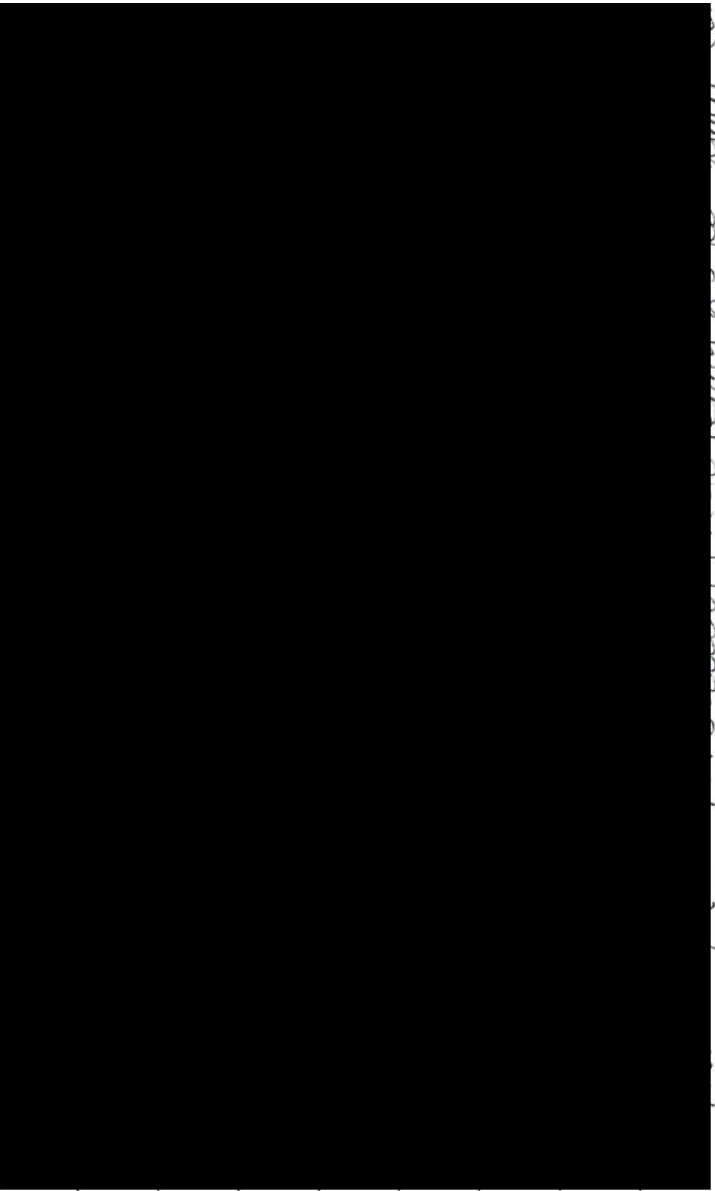








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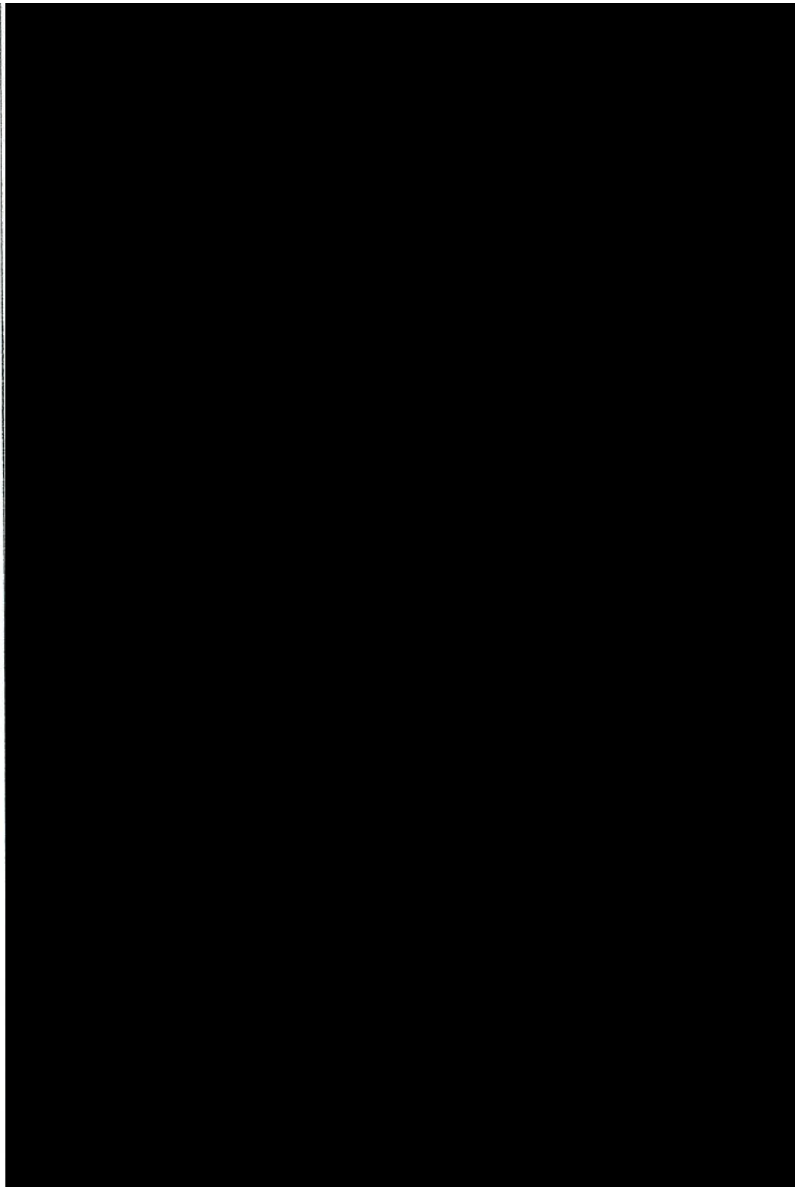
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Name	Signature
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S. Oetting	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>
M Ross	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>
Muala	Muala
R. Allison	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>
Bryan Lowry	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>
Leane Pitcher	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>
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K. Byres	<i>[Signature]</i>		
F. Watson	<i>[Signature]</i>		
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Tania Kemic	<i>Tania Kemic</i>		
Rosita Kacra	<i>Rosita Kacra</i>		
Chris Carb	<i>Chris Carb</i>		
<i>Pauline</i>	<i>Pauline</i>		
Donna O'Connell	<i>Donna O'Connell</i>		
<i>Deborah Stanger</i>	<i>Deborah Stanger</i>		
<i>Maggie Brown</i>	<i>Maggie Brown</i>		
<i>Eve Wisniewsky</i>	<i>Eve Wisniewsky</i>		











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John - C			
John Edmund			
Paul Butler			
D-Bake			
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Conan Kipo			
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Tyson Herbert			

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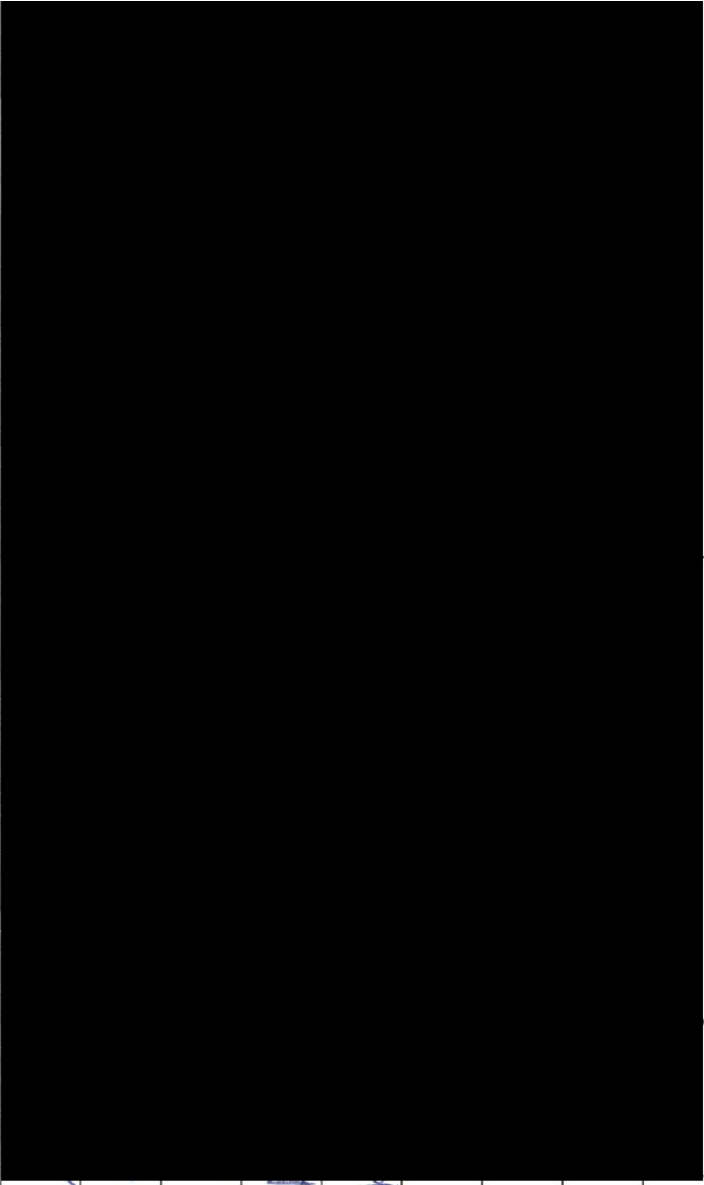










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Merle Duxfield			
William Sigmond			
Darick Becher			
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GERARD DIAMOND			
TARA DIAMOND			


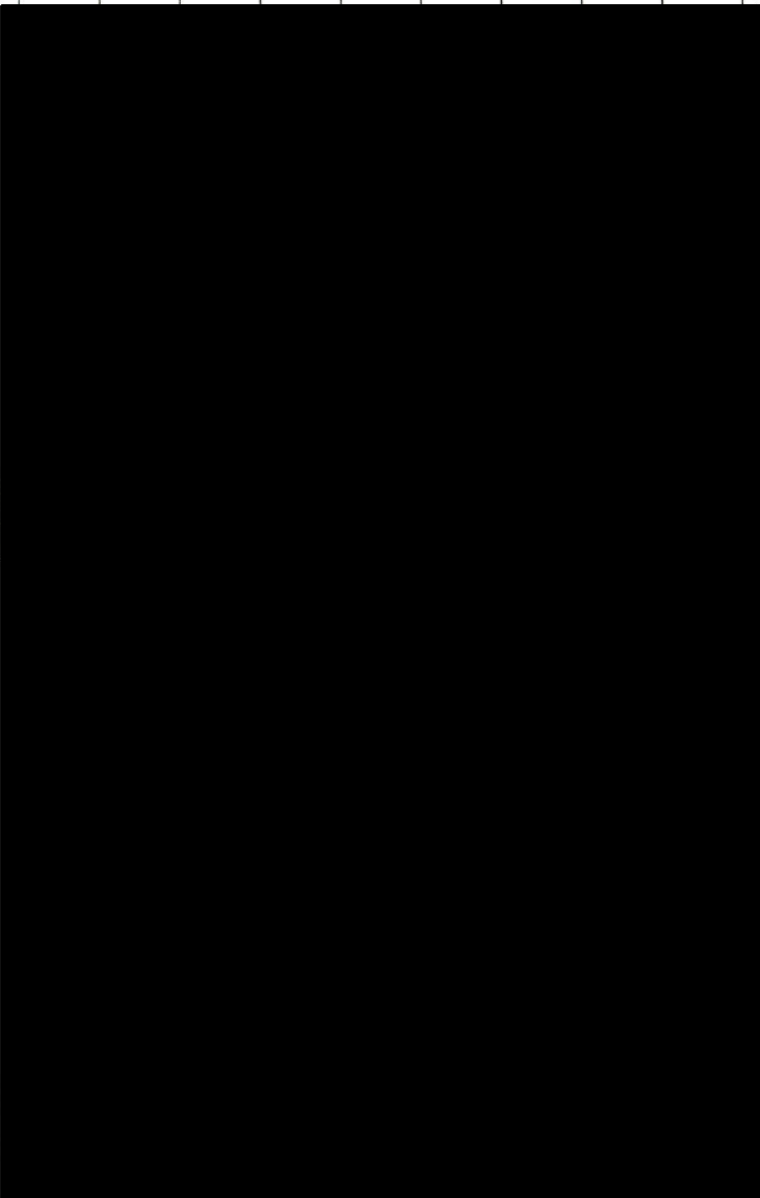
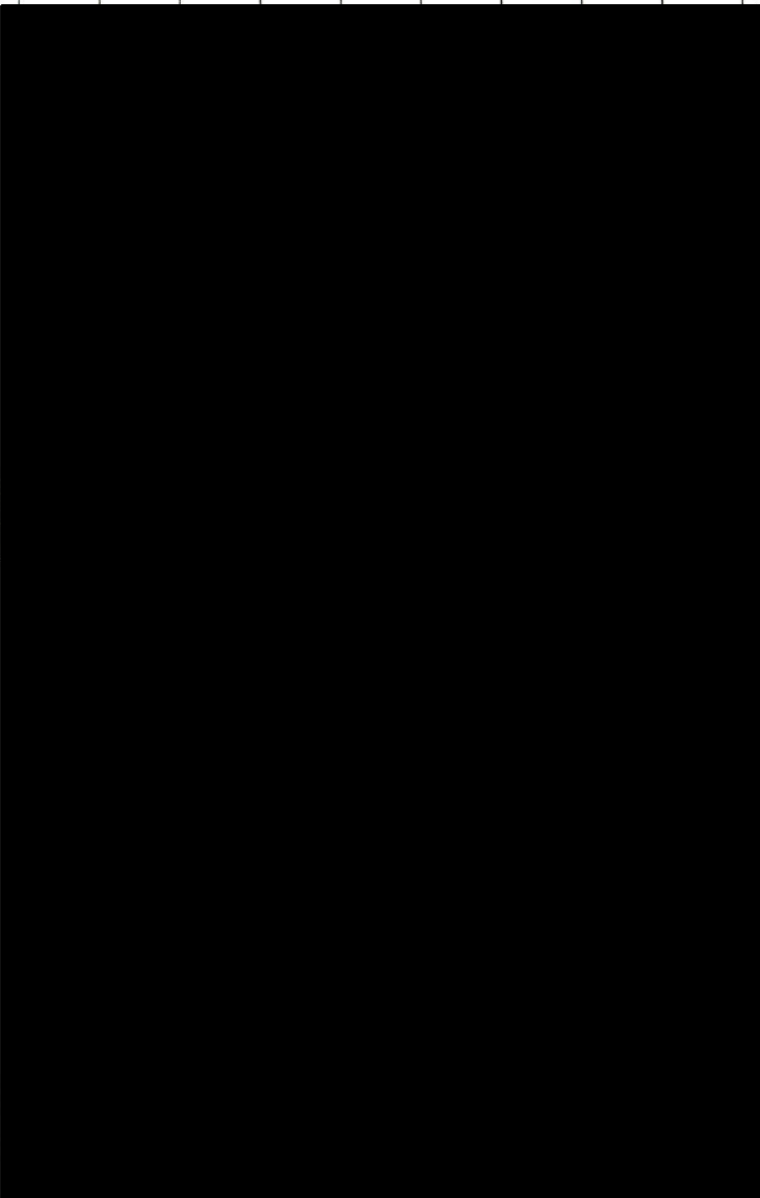








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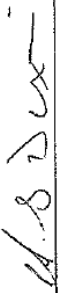
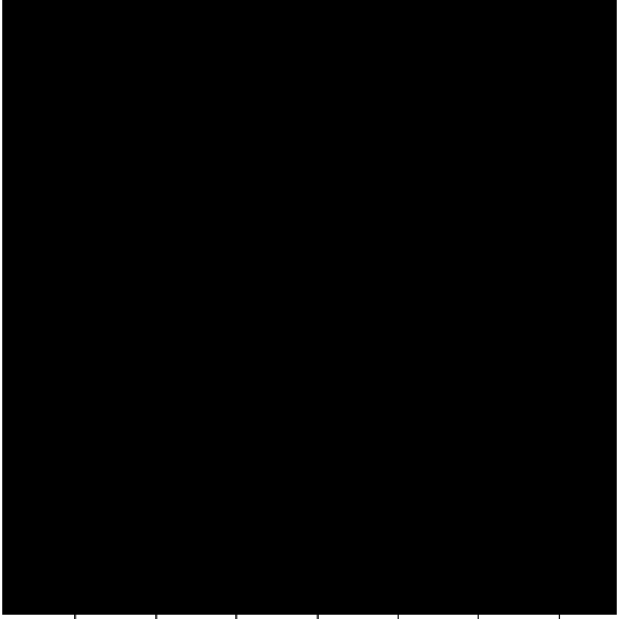




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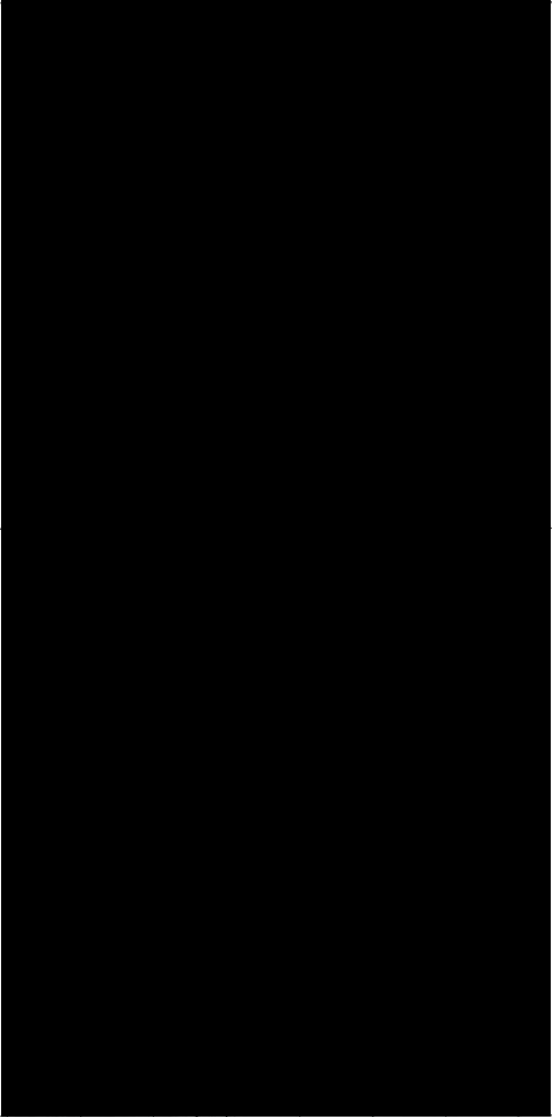
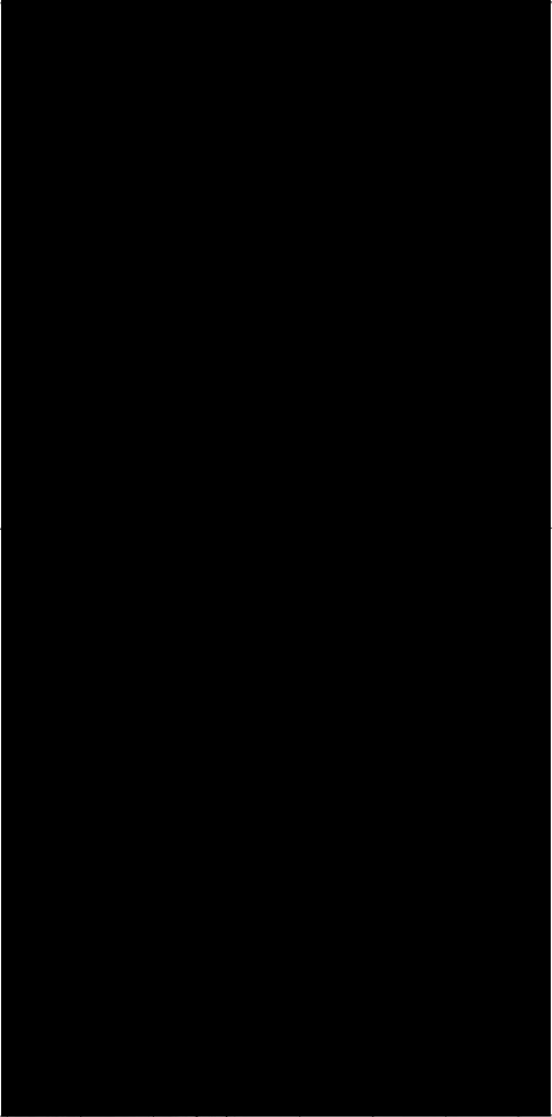





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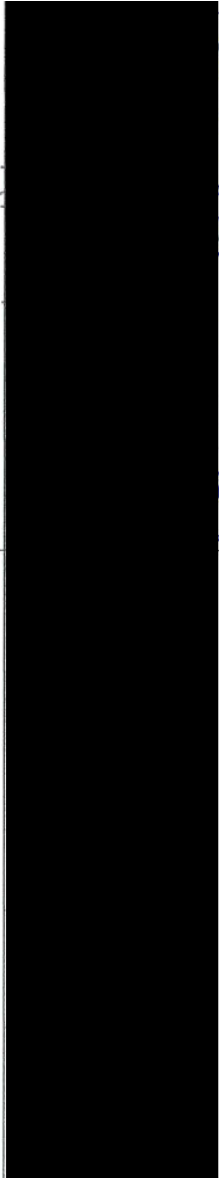
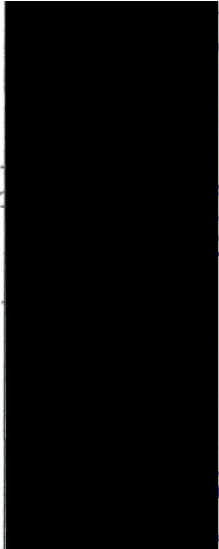


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## Why this petition matters



Started by [STOP The Fluoridation of the Tararua Water Supply](#)

\*PLEASE ONLY SIGN IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED THE PAPER PETITION\*

This petition has been created to advise the Tararua District Council that we DO NOT want our town water supply fluoridated.

We have been led to believe that fluoride is beneficial for the oral health of our children in New Zealand, when in fact studies have proven that ingestion of fluoride is extremely damaging to our health.

The fluoride they are intending on using in our water supply is not a naturally occurring fluoride, it is a highly toxic by product, (FSA) Fluorosilicic acid being a co-product from the manufacture of superphosphate fertiliser produced here in NZ.

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This co-product is so damaging that it isn't allowed to be run off into our streams/rivers or into agriculture BUT deemed by the govt is ok to be added to our water supply.

Studies have shown that even in low doses fluoride is a neurotoxin, leading to lower iq's in children and impaired cognitive function. Exposure to fluoride causes fluorosis (An effect of excessive fluoride in bones leading to changes in bone structure which weaken the bone, and also fluorosis of the teeth).

Fluoride consumption is also damaging to your thyroid making you 30% more likely to develop hypothyroidism, and has shown to have a connection between fluoride and bone cancer (osteosarcoma) in males under the age of 20. People with impaired kidney function are also at risk as they have a decreased ability to excrete fluoride the urine and are extremely susceptible to the toxic effects

Recently the Director General of Health has issued a directive to 14 councils throughout New Zealand (Tararua District Council being one of these) to fluoridate their town water supply by June 2024. this month the high court has found the Director Generals directive unlawful because it had failed to consider the NZ bill of rights act (BORA) which makes this directive unlawful.

This is mass medication and we have the right to refuse any medical treatment!

Please help us put this directive to an end not only for our community but for other communities nationwide by signing this petition.

Please only sign this if you are a Resident of the Tararua district as we will present this petition to our council on behalf of our community



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Bryce Kennedy	13/03/24
Olivia Beazley	13/03/24
Karen Barrow	13/03/24
Tracey Hewlett	14/03/24
Ronald Boblea	14/03/24
<del>Emily Harold</del>	<del>14/03/24</del>
Josie Robertson	14/03/24
Dani White	14/03/24
<del>Simon Owen</del>	<del>15/03/24</del>
Julie Blake	18/03/24
<del>Angela MacGregor</del>	<del>21/03/24</del>
Joseph Jordan	21/03/24
Duncan Moorcock	21/03/24
Jo Golightly	21/03/24

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Anton Burn	22/03/24
Tuma Mullins	24/03/24
Punga Mullins	24/03/24
Aria Mullins	24/03/24
Mark Speedy	24/03/24
Korina Mullins Mullins	24/03/24
Samantha Mullins	24/03/24
Jody Thomson	24/03/24
Brennagh Mullins	25/03/24
<del>Sandy Thorstensen</del>	<del>27/03/24</del>
Karina Smith	31/03/24
<del>Katrina Reeve</del>	<del>2/04/24</del>
Gabrielle Stoney	4/04/24
<del>Janine Johnson</del>	<del>4/04/24</del>
Tara Ormandy	4/04/24
Michelle Ross-Veale	4/04/24
Shakaiya Tawhai	4/04/24
Manu Heperi	4/04/24
Arani Davis	4/04/24
Kim Millar	4/04/24
Ellen Gray	5/04/24
Tayla Nathan	6/04/24
Andrea Herbert	7/04/24

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## Report

Date : 19 April 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council

From : James Single  
Regulatory Services Manager

Subject : **Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024**

Item No : **9.2**

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### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the report from the Regulatory Services Manager dated 17 April 2024 concerning the Tararua District Council's Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024 be received.*
- 1.2 *That the Council approves the Statement of Proposal and the Tararua District Council's Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024, for public consultation in accordance with s83 of the Local Government Act 2002 and s132 of the Building Act 2004.*
- 1.3 *That the Council agrees that the Chief Executive be delegated the power to approve any minor amendments to the draft policy or statement of proposal that he considers appropriate, prior to consultation starting.*

## Executive Summary

This report seeks approval to publicly notify the draft Tararua District Council Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024.

Section 131 of the Building Act 2004 (BA) requires every territorial authority to adopt a policy on dangerous, affected and insanitary buildings within its district. The policy must be reviewed every 5 years.

Tararua District Council's current Dangerous and Insanitary Building Policy was adopted in 2017 and is now overdue for review. The policy does not cease to have effect because it is due for review or being reviewed.

All new policies must now consider affected buildings, as required under section 132A.

An affected building for the purposes of the Act is any building adjacent to, or nearby a dangerous building as defined in s121 or a dangerous dam within the meaning of s153.

## **2. Reason for the Report**

- 2.1 This report relates to the review and replacement of the Tararua District Council Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2017.
- 2.2 This report also includes the statement of proposal and draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024, for public feedback.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 Tararua District Council's Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy expired in August 2022. The Policy must be reviewed every 5 years as required by s131 BA.
- 3.2 The policy does not cease to have effect because it is due for review or being reviewed.
- 3.3 Council proposes to review and renew the policy. The statement of proposal and draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024 are attached as annexes A and B, to this report.
- 3.4 The draft policy largely continues with some amendments and improvements and now includes affected buildings as required under s132A. The key changes to the policy are described in clause 6 of this report.

## **4. Significance Assessment**

- 4.1 The immediate decision before the Council, about whether to commence consultation on the draft policy, is not itself a significant decision. However, the decisions that will follow such consultation (such as whether to adopt the new policy) will be significant under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
- 4.2 Section 132 of the BA requires Council to use the special consultative procedure when making or amending the policy.

## **5. Consultation**

- 5.1 Consultation is required by s132 of the BA and section 83 of Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), the Significance and Engagement Policy is automatically triggered.
- 5.2 The level of engagement recommended for this issue is: Consult (using the special consultative procedure as required by s132 of the BA).

5.3 Council will fulfil the requirements of s82 and 83 of the LGA by doing the following:

- Publishing a public notice relating to consultation on the draft policy, including information on where to access the statement of proposal and how to provide feedback;
- Make copies of the draft policy, the statement of proposal and submission forms available on Council's website for the duration of the consultation period;
- Provide those interested with an opportunity to present their views to the Council in person at a Hearing.

## **6. Key Changes to the Draft Policy**

6.1 The changes Council proposes to make to the 2017 Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2017 are minor in nature and do not significantly alter the operation or effect of the policy. In summary, Council is proposed changes to the policy which, for the most part, reflect changes in legislation (including the requirement in section 132A of the Act for the policy to include references to affected buildings) and to improve clarity.

### **The proposed changes are:**

- Adding the definition of affected building, as defined in the Act (and adding reference to affected buildings throughout the policy);
- Removing reference to "part 3(3) of Schedule 1AA of the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016" as no longer required;
- Adding, at part 3, that Council will "Respond to and investigate any notification from Horizons Regional Council of a dangerous dam located within the Tararua District that may trigger affected buildings under the Act";
- Clarifying that when Council is assessing a potential insanitary building, Council may also consider:
  - Any information available from the Medical Officer of Health within the local office of the National Public Health Service to assess whether the occupants may be neglected or infirm
  - the use to which the building is put and whether the insanitary conditions are offensive or likely to be injurious to the health of any occupants
- Adding the following statement to reflect standard practice:

If Council is satisfied that a building is either dangerous, affected or insanitary Council will endeavour to consult with the owners and occupiers

of the building to determine the circumstances and decide the appropriate course of action. Such consultation may not always be possible, particularly in situations involving immediate danger.

- Making clear that owners of buildings will receive not less than 10 days' written notice of an application to the District Court under s 126 of the Act;
- Adding that immediate action to remediate immediate danger or insanitary conditions could include the demolition of all or part of a building;
- Amending the name of 'Heritage New Zealand' to 'Heritage New Zealand – Puhere Taonga';
- Adding a list of related legislation and providing an explanatory note regarding powers available to the Council under the Health Act 1956.

## **7. Conclusion**

- 7.1 This report relates to the review and replacement of Council's Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2017. The policy was due to be reviewed in August 2022. Council must review the policy every 5 years as required under s131 of the BA.
- 7.2 The draft policy has some amendments and now also includes affected buildings as required under s132A.
- 7.3 The recommendation at clause 1.7 of this report gives the Chief Executive the authority to approve any minor amendments to the draft bylaws or statements of proposal prior to consultation commencing.
- 7.4 The proposed consultation period is from Wednesday 1 May until Monday 3 June 2024.

## **Attachments**

- 1 [↓](#). Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024
- 2 [↓](#). Statement of Proposal



# **Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024**





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## 1 Introduction

This policy has been prepared in accordance with section 131 of the Building Act 2004 (**Act**) and applies to all buildings within the Tararua District.

### 1.1 Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of the policy is to clearly outline:

- The approach that Tararua District Council (**Council**) will take in performing its functions under the Act.
- Council's priorities in performing those functions.
- How the policy will apply to heritage buildings.

### 1.2 Policy Principals

The provisions of the Act in respect to dangerous, affected and insanitary buildings reflect the government's broader concern with the safety of the public in buildings. The Council is committed to ensuring that the Tararua District is a safe place in which to live and work. This is one of the outcomes sought by the Tararua community.

### 1.3 Economic Impact

The intent of this policy is to protect the health and safety of people who use buildings. However, Council needs to be conscious of the costs of any work required to remove dangerous or insanitary conditions in the broader social and economic context of the community.

### 1.4 Review

This policy was first adopted in 2006. This version of the policy comes into force on \*\*\*\*\* . Council must complete a review of the policy within 5 years after it is adopted and then at intervals of not more than 5 years.

## 2 Definitions

All definitions have the same meaning as the Act, with some meanings set out here for ease of reference:

#### **Dangerous building:**

*A building is dangerous for the purposes of this Act if,-*

- (a) *in the ordinary course of events (excluding the occurrence of an earthquake), the building is likely to cause*

- (i) *injury or death (whether by collapse or otherwise) to any persons in it or to persons on other property; or*
- (ii) *damage to other property; or*
- (b) *in the event of fire, injury or death to any persons in the building or to persons on other property is likely.*

**Affected building:**

*A building is an affected building for the purposes of this Act if it is adjacent to, adjoining, or nearby-*

- (a) *a dangerous building as defined in section 121; or*
- (b) *a dangerous dam within the meaning of section 153.*

**Insanitary building:**

*A building is insanitary for the purposes of this Act if the building –*

- (a) *is offensive or likely to be injurious to health because—*
  - (i) *of how it is situated or constructed; or*
  - (ii) *it is in a state of disrepair; or*
- (b) *has insufficient or defective provisions against moisture penetration so as to cause dampness in the building or in any adjoining building; or*
- (c) *does not have a supply of potable water that is adequate for its intended use; or*
- (d) *does not have sanitary facilities that are adequate for its intended use.*

### 3 Identifying Dangerous, Affected or Insanitary Buildings

From time-to-time Council becomes aware, through various sources, of buildings that under certain circumstances could pose a danger to occupants or members of the community. These buildings may have been damaged by fire, a natural disaster, not been maintained or may have been illegally converted for residential use.

It is impractical to inspect every building in the District on a regular basis. Instead Council will:

- 1) Respond to and investigate all building complaints received;
- 2) Respond to and investigate any notification from Horizons Regional Council of a dangerous dam located within the Tararua District that may trigger affected buildings under the Act;

- 3) Identify from these investigations any buildings that Council considers may be dangerous, affected or insanitary (which will include inspecting buildings which are adjoining, adjacent or nearby dangerous buildings).

In determining whether a building is dangerous, affected or insanitary, Council will assess the building in accordance with sections 121, 121A, 123 and/or 123A of the Act; and any other relevant provisions of the Act or the New Zealand Building Code. Council's assessment may also consider the following:

- 1) Advice from Fire and Emergency New Zealand in accordance with s121 (2) of the Act (for a dangerous building);
- 2) Any information available from the Medical Officer of Health within the local office of the National Public Health Service to assess whether the occupants may be neglected or infirm (for an insanitary building);
- 3) In terms of potential insanitary buildings, the use to which the building is put and whether the insanitary conditions are offensive or likely to be injurious to the health of any occupants.

## 4 Taking Action

If Council is satisfied that a building is either dangerous, affected or insanitary Council will endeavour to consult with the owners and occupiers of the building to determine the circumstances and decide the appropriate course of action. Such consultation may not always be possible, particularly in situations involving immediate danger.

The following matters will usually be taken into account when determining what remedial action is necessary:

- The size and complexity of the building;
- The location of the building in relation to other buildings and public places;
- The expected life of the building;
- The use of the building, including the number of people likely to be present at any one time;
- The reasonable practicality of any work concerned;
- Any special cultural or historic values associated with the building; and
- Any other matters considered relevant.

Following inspection of the building, after receiving advice from Fire and Emergency New Zealand if relevant and taking into account the matters listed above, Council will then decide whether immediate action should be taken to avoid the danger or fix the insanitary conditions pursuant to section 129 of the Act.

If Council decides that immediate action is not required, a notice will be issued under section 124 of the Act requiring the owner to carry out the necessary work within an appropriate timeframe, generally not exceeding six months.

If the work is not carried out within the stated time frame and after having given no less than 10 days' written notice to the owner, Council may apply to the District Court for an order authorising Council to carry out the work pursuant to section 126 of the Act. The property owner will be liable for the full cost of carrying out the work.

#### 4.1 Priorities

Priority will be allocated to buildings that have been deemed to require immediate action to remediate immediate danger or insanitary conditions. Immediate action may include the erection of hoardings, demolition of all or part of a building, and prohibiting people from using the buildings.

### 5 Recording

Council will keep a record of all dangerous, affected and insanitary buildings on the property database, noting the repairs required or the results of work carried out, whichever is appropriate.

This information will be available for recording on land information memorandums.

### 6 Heritage Buildings

In cases where heritage buildings are dangerous, affected or insanitary, in addition to consulting with the building owner, Council will seek advice from Heritage New Zealand – Pouhere Taonga in developing an appropriate remedy. However, the fact that a building has heritage status does not mean that it can be left in a dangerous, affected or insanitary condition.

### 7 Related Legislation

In considering how to address non-compliance Council must be mindful of any matters that require consideration under other legislation or compliance mechanisms. In addition to the Act Council will consider the following legislation (and any amendments):

- Local Government Act 2002
- Resource Management Act 1991
- Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002
- Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014
- Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988
- Health Act 1956
- Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992

**Note:** Provisions also exist in the Health Act 1956 to deal with nuisance conditions related to certain matters associated with housing (under section 29(f), overcrowding likely to be injurious to health, and under section 42, insanitary conditions likely to cause injury to the health of persons, or a dwelling that is otherwise unfit for human habitation). Council may decide to use powers under the Health Act instead of, or in addition to, the Act.



# Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy: Statement of Proposal

## Introduction

Tararua District Council seeks your views on its draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024.

This statement of proposal is prepared under sections 83 and 87 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) and contains:

- a copy of the draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024 (the 'draft policy')
- information about the proposed amendments;
- the reasons for the proposed amendments;
- how you can have your say; and
- timetable for consultation.

## Background to the review

Section 131 of the Building Act 2004 (Act) requires territorial authorities to adopt a policy on dangerous and insanitary buildings. It must be reviewed at least every five years. The existing policy was adopted in 2017 and is therefore due for review.

Policies on dangerous and insanitary buildings are required to state:

- the approach that the Council will take in performing its functions under the Act;
- Council's priorities in performing those functions;
- How the policy will apply to heritage buildings.

Section 132A requires the policy to take into account affected buildings.

Section 132(2) of the Act states that "a policy may be amended or replaced only in accordance with the special consultative procedure..." (section 83 of the LGA). This statement of proposal has been prepared as a basis for consultation on the proposed changes to the policy, and to fulfil Council's statutory obligations.

## Explanation of Changes

The changes Council proposes to make to the 2017 Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2017 are minor in nature and do not significantly alter the operation or effect of the policy. In summary, Council is proposed changes to the policy which, for the most part, reflect changes in legislation (including the requirement in section 132A of the Act for the policy to include references to affected buildings) and to improve clarity.

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The proposed changes are:

- Adding the definition of affected building, as defined in the Act (and adding reference to affected buildings throughout the policy)
- Removing reference to “part 3(3) of Schedule 1AA of the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016” as no longer required
- Adding, at part 3, that Council will “Respond to and investigate any notification from Horizons Regional Council of a dangerous dam located within the Tararua District that may trigger affected buildings under the Act”
- Clarifying that when Council is assessing a potential insanitary building, Council may also consider:
  - Any information available from the Medical Officer of Health within the local office of the National Public Health Service to assess whether the occupants may be neglected or infirm
  - the use to which the building is put and whether the insanitary conditions are offensive or likely to be injurious to the health of any occupants
- Adding the following statement to reflect standard practice:
  - If Council is satisfied that a building is either dangerous, affected or insanitary Council will endeavour to consult with the owners and occupiers of the building to determine the circumstances and decide the appropriate course of action. Such consultation may not always be possible, particularly in situations involving immediate danger.
- Making clear that owners of buildings will receive not less than 10 days’ written notice of an application to the District Court under s 126 of the Act
- Adding that immediate action to remediate immediate danger or insanitary conditions could include the demolition of all or part of a building
- Amending the name of ‘Heritage New Zealand’ to ‘Heritage New Zealand – Puhure Taonga’
- Adding a list of related legislation and providing an explanatory note regarding powers available to the Council under the Health Act 1956.

### Consultation

In making, amending or revoking this policy, Council must use the Special Consultative Procedure set out in section 83 of the LGA. Council has prepared and adopted the draft policy for public consultation. Any person can make a submission on the draft policy and we invite you to have your say.

The following dates are relevant to the consultation process:

- (a) Council resolved to undertake public consultation regarding the Proposal at its meeting on [DATE]
- (b) Submissions open on DATE
- (c) Submissions close on DATE

Submissions will be heard before Council or a sub-Committee at a time following the close of submissions, with Council considering the outcome of the consultation process and its decision at a Council meeting some time following the hearing date, and likely to be in DATE.

**The key point to note is that consultation opens on DATE and closes on DATE.**

You are encouraged to participate in this important consultation process.

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There are several ways you can have your say. A submission form is provided with this document, or you can fill in your submission online.

How to get your submission to us:

- Mail to:** Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy  
Tararua District Council  
PO Box 115  
Dannevirke 4942
- Fax to:** 06 374 4137
- Email to:** [info@tararua.govt.nz](mailto:info@tararua.govt.nz)
- Deliver to:** Council offices in Eketahuna, Pahiatua, Woodville or Dannevirke
- Online:** [www.tararua.govt.nz](http://www.tararua.govt.nz)

**Attachments:**

1. Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024
2. Report to Council on adopting the draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024 for consideration
3. Submission form





## Report

Date : 19 April 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council

From : James Single  
Regulatory Services Manager

Subject : **Regulatory Services Update - 1 July 2023 - 31 March 2024**

Item No : **9.3**

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### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the report from the Regulatory Services Manager dated 18 April 2024 concerning the Regulatory Services Update - 1 July 2023 - 31 March 2024 be received.*

## Executive Summary

The Regulatory Services Update report is now presented to full Council every 2 months. This report includes statistical information for the current reporting year through 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.

### 2. Reason for the Report

- 2.1 This report is a regular update of the statistical information provided by Regulatory Services, for Council information purposes.

## Attachments

1 [↓](#). Regulatory Services Update Report 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024

## Regulatory Services Update – 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024

### Staffing

Building Consent Processing is now provided mainly in house, with some consents and inspections processed by contractors. The team is fully staffed.

The Compliance and Animal Control teams are back to full strength.

The Planning team are fully staffed.

### Building Services

#### Building Consents

*Table – Applications for Dwellings by Location*

Location (Valuation Area)	Total 2019/20	Total 2020/21	Total 2021/22	Total 2022/23	From 1 July 2023
<b>Dannevirke</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>
<i>Rural</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Urban</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>
<b>Woodville</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Rural</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Urban</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>
<b>Pahiatua</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>Rural</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Urban</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>
<b>Eketahuna</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Rural</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Urban</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>14</b>



**Table – Building Consent and Inspection Statistics**

Category	Total 2019/20	Total 2020/21	Total 2021/22	Total 2022/23	From 1 July 2023
No. of Applications Received	401	479	386	351	186
No. of Applications Processed	377	465	357	350	173
% Processed within Time	92.3%	73.5%	76%	93%	94.8%
Total Value	\$27.8M	\$38.7M	\$42.7M	\$46.5M	\$21.4M
No. of Inspections Requested	1,137	1,608	1,517	1670	691
No. of Inspections Performed	1,715	2,104	1,784	2,018	1022

**Table – Applications for Relocated Dwellings by Location**

Location (Valuation Area)	From 1 July 2023
<b>Dannevirke</b>	<b>7</b>
<i>Rural</i>	6
<i>Urban</i>	1
<b>Woodville</b>	<b>8</b>
<i>Rural</i>	6
<i>Urban</i>	2
<b>Pahiatua</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Rural</i>	2
<i>Urban</i>	1
<b>Eketahuna</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Rural</i>	0
<i>Urban</i>	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>

**Table - Building Packet and Lim Requests**

	<b>Total 2019/20</b>	<b>Total 2020/21</b>	<b>Total 2021/22</b>	<b>Total 2022/23</b>	<b>From 1 July 2023</b>
<b>Building Packets</b>	151	295	353	138	106
<b>LIMs</b>	147	158	163	157	135

### **Earthquake Prone Buildings (EPB)**

In total, 138 Properties have been sent EPB letters. To date, 26 of those properties are confirmed as not EPBs.

All properties identified as potentially earthquake prone, have had letters outlining the timeline for obtaining or providing an existing, engineering report, proving the strength integrity of the building meets minimum standards or better.

Priority building owners needed to provide Council an engineer's report by 1 February 2023 and non-priority building owners had until 1 July 2023, unless an extension was sought from council. Extensions can be provided for up to 12 months allowing time to obtain engineer reports. To date, 73 owners have been issued an extension.

Those owners who have not contacted council or sought an extension to obtain an engineering report, have had their buildings officially deemed earthquake prone and are required to display a notice issued by Council, in the window.

	<b>Priority Building</b>	<b>Non-Priority</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Potentially EPB Letters Sent</b>	103	35	138
<b>Confirmed Not EPB</b>	17	9	26
<b>EPB Notices Issued</b>	73	16	89
<b>Extensions Granted</b>	42	31	73

### **Animal Control**

#### **Annual Dog Registration**

The new registration year has begun with invoices having been mailed in June. Out of a total of **6,873** (known) dogs in the Tararua District, **6784** are currently registered. This means **89** dogs are not registered (1.3%).

## Dog Attacks

*Table – Reported Dog Attacks by Type and Location from 1 July 2023*

Location/Attacks on	Dogs	Poultry	Stock	Cat	People
Rural North Ward	2	1	4	1	1
Rural South Ward			1		
Road or No Property Address	6	2		2	
Urban North Ward	3			1	2
Urban South Ward	3	1			4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>

## Environmental Health and Licensing from 1 July 2023

Food	Task
New Registration	6 new food registrations
Food Verifications	40 food verifications - 1 unacceptable outcome.
Registration Amendment	6 amendments
Sight Inspection/Educational visits.	21 visits
Health Licences	Task
Hairdresser	2 new registrations
Health Complaints, Investigations/Advice	13
Offensive Trade	1 new registration
Nuisance Order Letter	2
Cleansing Order	1
Site Inspection for Health Licenses	<p>27 Health License premises, 21 premises inspected, other 6 were offensive service providers that does not really require inspection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 Hairdresser</li> <li>- 3 Barbershops</li> <li>- 5 camping grounds</li> <li>- 6 offensive trades</li> <li>- 3 funeral directors</li> </ul>

## Alcohol Licences

No licensing applications have required a public hearing. There have been no appeals to the Alcohol Regulatory Licensing Authority.

The following alcohol licensing applications have been received to date:

**Table – Alcohol Licensing Applications to date:**

Category	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	From 1 July 2023
New Manager Cert	21	28	57	40
Renewal of Manager Cert	57	30	41	63
Special Licences	56	32	75	55
Temporary Authority	5	1	18	14
On/Off/Club New applications	2	2	12	14
On/Off/Club Renewal applications	26	16	23	20
<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>206</b>

## Illicit Dumping

**Table – Reported Illicit Dumping by Location**

Location	Total 2020/21	Total 2021/22	Total 2022/23	From 1 July 2023
Ind/Com Nth Ward	11	30	8	12
Ind/Com Sth Ward	2	5	13	5
Non Rateable	20	7	20	2
Rural North Ward	3	10	6	6
Rural South Ward	1	10	22	20
Road or No Property Address	74	9	15	2
Urban North Ward	7	5	18	5
Urban South Ward	5	7	33	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>63</b>

## Other Complaints

	Total 2022/23	From 1 July 2023
Noise	635	372
Abandoned Vehicles	71	61

## District Planning

### Resource Consents

*Table – Applications for Subdivision by Location*

Location (Valuation Area)	Total 2019/20	Total 2021/22	Total 2021/22	Total 2022/23	From 1 July 2023
<b>Dannevirke</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>57</b>
<i>Rural</i>	34	42	51	47	39
<i>Urban</i>	10	13	19	23	18
<b>Woodville</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>
<i>Rural</i>	6	26	22	13	13
<i>Urban</i>	7	10	8	8	12
<b>Pahiatua</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>
<i>Rural</i>	13	17	28	18	17
<i>Urban</i>	9	10	5	5	4
<b>Eketahuna</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>
<i>Rural</i>	7	11	10	18	8
<i>Urban</i>	1	2	3	4	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>114</b>

*Table – Resource Consent Statistics*

Category	Total 2019/20	Total 2020/21	Total 2021/22	Total 2022/23	From 1 July 2023
No. of Applications Received	101	135	184	<b>191</b>	<b>114</b>
<i>Subdivision</i>	85	121	146	126	93
<i>Land Use</i>	16	14	14	26	10
<i>Other</i>	25	17	24	39	13

<b>Category</b>	<b>Total 2019/20</b>	<b>Total 2020/21</b>	<b>Total 2021/22</b>	<b>Total 2022/23</b>	<b>From 1 July 2023</b>
No. of Applications Processed	104	154	192	<b>178</b>	<b>116</b>
<i>Subdivision</i>	74	123	158	124	93
<i>Land Use</i>	20	15	7	21	10
<i>Other</i>	10	16	27	33	13
% Processed within Time	<b>92.2%</b>	<b>98.7%</b>	<b>97.5%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>97.8%</b>







## Report

Date : 18 April 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council

From : Allie Dunn  
Manager - Democracy Services

Subject : **Requests for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

Item No : **9.4**

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### **1. Recommendation**

- 1.1 *That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 16 April 2024 concerning the Requests for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 be received.*

### **2. Reason for the Report**

- 2.1 To provide information on the requests for information received under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 makes provision for public access to Council information.
- 3.2 The Act also details requirements for how Council must deal with any requests for access to information that it holds.
- 3.3 Each month a report is provided to Council on the requests received. This report details a list of requests received over the preceding month to date, timelines associated with the requests, and the subject matter of the requests.

## 4. Discussion

- 4.1 Following are tables that detail requests that were received from the start of the preceding month, up to the date of completing the report. Also included are any requests listed in the previous report to Council that have been resolved since reporting to Council. Under the Privacy Act 2020, details and information relating to individuals have been withheld.

### Resolved Requests

Received	Responded	# Days	Requester	Subject
5/03/2024	13/03/2024	6	Individual	Dannevirke Fluoridation Plant project
5/03/2024	9/04/2024	25	Stuff	Woodville water supply
10/03/2024	11/03/2024	0	Individual	Start date for fluoridation in Dannevirke
12/03/2024	21/03/2024	7	Individual	Reducing Council fleet emissions
12/03/2024	14/03/2024	2	Individual	Easton Fountain Upper Domain
13/03/2024	15/03/2024	2	Individual	Correspondence re property 78024 State Highway 2 Dannevirke
13/03/2024	14/03/2024	1	Labour Leaders Office	Proposed Rates Increase and Proportion for water services and water infrastructure
14/03/2024	15/03/2024	1	Individual	Further clarification of question re Dannevirke Fluoridation Plant Project
19/03/2024	20/03/2024	1	Individual	Information re dates and functions hosted by council buildings and costs paid by council to Rainbow Storytime
20/03/2024	21/03/2024	1	Pahiatua Swimming Baths Committee	Copy of Minutes - Pahiatua On Track meeting held 1 December 2004
19/03/2024	18/04/2024	20	Individual	Information re TDC owned buildings in Dannevirke assessed as an Earthquake risk

Received	Responded	# Days	Requester	Subject
				or need earthquake risk assessment.
19/03/2024	18/04/2024	20	Individual	Costs of supplying, installing 3.5km water pipe from Alliance Works Dannevirke to Railyard, inc info about pipe and funding
19/03/2024	18/04/2024	20	Individual	Costs of works at Victoria Street Queen Street Roundabout Dannevirke
19/03/2024	18/04/2024	20	Individual	funding from TDC to DMCI since 2015
22/03/2024	25/03/2024	1	Wairarapa Times-Age	Information regarding the Yinsen Renewables proposed wind farm near Pahiatua
20/03/2024	18/04/2024	19	Individual	Information held re pricing of trees taken from {specified address) and transactions with Forest 360
8/04/2024	9/04/2024	1	Te Uru Rakau NZ Forest Service	List of nurseries managed or owned by Council
9/04/2024	9/04/2024	0	Individual	Information re Drag Queen related functions hosted by Council
16/04/2024	16/04/2024	0	Fair Go	Parking infringements issued and revenue raised

### Requests pending response

There are currently six open requests pending response.

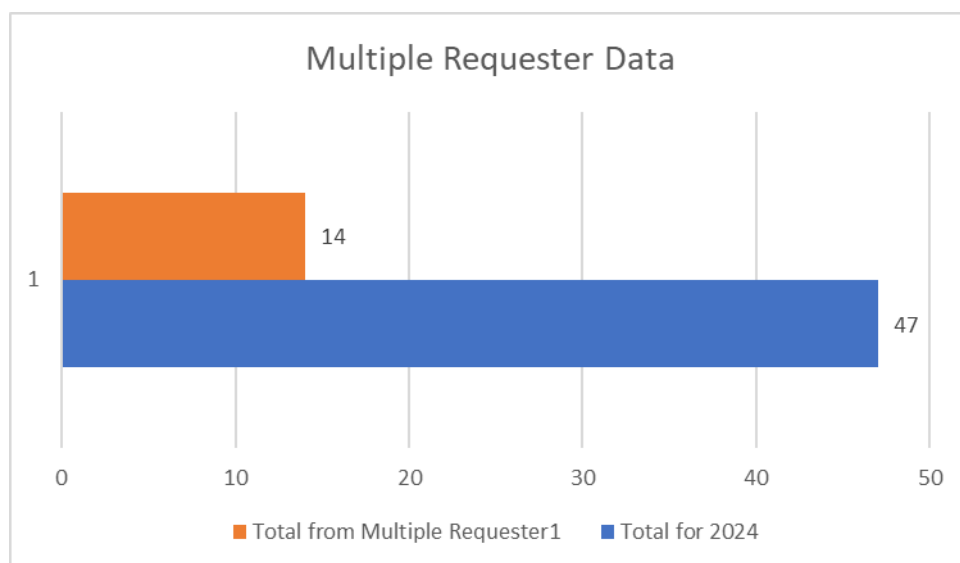
Received	Responded	# Days	Requester	Subject
28/03/2024			The Campaign Company	Information regarding funds paid to Taituarā over 2023 calendar year

4/04/2024			Individual1	Cost per metre and guaranteed life expectancy of fibreglass liners used in wastewater pipes
4/04/2024			Individual2	Cost per metre and guaranteed life expectancy of fibreglass liners used in wastewater pipes
17/04/2024			Individual	Overall combined budget for planned roadworks as outlined in Facebook post Road Works Update 17-24 April 2024
18/04/2024			New Zealand Animal Law Association	Information on Land Use Consents issued with animal welfare conditions imposed
18/04/2024			Barrister on behalf of Individual	Information re dogs at specified address

### Multiple Requests from an Individual

This year we have been receiving multiple requests from one individual, which has seen a rise in the amount of officer time that has needed to be diverted from their day-to-day responsibilities, to providing answers to the questions being asked.

To date, one individual has been responsible for 29.79% of the total number of requests for information processed in 2024 (14 out of 47 requests for 2024).

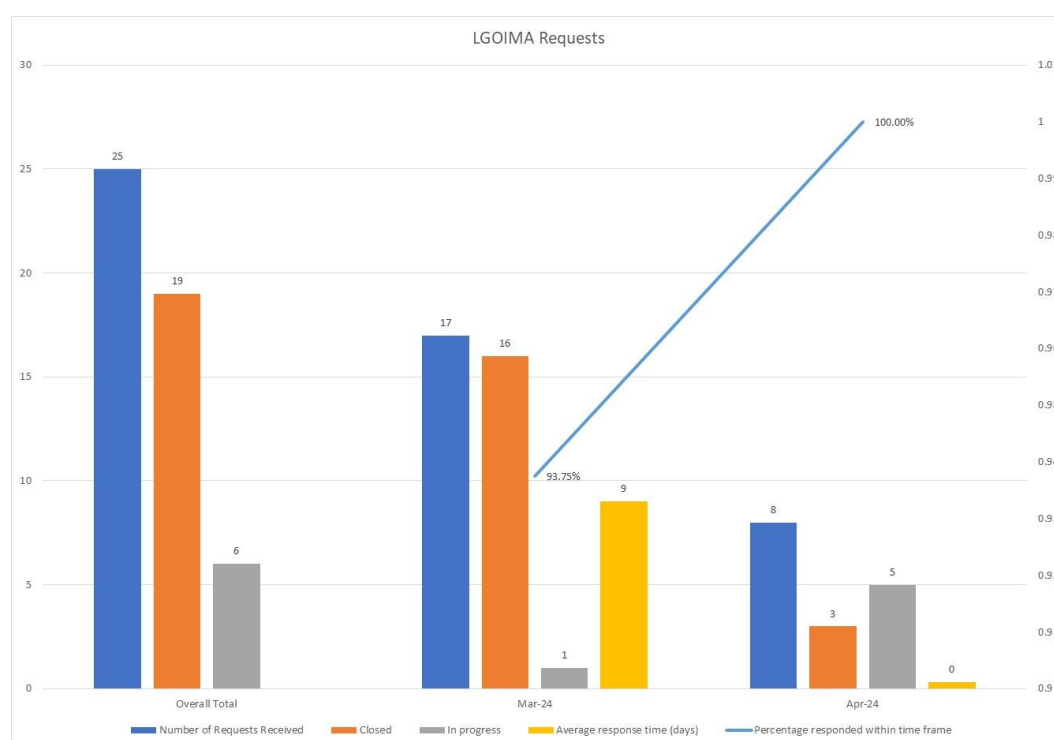


The Office of the Ombudsman provides guidance on dealing with multiple requests for information from a single person, allowing officers to consider aggregating multiple requests, and dealing with these as if they were a single request for information. The guidance also includes processes for charging for the provision of the information being requested, in order to recoup a portion of the costs incurred by the Council in providing the information being sought.

Due to the number of requests being received, this process has begun and the requester advised accordingly.

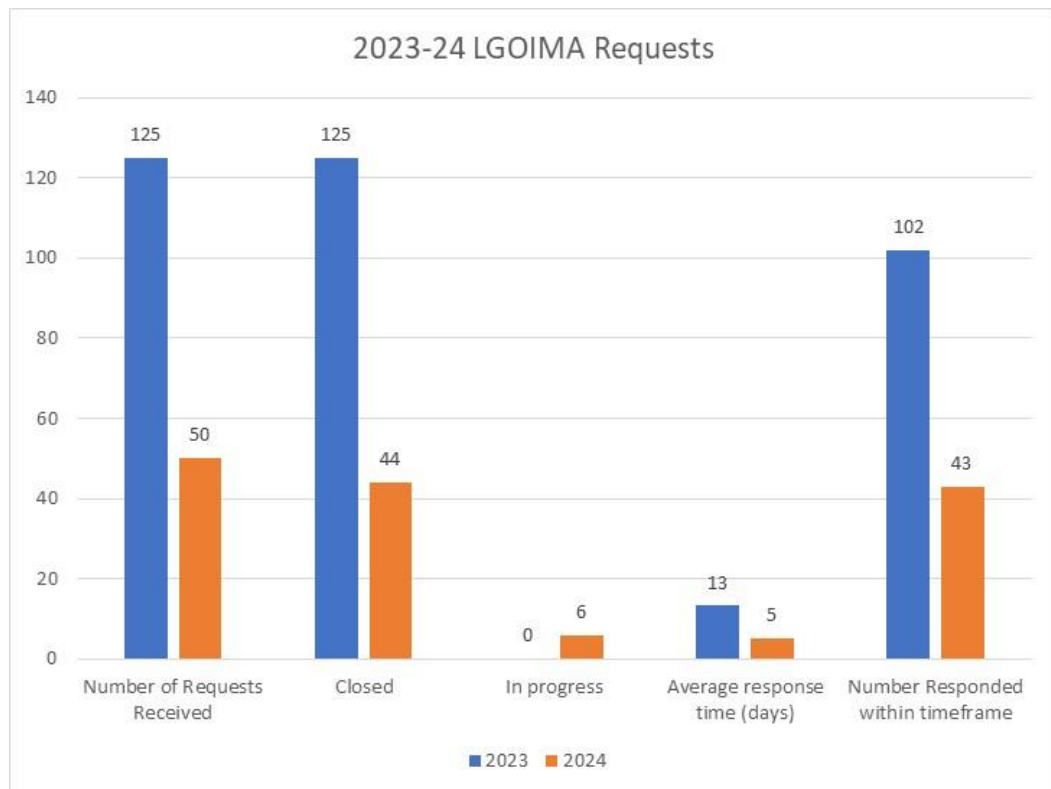
### Status of Requests Received and Timelines for Response

The following graph provides a snapshot of the status of requests received and timelines for response, for the period covered by this report.



### Statistics for Calendar Year 2023 and Comparative Data for 2024

- 4.2 The following graph provides statistics relating to the requests for information processed during the year 1 January to date, compared against statistics for the previous calendar year.



### **Proactive Release and Publishing of Local Government Official Information**

- 4.3 Proactive publishing of official information is an opportunity for Council to increase the transparency and accountability of its operations. The Office of the Ombudsman strongly encourages Councils to engage in effective proactive release of official information, and proactive release is in line with the purpose of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, which requires that information shall be made available unless there is good reason to withhold it.
- 4.4 Many of the requests for information responded to by Council could have an element of public interest, which means it would be appropriate to publish the information via Council's website when the information is released. For example, where there is a level of interest in the information, such as numerous requests for similar or related information. Also, whether public interest considerations such as transparency and accountability would be served by publication of the information.
- 4.5 Development of processes are underway for proactively releasing information, noting that any personally identifying information for the requester would be removed. If it was not possible to redact sufficient information from the request and response to prevent identification of individuals, neither the request nor the response would be published.
- 4.6 As part of the processes being developed, the templates used for acknowledging receipt of LGOIMA requests, and responding to the requests, will be updated to include advice for the requester that their request and the response will be published on Council's website, and that any personal identifying information will



be redacted from both the request and the response to ensure compliance with the Privacy Act 2020.

## **5. Statutory Requirements**

- 5.1 The statutory requirements associated with access to local authority information, and the procedures for dealing with requests received for information held by local authorities, is set out in Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
- 5.2 There are also requirements within the Privacy Act 2020 and the Information Privacy Principles within that Act to comply with.
- 5.3 As part of the requirements for providing access to local authority information, the Act sets out timeframes for:
- Making a decision on whether to grant a request and communicate that decision;
  - Making the requested information available, which can be at a later date, after the decision to grant has been made;
  - Transferring all or part of a request to another agency;
  - Extending timeframes for both transferring a request, and making a decision and communicating it.
- 5.4 The Office of the Ombudsman also publishes a Guide to assist local authorities in recognising and responding to requests for information. The processes outlined in this Guide are followed by officers in responding to requests.

## **6. Conclusion**

- 6.1 This report presents requests for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 that have been received from 1 March 2024 to 18 April 2024.

## **Attachments**

Nil.



## **SUBMISSION TO THE ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE FAST-TRACK CONSENTING BILL**

Tararua District Council thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Fast-track Approvals Bill (FTA).

We support and endorse Taituarā's/LGNZ submission.

We agree that it is a powerful Bill and very important to local government. Local government is a critical partner in the delivery of the resource management system. Most obviously the FTA affects its roles and responsibilities for consenting and planning under the RMA, as well as its monitoring, compliance, and enforcement functions. It will also affect its democratic role and the services, infrastructure and assets councils provide and own on behalf of communities. And it will likely affect future investment priorities.

Tararua District Council also acknowledge that the current system settings and alignments are not right – yet. Therefore, we welcome the purpose and concept of having an alternative tool to streamline infrastructure planning processes.

Local government and communities stand to benefit from expedited decision making, and the delivery of nationally and regionally significant projects that have positive net benefits. We therefore want to ensure the proposed arrangements, as a potential building block for the future system, work for the long-term benefit of the people and communities central and local government both serve.

Given the timeframes involved and the complexity of the Bill we have not provided a clause by clause analysis and again we reiterate that we support and endorse the submission made by Taituarā/LGNZ.

We will now focus our submission and will raise specific points that are important to our community and situation, including partnerships with community and Māori groups with rights and interests.

### **Scope of Bill and priority of economic over environmental sustainability**

1. We support improved decision-making timeframes, particularly for nationally and regionally significant infrastructure and think that a one-stop shop approach works in the right situation however, we are concerned with the scope of the proposed bill and the wide-reaching scale and types of projects that can be accepted.
2. The bill enables a wide range of projects, from projects to support mitigating climate changes to mining and petroleum development activities. It specifically provides for projects that will deliver significant economic benefits. It also provides for non-complying and prohibited activities that may not comply with the policies and objectives of the District and Regional Plans. Our concern is that economic value is being prioritised over environmental sustainability. We therefore recommend that the Bill aligns with the sustainable management approach in the RMA.
3. We are also concerned that given the wide-reaching scope of the bill that this may have unintended consequences. We think that there may be huge uptake of this Fast Track pathway over the RMA process if the scope of the bill is too wide and the number and types of projects that can be accepted is too large. We believe that uptake will create potential resourcing issues for the EPA and in effect create a downstream bottle neck. Given that this Bill is new we think it would be wiser to limit the scope of the bill to nationally and regional significant infrastructure projects only and give the bill some time to embed and to see the outcomes of these projects before we expand the scope too quickly and too wide.
4. The decisions and outcomes of Fast Track projects are permanent and will impact on our communities forever and we need to ensure that the decision-making process is robust, considered and enduring. We are also concerned that if the scope of the bill is too wide too early that we could suppress and minimise the voice of our local community in this decision-making process. We also think the scope and range of projects that can be accepted under Fast Track needs to be sufficiently narrow, clear and defined to ensure that the Fast Track process truly

works in practice and does not create another bottle neck at the EPA or later on down the path through implementation.

**Voice of our community, democratic rights and natural justice**

5. Our Council is concerned that the Fast Track process eliminates the voice of our community, and this naturally creates angst within that community when a project of significance such as a wind farm enters through the Fast Track process.
6. The Council is left holding the can in these situations. Council is left in a powerless position carrying the burden of their community's fear and anger without the resource or power to influence any change or provide them with any guarantees that their voices can and will be heard.
7. We have firsthand experience of this as the Yinson Renewables Wind Farm application has now opted to take the Fast Track (NBA) option and the community is rightfully fearful that they will not be heard, and they likely will not be identified as a party to submit on this project. The community is angry and is looking to Council for answers and yet Council has been removed from the process. This new bill needs to give an opportunity to ensure affected communities are appropriately heard.
8. Under a Fast Track application, the community have no certainty that they will be involved in this process, and this has elevated their levels of stress unnecessarily. Council gets treated with suspicion and mistrust because this is effectively not our process, and we cannot provide them with the certainty that they desire. From a community perspective it appears that the Fast Track process is not transparent, and it is not democratic.
9. Council is mindful that alternative energy projects such as wind and solar farms whilst important infrastructure projects are being Fast Tracked unnecessarily when they can be processed successfully under the RMA system. We have processed a limited notified solar farm application through a Council hearing.
10. Direct referrals that are managed through the Environment Court work well with wind farm applications and our Council is testament to this as we have multiple wind farms that have been approved over the years. Through public notification process submitters have the opportunity and choice to participate and have their voice be heard, to share the social and economic impact of the proposal on their

lives and to understand the complex nature of these proposals in terms of positive, negative and cumulative environmental effects.

11. Public notification also provides the opportunity to engage 'friends of the submitters' to walk and guide the public through the submission and environment court process. This process supports clarity, certainty and transparency and ensures that the voice of the community no matter how small or large has the opportunity to be heard.
12. Alternatively in our experience Fast Track narrows the scope for affected parties creating fear and uncertainty amongst the affected community because they feel that it is undemocratic, and they may not get the opportunity to voice their concerns or be a part of the process.
13. Conversely, we feel that the Environment Court process supports the principles of natural justice and ensures democratic process as the community voice is heard and the transparency of the process creates understanding of the complexity of these significant projects. The community needs to be taken along the journey from the beginning of pre lodgment consultation conversations through to the decision end of the process. We believe that some projects such as wind farms are better suited to the RMA process and should not be accepted as Fast Track applications.

#### **Actual and Reasonable Cost recovery**

14. We are also concerned that when Council is asked to submit on Fast Track proposals, we cannot effectively cost recover our actual and reasonable costs. The private developer should pay for all actual and reasonable costs to process their applications it is unfair to burden the local Council and their community.
15. In our experience with Te Rere Hau Repowering Fast Track application our planning and technical staff were involved in multiple meetings and workshops through the Fast Track application, and we were only able to cost recover approximately 25% of their time invested in this which equated to \$20,000 of which we could claim back \$5,000. It disproportionately impacts Councils with a smaller ratepayer base - is this fair to our ratepayers? This exposes us to greater risk as we may not be able to engage the necessary expertise. We were not able to cost recover any of their time invested in preparing the submission and engaging the experts that peer reviewed the proposal with respect to key effects

to input into this submission. This cost burden was borne by the ratepayers, and we consider this to be unacceptable.

16. Add an option for Council to make a general submission alongside a technical one, providing an opportunity to convey community context. This will provide a safeguard when projects are not publicly notified.

### **Timeframe for providing comments on Referred Projects**

17. The time frame urgency that these proposals create puts unnecessary and additional resourcing pressure on staff that are already under resourced and time poor.
18. Tararua District is a small Council and our location and size mean that it is often difficult for us to find and secure the right 'local' experts to review the complex material and provide informed and robust comments in the 10-working day timeframe allowed.
19. We reiterate Taituarā's/LGNZ comments that decision makers need to recognise the huge value that carefully thought through inputs from communities and their representative organisations add to a project. Local communities and local authorities hold important information about their communities and environment that is not always obvious or available to remote experts. Neither are communities always willing to part with the cultural knowledge they hold on the terms or in the timeframes provided to them by the applicants and their agents. More time to provide these comments would be appreciated and we think that this is necessary as these comments are important to inform and shape the final decision and outcome.

### **Fast is not always best – Quality over Quantity**

20. We support improved decision-making timeframes, however we think there is too much emphasis on fast processing which risks and potentially undermines quality decision making. We reiterate Taituarā's/LGNZ submission on this point.
21. Processing timeframes are impacted by the complexity of an application, the quality of information provided with it, the willingness of an applicant to provide further information, the resources - including expertise - available to assess the

information, the existing body of knowledge around specific activities, particularly if they are novel or – currently – prohibited, suitable conditions, rights of objection, review, and appeal, and engagement commitments.

22. We think that simply legislating for faster decisions is unlikely on its own to result in decisions that are robust, or in development proceeding at pace. A concern around unintended consequences and a need for some form of robust risk analysis is recommended.
23. Projects of scale and significance are likely to be complex. Multi-approvals for these activities – given this is novel territory – done too quickly increases the risk of poor decisions and delay at later points in the development process.
24. Timeframes will also be affected by the number of applications that are being dealt with at any one time – by a local authority and across the system. Clear eligibility, acceptance, and approval criteria are therefore critical to a streamlined approach.

#### **Infrastructure and Assets**

25. Infrastructure such as three waters or major road networks are needed to support most development projects. Councils currently plan for known or planned growth through LTP. New fast-tracked projects are likely to necessitate new water allocation and discharge consents to function. They may also necessitate transport – including roads, intersections, pavements, wharves – upgrades.
26. Councils are already in compromised financial positions trying to upgrade and future proof their existing three waters infrastructure, we do not require additional financial burdens in this space.
27. The Select Committee needs to understand the financial costs of fast-tracking infrastructure and development projects in hazard areas including areas subject to climate change and who those costs will fall to – including future generations.
28. If infrastructure subject to service level agreements under the Local Government Act is built or increased in areas subject to sea level rise or weather-related changes in hydrology, then it is important the infrastructure is resilient to projected changes over the next 100 years, and financial implications for infrastructure providers is factored into the assessment process.



29. We are also concerned that inappropriate new development, development that doesn't have a functional need to be there, will occur in areas that should be avoided due to natural hazard risks, locking society into long term costs.

### ***Vesting***

30. Consents often contain conditions that relate to the vesting of infrastructure in councils. We are concerned there will be a burden on local government resulting from the handover of assets associated with ill-conceived housing or other developments that have not been the subject of usual local government quality control exercised at the RMA section 224 subdivision stage.
31. Local government needs to be satisfied that assets vested with them are fit for purpose, meet whole of lifecycle sustainability criteria, enable councils to deliver ancillary services (such as waste collection on roads that are vested), do not place an undue cost burden on current or future generations (for their maintenance, renewal, and eventual replacement), and have been appropriately certified.
32. The cost to LG associated with managing and maintaining received assets will be higher where the quality, including the resilience, of the asset is lower. We are concerned the focus on speed in the FTA might be at the expense of quality outcomes in the future.
33. There is no obligation on a local authority to take on third party infrastructure it does not want, and this must remain.

### ***Reserves***

34. Councils administer numerous parcels of land that are subject to the Reserves Act. Reserves are held for a variety of purposes – ecological, recreational, scenic, future road, on behalf of the community. It isn't clear whether Council reserves are included in Schedule 5.
35. Some reserve land is more appropriate than other reserve land for the granting of easements, leases, licences and permits, access, encroachments etc. Some

activities are more compatible than others – floodable areas in parks, pipes in the road corridor etc. Some activities are temporary, and others are permanent.

36. Reserve land may be covered by a Reserve Management Plan. Councils must work with their communities to develop these Plans and consult them on changes – publicly notify changes. There may also be obligations to tangata whenua.
37. There is real concern that conservation values will be undermined, and incompatible / exclusionary use will occur without public engagement and therefore there would be no social licence for change. This would be exacerbated if there was no opportunity for the community to participate in the approval of a designation or consents through the Fast-track process. To some extent engagement could be done up-front by the applicant / council with interested parties identified as part of the Pre-application Consultation.
38. If Local Government reserves are intended to be included, the protections and compensation for these be clearly included, particularly if there is an option for land swaps or compensation in land.

#### **Absence of Te Tiriti o Waitangi Clause**

39. Taituarā and LGNZ and TDC strongly recommend that the Committee works with Māori groups who hold rights and interests on the shape of the final legislation and a general effect clause. We reiterate the submission made by Taituarā/LGNZ on this matter.
40. There is concern that the absence of a Treaty clause in this Bill could undermine existing council relationships. From what we've heard from those that have a genuine relationship this seems unlikely as the desire to work closely is strong. Many local authorities have long established working relationships with Māori groups including iwi and hapū, in plan development, consenting and monitoring and value the expert local and regional knowledge those groups (often at their own expense) bring to the table. This was strongly evidenced in the Tararua District during the recovery and repair post Cyclone Gabrielle.
41. There are other relationships with Māori groups, both statutory and non-statutory, linked to and beyond the RMA plan development and consenting realm – for example for council decision-making, long term planning, including infrastructure development, spatial planning, economic development, and delivering housing.

And local government itself has responsibilities under Settlement legislation, which need to be upheld.