

Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 29 April, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Civic Centre, Te Iwitahi, 9 Rust Avenue

In Attendance His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo

Cr Gavin Benney (Teams)

Cr Nicholas Connop

Cr Ken Couper

Cr Jayne Golightly

Cr Phil Halse

Cr Deborah Harding Cr Patrick Holmes Cr Scott McKenzie Cr Marie Olsen

Cr Carol Peters
Cr Simon Reid
Cr Phoenix Ruka
Cr Paul Yovich

Scribe N. Pestana (Team Leader. Democracy)

Administrative matters

- Meeting livestreamed
- Elected Members attending electronically
- Supplementary report to replace Item 7.5 Councillor Scott McKenzie -Notice of Motion - Replacement Notice of Motion and Additional Information

1. Karakia/Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Declarations of Interest / Take Whaipānga

Item 6.1 Notice of Motion - Local Government New Zealand Background Information

Item 7.1 Notice of Motion: Councillor Marie Olsen - Local Government New Zealand

Item 1.2 KPP Chair's Report

3. Apologies / Kore Tae Mai

Cr Phoenix Ruka (late arrival).

Moved By His Worship the Mayor **Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

That the apology be sustained.

Carried

4. Public Forum / Huihuinga-a-tangata

There were no speakers at public forum.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting of the Whangarei District Council / Whakatau Meneti

5.1 Minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on 27 March 2025

Moved By Cr Carol Peters Seconded By Cr Phil Halse

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held Thursday 27 March 2025, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.

Carried

5.2 Minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on 10 April 2025

Moved By Cr Simon Reid Seconded By Cr Marie Olsen

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held Thursday 10 April 2025, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.

Carried

6. Information Reports / Ngā Pūrongo Kōrero

6.1 Notice of Motion – Local Government New Zealand Background Information

Moved By His Worship the Mayor **Seconded By** Cr Nicholas Connop

That the Council notes the report.

Declaration of interest:

His Worship the Mayor declared an interest as member of LGNZ National Council and Chair of LGNZ Zone 1.

Cr Ruka joined the meeting at 9.03am during discussion on Item 6.1.

7. Decision Reports / Whakatau Rīpoata

His Worship the Mayor declared a conflict of interest as member of LGNZ National Council and Chair of LGNZ Zone 1, vacated the Chair and took no part in discussion or voting on Item 7.1. Deputy Mayor Cr Halse assumed the Chair for Item 7.1.

7.1 Notice of Motion: Councillor Marie Olsen - Local Government New Zealand

Moved By Cr Marie Olsen Seconded By Cr Jayne Golightly

That the Council withdraw from Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ).

On the motion being put Cr Holmes called for a division:

	For	Against	Abstain
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop		X	
Cr Ken Couper		X	
Cr Jayne Golightly	Χ		
Cr Phil Halse	Χ		
Cr Deborah Harding		X	
Cr Patrick Holmes		X	
Cr Scott McKenzie		X	
Cr Marie Olsen	Χ		
Cr Carol Peters		X	
Cr Simon Reid	Χ		
Cr Phoenix Ruka		X	
Cr Paul Yovich	Χ		
Results	6	7	0

The Motion was Lost (6 to 7)

Declaration of interest:

Cr Connop declared an interest as a member of LGNZ Young Elected Members Committee.

His Worship the Mayor re-assumed the Chair after voting on Item 7.1. Cr Phil Halse left the meeting at 10.14am after voting on Item 7.1.

7.2 Fluoridation Litigation decision

Moved By Cr Gavin Benney Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That the Council

- Notes that the decision of the High Court dated 21 March 2025 in which Council's application for interim relief was unsuccessful.
- 2. Notes the legal advice that it has received from Jeremy Browne in relation to the judicial review and declaration proceedings.
- 3. Notes the letter from Crown Law dated 17 April 2025.
- 4. Approves the withdrawal of Council's judicial review proceedings.
- 5. Approves the withdrawal of Council's declaration proceedings.
- 6. Authorises the Chief Executive to undertake those actions and instructions necessary to give effect to Council's resolution/s.
- 7. That Council investigates the installation of a 'fluoride free' tap for Whangarei residents and reports this back to Council at the June 2025 Council meeting.
- That the affidavits of Philippe Grandjean and Bruce Lanphear be added to Whangarei District Council's website https://www.wdc.govt.nz/Services/Water-services/Water-Supply/Fluoridation
- 9. Appoints Councillor Gavin Benney or a nominee of this Council to work with staff to prepare an educational statement on the risks or possible implications of treating the water supply with hydrofluorosilicic acid.
- 10. That once completed, the statement will come to the May 2025 Council meeting for ratification.

The motion was taken in parts.

On the motion being put Cr Holmes called for a division on recommendations 1 to 6.

- Notes that the decision of the High Court dated 21 March 2025 in which Council's application for interim relief was unsuccessful.
- 2. Notes the legal advice that it has received from Jeremy Browne in relation to the judicial review and declaration proceedings.
- 3. Notes the letter from Crown Law dated 17 April 2025.
- 4. Approves the withdrawal of Council's judicial review proceedings.
- 5. Approves the withdrawal of Council's declaration proceedings.
- 6. Authorises the Chief Executive to undertake those actions and instructions necessary to give effect to Council's resolution/s.

	For	Against	Abstain	
His Worship the Mayor	X			
Cr Gavin Benney	X			
Cr Nicholas Connop	X			
Cr Ken Couper	X			
Cr Jayne Golightly	X			
Cr Deborah Harding	X			
Cr Patrick Holmes	X			
Cr Scott McKenzie	Χ			
Cr Marie Olsen	Χ			
Cr Carol Peters	Χ			
Cr Simon Reid	Χ			
Cr Phoenix Ruka	Χ			
Cr Paul Yovich	Χ			
Results	13	0	0	

The Motion was Carried (13 to 0)

Cr Holmes called for a division on recommendation 7.

7. That Council investigates the installation of a 'fluoride free' tap for Whangarei residents and reports this back to Council at the June 2025 Council meeting.

	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Gavin Benney	Χ		
Cr Nicholas Connop	Χ		
Cr Ken Couper	Χ		
Cr Jayne Golightly	Χ		
Cr Deborah Harding	Χ		
Cr Patrick Holmes	Χ		
Cr Scott McKenzie	Χ		
Cr Marie Olsen	Χ	A. C	
Cr Carol Peters	Χ	XXX	
Cr Simon Reid	Χ		,
Cr Phoenix Ruka	Χ		
Cr Paul Yovich	X		
Results	13	0	0

The Motion was Carried (13 to 0)

Cr Holmes called for a division on recommendation 8.

8. That the affidavits of Philippe Grandjean and Bruce Lanphear be added to Whangarei District Council's website

https://www.wdc.govt.nz/Services/Water-services/Water-Supply/Fluoridation

	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor	Χ		
Cr Gavin Benney	Χ		
Cr Nicholas Connop		X	
Cr Ken Couper		X	
Cr Jayne Golightly	Χ		
Cr Deborah Harding		X	
Cr Patrick Holmes		X	
Cr Scott McKenzie		X	
Cr Marie Olsen	Χ		
Cr Carol Peters		Χ	
Cr Simon Reid	Χ		
Cr Phoenix Ruka		X	

Cr Paul Yovich		Χ	
Results	5	8	0

The Motion was Lost (5 to 8)

Cr Holmes called for a division on recommendations 9 and 10.

- Appoints Councillor Gavin Benney or a nominee of this Council to work with staff to prepare an educational statement on the risks or possible implications of treating the water supply with hydrofluorosilicic acid.
- 10. That once completed, the statement will come to the May 2025 Council meeting for ratification.

	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor			Χ
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop		X	
Cr Ken Couper		X	
Cr Jayne Golightly	Χ		
Cr Deborah Harding		X	
Cr Patrick Holmes		X	
Cr Scott McKenzie		X	
Cr Marie Olsen	Χ		
Cr Carol Peters			Χ
Cr Simon Reid	Χ		
Cr Phoenix Ruka	Χ		
Cr Paul Yovich		Χ	
Results	5	6	2

The Motion was Lost (5 to 6)

A break was taken from 10.58am to 11.10am following Item 7.2.

Cr Benney did not rejoin the meeting following the break.

7.3 Establishment of a Northland Water Services Working Group

Moved By Cr Scott McKenzie **Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

- Agrees to form an elected member Joint Council Working Group from the Kaipara District Council, Whangarei District Council and Far North District Council, focusing on the Local Waters Done Well (LWDW) programme.
- 2. Appoints the following three elected members to the Joint LWDW Working Group,
 - a. His Worship, Mayor Vince Cocurullo
 - b. Deputy Mayor, Councillor Phil Halse
 - c. Councillor Ken Couper
- Agrees the draft terms of reference for the Joint LWDW Working Group as provided at Attachment A.
- 4. Agrees to appoint an independent qualified expert to the Joint LWDW Working Group.
- 5. Delegates to the Joint LWDW Working Group the authority to appoint the independent qualified expert to its membership.
- 6. Agrees that Whangarei District Council is the secretariat for the LWDW Working Group.
- 7. Notes that the Joint LWDW Working Group will make recommendations to each Council for future decision-making.
- 8. Notes the that Joint LWDW Working Group will be supported by an operational team from each council.
- 9. Agrees that any costs incurred by the Joint LWDW Working Group shall be shared equally between the Councils or as otherwise agreed by the Working Group.

Amendment

Moved By Cr Simon Reid Seconded By Cr Marie Olsen

- Agrees to form an elected member Joint Council Working Group from the Kaipara District Council, Whangarei District Council and Far North District Council, focusing on the Local Waters Done Well (LWDW) programme.
- Appoints the following three elected members to the Joint LWDW Working Group,
 - a. His Worship, Mayor Vince Cocurullo
 - b. Deputy Mayor, Councillor Phil Halse

- c. Councillor Paul Yovich
- 3. Agrees the draft terms of reference for the Joint LWDW Working Group as provided at Attachment A.
- 4. Agrees to appoint an independent qualified expert to the Joint LWDW Working Group.
- 5. Delegates to the Joint LWDW Working Group the authority to appoint the independent qualified expert to its membership.
- 6. Agrees that Whangarei District Council is the secretariat for the LWDW Working Group.
- 7. Notes that the Joint LWDW Working Group will make recommendations to each Council for future decision-making.
- 8. Notes the that Joint LWDW Working Group will be supported by an operational team from each council.
- Agrees that any costs incurred by the Joint LWDW Working Group shall be shared equally between the Councils or as otherwise agreed by the Working Group.

On the amendment being put Cr McKenzie called for a division:

	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop		X	
Cr Ken Couper		X	
Cr Jayne Golightly	Χ		
Cr Deborah Harding		X	
Cr Patrick Holmes		X	
Cr Scott McKenzie		X	
Cr Marie Olsen	Χ		
Cr Carol Peters		X	
Cr Simon Reid	Χ		
Cr Phoenix Ruka		X	
Cr Paul Yovich	Χ		
Results	5	7	0

The Amendment was Lost (5 to 7)

On the motion being put Cr Reid called for a division:

	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor			Χ
Cr Nicholas Connop	Χ		
Cr Ken Couper	Χ		
Cr Jayne Golightly		X	
Cr Deborah Harding	Χ		
Cr Patrick Holmes	Χ		
Cr Scott McKenzie	Χ		
Cr Marie Olsen		X	
Cr Carol Peters	Χ	A. (7
Cr Simon Reid		X	
Cr Phoenix Ruka	Χ		
Cr Paul Yovich		X	
Results	7	4	1

The Motion was Carried (7 to 4) and subsequently Carried as the substantive Motion

7.4 2025 Triennial Local Government Elections – Order of Candidates Names

Moved By His Worship the Mayor **Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

That the Council:

 Adopts the alphabetical order of candidate names on voting documents for the 2025 Triennial Local Government Election in accordance with Regulation 31 of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001.

Carried

7.5 Notice of Motion: Councillor Scott McKenzie - Accessible Ramp Inclusion in Ngunguru Seawall Project

This item was replaced with Item 7.5.1.

7.5.1 Councillor Scott McKenzie - Notice of Motion - Replacement Notice of Motion and Additional Information

Moved By Cr Scott McKenzie Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That the Council:

- 1. Acknowledges that an accessible ramp was not included in the original scope of the Ngunguru seawall construction project.
- 2. Notes that a design and cost estimate for the ramp has been prepared by staff, with an estimated cost of \$75,000.
- 3. Requests staff to prepare a report with options for including the accessible ramp during the current project works and return to Council for a decision at the Council meeting on the 22nd of May.

Carried

Cr Reid and Cr Yovich requested their abstention from voting on Item 7.5 be recorded.

7.6 International Rally of Whangarei 2025 Funding Update

Moved By His Worship the Mayor **Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

- 1. Receives and notes the International Rally of Whangarei 2025 funding update.
- 2. Approves the allocation of \$11,000 from the 2025-2026 Mayoral inkind budget (included within the draft 2025-26 Annual Plan) to support the International Rally of Whangarei event in the 2025-2026 financial year.
- 3. Notes that under section 80 of the Local Government Act 2002, if Council makes a decision which is significantly inconsistent with policy, it is required when making that decision to clearly identify:
 - The inconsistency; and
 - The reason for the inconsistency; and
 - Any intention of the local authority to amend the policy or plan to accommodate the decision.
- 4. Acknowledges that use of the Community Fund for the Rally of Whangarei 2025 would be inconsistent with the Community Funding Policy in that:
 - a. There has been no application to the fund.
 - b. There has been no competitive process.
 - c. It is inconsistent with the funding application criteria and process.
 - d. Is inconsistent with the Eligibility criteria for the Community Fund.

- 5. Approves the use of funds in a manner significantly inconsistent with the Community Funding Policy on the grounds that:
 - a. The Rally of Whangarei event has an estimated economic benefit to the region of \$2,522,704.
 - b. If funding is not provided, the event may not occur in the district in the 2025-2026 financial year and may not return to the district in future years.
 - c. The Community Development committee may, in rare circumstances, support applications and organisations outside the criteria in the Community Funding Policy where there is clear community benefit that outweighs any negative impact of going outside of the Policy, while continuing to use ratepayer funds responsibly.
 - d. There is no intention to amend the current Community Funding Policy
- 6. Approves the budget reallocation of \$52,000 from the 2025-2026 Community Fund budget (included within the draft 2025-26 Annual Plan) to provide a grant to International Rally of Whangarei event in the 2025-2026 financial year.
- 7. Notes that the \$52,000 budget reallocation from the 2025-26 Community Funds budget to Events Grants will be adjusted within the final 2025-26 Annual Plan budget.
- 8. Requires that Rally New Zealand must, as a condition of receipt of funding, be required to:
 - a. Acknowledge Whangarei District Council in all publicity.
 - b. Return any unspent funds to Whangarei District Council if the project is cancelled or completed under budget.
 - c. Meet any additional terms and conditions that may be set by Whangarei District Council.
- 9. Delegates to the Chief Executive responsibility for negotiating suitable terms of funding with Rally New Zealand.
- 10. Acknowledges that a decision made outside policy, where the requirements in section 80 have not been satisfied exposes Council to possible challenge on the grounds of unreasonable decision making (judicial review) or possible audit issues and an Auditor General investigation.

Procedural Motion

Moved By Cr Scott McKenzie Seconded By Cr Patrick Holmes That the item lay on the table until June, pending Rally New Zealand seeking external funding so that Whangarei District Council is not required to fund this.

On the procedural motion being put Cr Couper called for a division:

	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor		X	
Cr Nicholas Connop	X		
Cr Ken Couper		X	
Cr Jayne Golightly		X	
Cr Deborah Harding	X	 (71
Cr Patrick Holmes	X		
Cr Scott McKenzie	X		
Cr Marie Olsen			Χ
Cr Carol Peters	X		
Cr Simon Reid		X	
Cr Phoenix Ruka			X
Cr Paul Yovich		X	
Results	5	5	2

The Procedural Motion was Lost On the casting vote of His Worship the Mayor

The motion was taken in parts.

On the motion being put Cr Holmes called for a division on recommendations 1 and 2.

- 1. Receives and notes the International Rally of Whangarei 2025 funding update.
- 2. Approves the allocation of \$11,000 from the 2025-2026 Mayoral inkind budget (included within the draft 2025-26 Annual Plan) to support the International Rally of Whangarei event in the 2025-2026 financial year.

	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor	Χ		
Cr Nicholas Connop		Χ	
Cr Ken Couper	Χ		

Results	12	1	0
Cr Paul Yovich	Χ		
Cr Phoenix Ruka	X		
Cr Simon Reid	X		
Cr Carol Peters	X		
Cr Marie Olsen	X		
Cr Scott McKenzie	X		
Cr Patrick Holmes	X		
Cr Deborah Harding	X		
Cr Jayne Golightly	Χ		

The Motion was Carried (12 to 1)

Cr Holmes called for a division on recommendations 3 to 10.

- 3. Notes that under section 80 of the Local Government Act 2002, if Council makes a decision which is significantly inconsistent with policy, it is required when making that decision to clearly identify:
 - The inconsistency; and
 - The reason for the inconsistency; and
 - Any intention of the local authority to amend the policy or plan to accommodate the decision.
- 4. Acknowledges that use of the Community Fund for the Rally of Whangarei 2025 would be inconsistent with the Community Funding Policy in that:
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 - c. It is inconsistent with the funding application criteria and process.
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 - b. Return any unspent funds to Whangarei District Council if the project is cancelled or completed under budget.
 - c. Meet any additional terms and conditions that may be set by Whangarei District Council.
- 9. Delegates to the Chief Executive responsibility for negotiating suitable terms of funding with Rally New Zealand.
- 10. Acknowledges that a decision made outside policy, where the requirements in section 80 have not been satisfied exposes Council to possible challenge on the grounds of unreasonable decision making (judicial review) or possible audit issues and an Auditor General investigation.

	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor	Χ		
Cr Nicholas Connop		X	
Cr Ken Couper	Χ		
Cr Jayne Golightly	Χ		
Cr Deborah Harding			Χ
Cr Patrick Holmes		X	
Cr Scott McKenzie		X	
Cr Marie Olsen	Χ		
Cr Carol Peters			Χ
Cr Simon Reid	Χ		
Cr Phoenix Ruka	Χ		
Cr Paul Yovich	Χ		

Results 7 3 2

The Motion was Carried (7 to 3)

7.7 Sale of Parks Land to Kiwi Rail

Moved By Cr Ken Couper Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That the Council:

- Agree to the partial sale of land designated for a cemetery in Ruakaka to Kiwi Rail
- 2. Agree to the sale price of \$58,256
- 3. Gives Councils Chief Executive, or Council Officer with the delegated authority, permission to execute legal documents for the partial sale of the required land to Kiwi Rail

Carried

7.8 Ruakaka Surf Life Saving Patrol Re-development Lease Proposal

Moved By Cr Ken Couper Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That the Council:

- Resolves to give public notice in accordance with section 119 of the Reserves Act 1977 of the intention to grant a lease to the Ruakaka Volunteer Lifeguard Service pursuant to section 54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977 for an area of the Ruakaka Beach recreation reserve, for a term of 30 years, and;
 - a. In accordance with section 120 of the Reserves Act 1977, invites any interested person(s) to make written objections and submissions on the proposal.
- Notes that should any person who makes a submission or objection who wishes to do so may request an opportunity be speak to their objection or submission in person.
- 3. Delegates to the infrastructure Committee responsibility for the hearing of person requesting to make a verbal presentation on the proposed lease.

7.9 Bylaws to regulate signs and nuisance, trading and events in public places

Moved By His Worship the Mayor **Seconded By** Cr Marie Olsen

That Council:

- 1. Agrees that a bylaw is the most appropriate way to regulate—
 - a. the display of signs in public places and, in some cases, on private property; and
 - b. nuisance behaviours, trading and events in public places;
- 2. Directs staff to prepare a Statement of Proposal to make new bylaws consistent with the findings in Attachments 1 and 2.

Carried

7.10 Temporary Road Closure - Māori All Blacks v Scotland

Moved By Cr Scott McKenzie Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That the Council:

 Approves the proposal to temporarily close the following roads to ordinary traffic for the Māori All Blacks v Scotland and the Black Ferns vs Black Ferns XV rugby events on the following date/s in accordance with the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.

Saturday 5th July 2025

Okara Drive, from the roundabout at Okara Drive & Porowini Ave to the roundabout at Okara Drive & Port Road

Period of Closure: 9am to 7pm

- 2. Approves the proposal to temporarily close the side roads off the roads to be closed for up to 100 metres from the intersection for safety purposes.
- 3. Delegates to the Chair of the Infrastructure Committee and General Manager Transport and Community Infrastructure the power to give public notice of these proposed temporary closures, to consider any objections and to either approve, cancel or amend any or all of the temporary road closures if applicable.

7.11 Temporary Road Closure - Northland Car Club Motor Sport Event Series (June – July 2025)

Moved By Cr Marie Olsen Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That the Council:

 Approves the temporary closure of the following roads to ordinary traffic for the Northland Car Club Motor Sport Event Series (June – July 2025) on the following dates in accordance with section 342 (1)(b) and Schedule 10 Clause 11 of the Local Government Act 1974.

Sunday 15th June 2025

Rosythe Road, from 400m from the intersection of SH1 to 3km from the intersection of SH1.

Period of Closure: 8am to 5pm

Sunday 6th July 2025

Springfield Road, from 7.5km from the intersection with SH1 to the intersection of Springfield Road and Kukunui Road.

Period of Closure: 8am to 5pm

Sunday 13th July 2025

Waiwarawara Drive, from Theodore Drive to Casey Road (includes the Casey Road/Waiwarawara Drive roundabout and Theodore/Waiwarawara Drive roundabout).

Roosevelt Road, from Theodore Drive to Waiwarawara Drive.

Period of Closure: 8am to 5pm

- Approves the temporary closure of the side roads off the roads to be closed for up to 100 metres from the intersection for safety purposes.
- 3. Delegates to the Chair of the Infrastructure Committee and General Manager Transport and Community Infrastructure the power to give public notice of these proposed temporary closures, to consider any objections and to either approve, cancel or amend any or all of the temporary road closures if applicable.

7.12 Regional Deals update - April 2025

Moved By His Worship the Mayor **Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

That the Council:

1. Notes the Regional Deals update.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 12.58pm and readjourned at 2.15pm.

Cr Halse rejoined the meeting after the adjournment.

Cr McKenzie and Cr Peters rejoined the meeting on Teams after the adjournment.

Cr Golightly and Cr Olsen did not rejoin the meeting after the adjournment.

8. Public Excluded Business / Rāhui Tangata

Moved By His Worship the Mayor **Seconded By** Cr Nicholas Connop

That the public be excluded from the following parts of proceedings of this meeting. The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution
Confidential Minutes Whangarei District Council 27 March 2025 KPP Chair's Report Property – Infrastructure Agreement	Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
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This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, are as follows:

Item	Grounds	Section
1.1	For the reasons stated in the open minutes	
1.2	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who	Section 7(2)(b)(ii)
	supplied or it the subject of the information. To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 7(2)(i)
1.3	To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 7(2)(i)

Carried

Cr Yovich requested his vote against the motion be recorded.

9. Closure of Meeting / Te katinga o te Hui

The meeting concluded at 3.06pm.

Confirmed this the 22nd day of May 2025

His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo (Chairperson)