

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL  
STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING NO. SPC25-3  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1484 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA  
ON THURSDAY, 27 MARCH 2025 AT 9.30AM**

**1 KARAKIA**

Whakatau mai te wairua  
Whakawātea mai te hinengaro  
Whakarite mai te tinana  
Kia ea ai ngā mahi

Āe

Settle the spirit  
Clear the mind  
Prepare the body  
To achieve what needs to be  
achieved.  
Yes

**2 PRESENT**

Mayor J Denyer, Cr M Grainger, Cr T Coxhead, Cr A Henry, Cr M Murray-Benge, Cr L Rae, Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour, Cr A Sole, Cr D Thwaites and Cr A Wichers.

**VIA ZOOM:**

Cr Joyce and Cr Dally.

**3 IN ATTENDANCE**

R Davie (Deputy CEO/General Manager Strategy and Community), A Henderson (General Manager Corporate Services), A Curtis (General Manager Regulatory Services), H Wi Repa (Governance Systems Advisor), E Watton (Strategic Policy and Planning Programme Director), R Garrett (Governance Manager), C Nepia (Strategic Kaupapa Māori Manager), N Rutland (Environmental Planning Manager), T Clow (Environmental Planning Lead), T Miller (Resource Management Strategic Advisor) and R Leahy (Senior Governance Advisor).

**4 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**5 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

## 6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 7 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

## 8 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

## 9 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

## 10 REPORTS

### 10.1 SUBMISSION ON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT REFORM AMENDMENT BILL (CONSENTING AND OTHER SYSTEM CHANGES)

The Committee considered a report from the Resource Management Strategic Advisor dated 27 March 2025. The report was taken as read.

Staff responded to pātai as below:

- Staff were anticipating more legislative reform around the Resource Management Act. It was expected that there would be a transition period before moving to a new legislative framework.
- Council was undertaking place-based spatial planning which enabled WBOPDC to prepare for a new resource management system.

### RESOLUTION SPC25-3.3

Moved: Cr D Thwaites

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

1. That the Strategic Advisor: Resource Management report dated 27 March 2025 titled 'Submission on Resource Management Act Reform Amendment Bill (Consenting and Other System Changes)', be received.
2. That the submission, shown as **Attachment 1** to this report, is received by the Strategy and Policy Committee and the information is noted.

**CARRIED**

**The Meeting closed at 9.39am.**

**Confirmed as a true and correct record by Council on 27 May 2025.**