



Notice of Meeting

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Tararua District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, 156 High Street, Dannevirke on **Wednesday 7 May 2025** commencing at **1:00 pm**.

Bryan Nicholson
Chief Executive

Agenda

1. Welcome and Meeting Opening
2. Apologies
3. Reports
 - 3.1 Hearing of Submissions on Local Water Done Well Consultation
4. Closure

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Report

Date : 1 May 2025

To : Mayor and Councillors
Tararua District Council

From : Allie Dunn
Manager - Democracy Services

Subject : **Hearing of Submissions on Local Water Done Well Consultation**

Item No : **3.1**

1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 28 April 2025 concerning the Hearing of Submissions on Local Water Done Well Consultation be received.*

2. Reason for the Report

- 2.1 To provide the Tararua District Council with a copy of the submissions received in relation to the Local Water Done Well consultation.
- 2.2 The purpose of this Hearing is to enable those submitters who wish to be heard to present their views and verbally interact with the Council, as required by Section 83(1)(d) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

- 3.1 Councils all over New Zealand are responding to new laws and Central Government's "Local Water Done Well" policy.
- 3.2 Local Water Done Well is a policy framework introduced by Central Government to address the country's water infrastructure challenges. It replaces the previous Three Waters programme and emphasises local ownership and decision-making in

water service delivery. The policy aims to ensure water services are safe, reliable, environmentally resilient, and cost-effective.

- 3.3 This policy sets out that all councils must consult with their communities on how they will manage and deliver their water services in the future.
- 3.4 At its meeting held 5 March 2025, the Finance and Performance Committee approved the Local Water Done Well Consultation Document for consultation with the community.
- 3.5 The consultation period opened on 14 March 2025, and closed on 22 April 2025.

4. Discussion and consideration of options

- 4.1 The options that Tararua District Council sought feedback on were Option 1 - joining a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) with Wairarapa Councils (South Wairarapa, Carterton and Masterton), or Option 2 - continuing to operate as a standalone business unit within Council.
- 4.2 The consultation on Local Water Done Well was publicly notified through the Bush Telegraph with a full-page advertisement on 10 March 2025, and follow up advertising in the Bush Telegraph on 17 March, 24 March, 7 April and 21 April 2025. Information on the consultation was also publicised through Council's "Have Your Say" page on the Tararua District Council website. Regular social media articles on the Tararua District Facebook page promoted the consultation and sought engagement of the public. Information about the consultation was sent out as a media release to regional, local and national media outlets, as well as local radio stations.
- 4.3 Information sessions were held for people that wanted to find out more about Local Water Done Well. These were held as follows:

Day time sessions	Evening sessions
18 March – Pahiatua AM	17 March – Dannevirke
21 March – Woodville AM, Dannevirke PM	24 March – Pongaroa
24 March – Eketāhuna AM, Pahiatua PM	27 March – Norsewood
28 March – Woodville AM, Dannevirke PM	31 March – Eketāhuna
1 April – Eketāhuna AM, Pahiatua PM	2 April – Woodville
	4 April – Dannevirke
	8 April - Pahiatua

- 4.4 A total of 83 submissions were received. Of these, 12 submitters requested to speak at the Hearing, with one later withdrawing their request to speak.
- 4.5 A copy of all submissions is provided for this hearing, via a separate addendum to this agenda.
- 4.6 A Schedule for this Hearing is attached, setting out the order of speakers, the times allocated, and the page number on the separate attachments document where members can refer to the submission.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The purpose of the Hearing is to enable those submitters that wish to be heard, the opportunity to present their views and verbally interact with members of the Council, as set out in Section 83(1)(d) of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 5.2 Deliberations on the matters raised by submitters will be undertaken by the Council at its meeting on 28 May 2025. The decision on the future of water management for the Tararua District will be made by the Council at an extraordinary meeting on 11 June 2025.
- 5.3 The Council has a tight timeframe to comply with to meet the Government's requirements for Local Water Done Well. By 3 September 2025, the Council must have completed community consultation on its proposal, decided on the future of water management for the Tararua District, and adopted a Water Services Delivery Plan and submitted this to the Government.

Attachments

- 1 [!\[\]\(ce77bba2916ff045bdb9f4584b191293_img.jpg\) Hearing Schedule Local Water Done Well Submissions 2025 Consultation](#)

Hearing Schedule
Draft Bylaws Consultation Submissions
7 May 2025

Sub #	Submitter Details	Time	Page # Attachments
079	Federated Farmers – Sally Dryland	1:00pm	134
003	Ernie Christison	1:20pm	8
077	Brian Beale	1:30pm	129
078	Craig Ellmers	1:40pm	131
061	Susan Lyford	2:00pm	101
064	Evan Natrass	2:10pm	107
067	Bill Bly	2:20pm	113
072	Julian McKean	2:30pm	119
069	Grant Marlow	2:40pm	116
080	Donald Cameron	2:50pm	138
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