
Environmental Implementation Committee
MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Environmental Implementation Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin
on Wednesday 5 March 2025, commencing at 1:00 PM.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/kJFzCCbLH8Y?si=wYWOfaQq9mpcyn9a>

PRESENT

Cr Kate Wilson	(Chair)
Cr Alexa Forbes	
Cr Gary Kelliher	
Cr Michael Laws	
Cr Kevin Malcolm	
Cr Lloyd McCall	(online)
Cr Tim Mepham	
Cr Andrew Noone	
Cr Gretchen Robertson	
Cr Alan Somerville	
Cr Elliot Weir	

1. WELCOME

Chair Wilson welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 1 pm. Staff present included Richard Saunders (Chief Executive), Anita Dawe (GM Regional Planning and Transport), Nick Donnelly (GM Finance), Tom Dyer (GM Manager Science and Resilience), Joanna Gilroy (GM Environmental Delivery), Amanda Vercoe (GM Strategy and Customer, Deputy CE), Kylie Darragh (Governance Support), and Helen Nathan from Boffa Miskell, Will McBeth Project Delivery Specialist - Biosecurity Programmes, online.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for Cr Forbes and Cr Noone, for lateness, were noted by the Chair.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No requests to address the Committee under Public Forum were received.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as published.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillors were reminded to stand aside if a conflict of interest arose.

6. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were held.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Robertson Seconded

That the minutes of the Environmental Implementation Committee meeting held on 7 November 2024 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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8. OPEN ACTIONS FROM RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

There are no current open actions for this committee.

1:08 Cr Laws joined the meeting online

1:10 Cr Noone joined the meeting

9. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

9.1. Integrated Catchment Management (ICM) Programme Update

[YouTube 10:50] This paper updated the committee on the Integrated Catchment Management Programme, sharing an external evaluation of the process for developing the first Catchment Action Plan and seeking the nomination of a councillor with interest in the Taiari catchment to join the ICM Working Group. Anna Molloy, Principal Advisor Environmental Implementation, Libby Caldwell, Manager Environmental Implementation and Jo Gilroy, General Manager Environmental Delivery, were available to respond to questions on the report.

Resolution EIC25-101: Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded

That the Environmental Implementation Committee recommends that Council:

1. **Notes** this report and the progress made on the ICM programme in this quarter.
2. **Notes** the evaluation report on the process for the pilot CAP and the steps to implement the recommendations from the evaluation.

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Resolution EIC25-102: Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded

That the Environmental Implementation Committee recommends that Council:

1. **Nominates** Cr Wilson to join the ICM Working Group for Taiari Catchment.

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9.2. Wilding Conifer Business Case

[YouTube 1:02:35] This paper presented the 'Additional Regional Investment for Wilding Conifer Management in Otago Simplified Business Case' (business case) prepared by Boffa Miskell and outlined an opportunity to explore other funding options. Helen Nathan from Botha Miskell, Will McBeth Project Delivery Specialist -Biosecurity Programmes, were available online and Libby Caldwell, Manager Environmental Implementation and Jo Gilroy, General Manager Environmental Delivery, were present to respond to questions on the report.

Resolution EIC25-103: Cr Forbes Moved, Cr Malcolm Seconded

That the Environmental Implementation Committee:

1. **Notes** this report.
2. **Notes** the significant value that further investment in Wilding Conifer control in Otago would provide as outlined in the Business Case.
3. **Recommends** that Council **Endorses Option 1** – Council continue to engage with other Regional Councils and Government Agencies to explore funding opportunities for Wilding Conifers which would support and enhance delivery of the existing programme in Otago.

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9.3. Catchment Advisor Work Programme

[YouTube 1:27:00] This paper outlined the Environmental Implementation Committee on the work completed by the Catchment Advisors and the work programme for the 2024-2025 financial year. Oliver Eden-Mann, Team Leader Catchments, Libby Caldwell, Manager Environmental Implementation and Joanna Gilroy, General Manager Environmental Delivery were present to respond to questions.

Resolution EIC25-104: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded

That the Environmental Implementation Committee:

1. **Notes** this report.

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9.4. Avian Flu Response

[YouTube 1:43:15] This paper updated Environmental Implementation Committee on High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI) and ORC's role if HPAI is found in New Zealand. Robert Win, Team Leader Biosecurity, Libby Caldwell, Manager Environmental Implementation and Joanna Gilroy, General Manager Environmental Delivery, were available to respond to questions on the report.

Resolution EIC25-105: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Malcolm Seconded

That the Environmental Implementation Committee:

1. **Notes** this report; and
2. **Endorses** the work the staff are doing to prepare for Council's role in any response co-ordinated by BNZ and DOC.

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12. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chair Wilson declared the meeting closed at 2:42 pm.



Chairperson

____ 5 June 2025 ____

Date