

Rārangi take o te Komiti Taiao  
me ngā Whakawā Whanokē

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# Environment and Hearings Committee Agenda

Wednesday 17 July 2024, 4 pm  
Council Chamber, Albion Street, Hāwera



### Ngā Mema o te Komiti / Committee Members



Andy Beccard  
*Chairperson*



Steffy Mackay  
*Deputy Chairperson*



Leanne Horo  
*Councillor*



Aaron Langton  
*Councillor*



Diana Reid  
*Councillor*



Robert Northcott  
*Deputy Mayor*



Tane Houston  
*Iwi Representative*

### Apatono / Delegations

The primary role of the Environment and Hearings Committee is to oversee the Council's obligations under the Resource Management Act 1991. It also oversees a number of the Council's environment and regulatory activities. The committee comprises five Councillors.

The Committee is delegated the following decision making powers:

- To hear all resource consent applications with the power to make a final decision;
- To hear all Building Act dispensation applications with the power to make a final decision;
- To consider all matters of an environmental and regulatory nature relating to the Resource Management Act, Building Act, Health Act, Fencing of Swimming Pools Act, Dog Control Act and to make recommendations to the Council;
- To hear objections to all matters in accordance with the Dog Control Act 2006
- To receive reports on all matters approved under delegated authority by the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson together with the Group Manager Environmental and those functions delegated to staff;
- Hear objections to menacing dog classifications and either uphold or rescind the classification (as per the Dog Control Act).
- To consider and make recommendations to the Council on environmental policy matters relating to the Resource Management Act and the District Plan;
- To hear all plan changes and make recommendations to the Council;
- Non-notified applications will be referred to the Environment and Hearings Committee for consideration in the following circumstances:
  - Where the Group Manager Environmental believes that there are potential community effects and/or policy implications in respect of the District Plan, and no other applications of this nature have been dealt with before by the Council to determine precedent;
  - Appeals relating to consent conditions approved under delegated authority; and
  - Applications for retrospective activities.

That aside, the Committee is only able to make recommendations to the full Council for it to consider and make a decision on.

### Huinga Tāngata / Attendance Register

Date	22/03/23	26/04/23	15/05/23	07/06/23	19/07/23	25/10/23	08/11/23	22/11/23	13/03/24	24/04/24	05/06/24
<b>Meeting</b>	E	O	O	O	O	O	E	O	O	O	O
Andy Beccard	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Leanne Horo	√	√	A	√	√	√	√	√	A	√	A
Aarun Langton	√	√	√	√	√	A	√	√	√	A	A
Steffy Mackay	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	A	A	√	√
Robert Northcott	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Diana Reid	√	√	√	A	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Tane Houston - Iwi Representative	-	-	-	√	√	√	√	A	√	A	√

#### Key

- √ Attended
- AO Attended Online
- Was not required to attend
- A Apology
- Y Attended but didn't have to attend
- X Did not attend - no apology given

#### Types of Meetings

- O Ordinary Council Meeting
- E Extraordinary Council Meeting

### He Karere Haumarū / Health and Safety Message

In the event of an emergency, please follow the instructions of Council staff.  
If there is an earthquake – drop, cover and hold where possible. Please remain where you are until further instruction is given.

### He Pānga Whakararu / Conflicts of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected member and any private or other external interest they might have.



# Rārangi Agenda

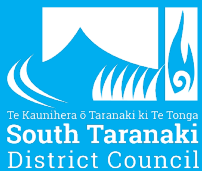
## Environment and Hearings Committee

Wednesday 17 July 2024 at 4 pm

1. **Karakia**
2. **Matakore / Apologies**
3. **Tauākī Whakarika / Declarations of Interest**
4. **Whakatakoto Kaupapa Whānui, Whakaaturanga hoki / Open Forum and Presentations**
5. **Whakaaetia ngā Menīti / Confirmation of Minutes**
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7. **Karakia**

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**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday 28 August 2024 – Council Chamber, Albion Street, Hāwera  
**Elected Members’ Deadline:** Wednesday 14 August 2024



# Karakia

## 1. Karakia

Ruruku Timata – Opening Prayer

(Kia ururu mai ā-hauora,  
ā-haukaha, ā-hau māia)

Ki runga

Ki raro

Ki roto

Ki waho

Rire rire hau

Paimārire

*(Fill me with vitality)  
strength and bravery)*

*Above*

*Below*

*Inwards*

*Outwards*

*The winds blow & bind us*

*Peace be with us.*



# Matakore Apologies

## 2. Matakore / Apologies

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**Leave of Absence:** *The Board may grant a member leave of absence following an application from that member. Leave of absences will be held in the Public Excluded section of the meeting.*



# Ngā Whakaputanga Declarations of Interest

### 3. Tauākī Whakarika / Declarations of Interest

Notification from elected members of:

- a) Any interests that may create a conflict with their role as an elected member relating to the items of business for this meeting; and
- b) Any interests in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as provided for in the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968.

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# Whakatakoto Kaupapa Whānui, Whakaaturanga hoki Open Forum and Presentations

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## 4. Whakatakoto Kaupapa Whānui Whakaaturanga hoki / Open Forum and Presentations

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*The Council has set aside time for members of the public to speak in the public forum at the commencement of each Council, Committee and Community Board meeting (up to 10 minutes per person/organisation) when these meetings are open to the public. Permission of the Mayor or Chairperson is required for any person wishing to speak at the public forum.*





# Ngā Menīti Komiti

## Committee Minutes

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To	Environment and Hearings Committee
Date	17 July 2024
Subject	<b>Environment and Hearings Committee – 5 June 2024</b>

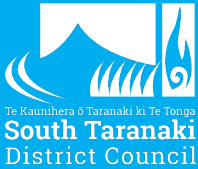
(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

### Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The Environment and Hearings Committee met on 5 June 2024. The Environment and Hearings Committee is being asked to confirm their minutes including the public excluded minutes from 5 June 2024 as a true and correct record.

### Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT the Environment and Hearings Committee adopts the minutes including the public excluded from the Environment and Hearings Committee meeting held on 5 June 2024 as a true and correct record.



# Menīti Minutes

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## Ngā Menīti take o te Komiti Taiao me ngā Whakawā Environment and Hearings Committee

Held in the Council Chamber, Albion Street, Hāwera on Wednesday 5 June 2024 at 4 pm

**Kanohi Kitea / Present:** Councillors Andy Beccard (Chairperson), Steffy Mackay, Diana Reid, Deputy Mayor Robert Northcott and Tane Houston (Iwi Representative).

**Ngā Taenga-Ā-Tinana / In Attendance:** Liam Dagg (Group Manager Environmental Services), Sarah Capper-Liddle (Planner), Sara Dymond (Governance and Support Team Leader), Reg Korau (Iwi Liaison Manager – Acting Planning Team Leader), Caitlin Moseley (Planner).

**Matakore / Apologies:** Councillors Leanne Horo and Aaron Langton.

### RESOLUTION

(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Cr Mackay)

17/24 EH **THAT** the apologies from Councillors Leanne Horo and Aaron Langton be received.

CARRIED

## 1. Whakaaetia ngā Menīti / Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Environment and Hearings Committee on 24 April 2024.

### RESOLUTION

(Cr Reid/Cr Mackay)

18/24 EH **THAT** the Environment and Hearings Committee adopts the minutes from the meeting held on 24 April 2024 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

## 2. Pūrongo / Report

2.1 Submission on Harmony Energy Solar Farm – Ōpunakē

The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) had identified South Taranaki District Council as being an affected party to the project, for Harmony Energy NZ #4 Limited to construct a solar farm at 915 Ihaia Road, Ōpunakē. Subsequently, MfE requested the Council provide feedback on the project with feedback required no later than 12 June 2024.

Ms Moseley explained that Harmony Energy NZ #4 (the Applicant) had applied for land use consent. The Applicant sought to construct and operate the Harmony Energy Solar Farm on a site located at 915 Ihaia Road, Ōpunakē. The solar farm would have an approximate project area of 152 hectares with approximately 175,000 panels installed on the site. These would connect to voltage power stations which would connect to a substation. The on-site substation would facilitate the interconnection of the solar farm into the national grid via Transpower's Ōpunakē substation located on the adjacent property. A range of mitigation landscaping was proposed, along with a range of ecological protection and enhancement measures. Overall, this was considered a discretionary activity under the District Plan. The site was comprised of LUC 3 and 6, with LUC 3 considered Highly Productive under the National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land (HPS HPL) however it was intended to be grazed and used for sheep farming.

Ms Moseley explained that the main areas of interest and consideration was the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land, effects on surrounding properties and the wider environment, the accumulative affects from solar farms and lack of data around decommissioning and end of life.

Councillor Reid had concerns for the protection of the geographically significant mounds which were also significant to iwi and hapū. She noted that the proposal indicated the large mounds would be retained, however the small mounds would be flattened. Ms Moseley noted that unless they were identified as a significant area or had archaeological significance to her understanding there was nothing to protect them under the District Plan. The Council did not have any large-scale earthwork rules in the District Plan which could grant protection. This would fall under the Taranaki Regional Council.

Councillor Reid had concerns with the accumulative affects this solar farm would have and asked what proximity the proposed solar farm was to other potential solar farms. She was concerned that when standing on the Mountain solar farms would cover the land. Ms Moseley noted that there was the solar farm around the coast which had been granted. It had been in the Ōpunakē North area that solar farms had been seen so far.

Councillor Reid noted that the houses on the adjoining properties were significantly higher than this land. The proposal had indicated that there would be planting, however she suggested that even with planting the view from those properties would be of the solar farm. There was no evidence that the applicants had spoken to the 11 neighbours. Ms Moseley noted that the adjoining properties were highlighted in their application, however she struggled to find evidence of feedback received from the property owners. Councillor Reid further commented that that there was minimal feedback received from Iwi other than it was extremely positive, however Iwi stated the mounds were significant which was contradictory.

Deputy Mayor Northcott concurred with the comments made around consultation with affected parties and believed there needed to be a more robust discussion with Iwi to understand their views. The proposal noted their intentions of replanting, however Deputy Mayor Northcott commented that this would require effective monitoring. During heavy rain fall the riparian margins would be washed away which would require reestablishment and replanting. A question was asked about who would be responsible for this.

Deputy Mayor Northcott commented that it was becoming more common that sheep grazing was a way to get around HPL, however there was no data to show that it was a viable option. He wondered if the Committee should suggest monitoring to determine how effective sheep farming was. In relation to sustained employment he saw opportunities during the construction phase, however he did not see any sustained employment generated from this long term. In terms of the economic difference between the land being a viable dairy farm and a solar farm he would like to better understand the employment and how it affected the population in the future. There would be flow on affects. The production of green energy should not be at the detriment of our community and the accumulative affects needed to be quantified.

Deputy Mayor Northcott commented that the protection of lahars should of consideration during the District Plan review. In relation to decommissioning protection against abandonment was required.

Mr Houston echoed the same sentiments already mentioned. He commented that when looking at the solar farm projects in isolation overall they were good except for the major issues with decommissioning and moving from HPL into renewable utility. His main concern was around the accumulation of multiple solar farms not only the environmental risks although there was yet to be a discussion around water run off but there was no data that provided clarity around soil wellbeing. These questions remained outstanding from the last resource consent. He encouraged the Council to find the means and ways to obtain accurate data to answer these questions.

Mr Houston queried the justification for sheep to be an alternate move from HPL to renewable energy. When looking at the compound effect of multiple solar farms how much money was being taken out of the region. He considered the consultation with Iwi to be substantial.

Mr Houston supported the environmental mitigation in the proposal. It was proposed that the wetlands were to be planted in riparian planting. This would be positive to have a density of wellbeing in a large area. In terms of the monitoring and activity of riparian planting as well as the commitment of activity and monitoring of pest and predator control, he noted that there was no mention around commitment to engage local communities to undertake that work. He encouraged the Applicant to speak to Taranaki Iwi around opportunities in engaging Iwi in these activities. It would be good to see a pathway that those contracts and resources would find their way directly into the community agencies.

Councillor Mackay highlighted the lack of evidence provided in relation to the absence of a cultural impact assessment and a decommissioning plan. There needed to be consideration for the best practise which should be a requirement. She questioned how consultation with affected parties was undertaken because there was no evidence that those affected parties were consulted with. The glint and glare report identified that neighbouring properties would be affected by the glare at certain times of a day. She believed the Applicant needed to ensure that there were mitigations in place, so they were not affected by the solar panels.

Councillor Beccard would like clarity around what was said about earthworks in the District Plan. He agreed that the consultation with affected parties was not overwhelming. He agreed that the accumulative affects was an area to monitor. He had concerns with reviewing the maps in the proposal as it showed a lot of the wetland covered in panels.

There needed to be funds set aside for decommissioning if they became insolvent. The economic effects were important because they wanted to see growth in our District. There was an opportunity to engage with local contractors and community groups for immediate and ongoing works that pertain to the solar farm. Mitigative measures to reduce the effects of glint and flare needed to be considered.

Councillor Mackay on behalf of Councillor Horo noted that the Taranaki Iwi Claims Act 2016 was incorrect in Paragraph 2. This related to the whole of Taranaki not Taranaki Iwi as represented by Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi as its post settlement governance entity.

Councillor Reid commented on the educational aspect and would like further clarification on what this included. The District had several industry facilities that offered educational visits, facilitated by tutors in classroom type facilities on site.

The Committee was aware of research being undertaken within the New Zealand context on the overall effects solar farms were having on the country. This research was crucial in identifying information gaps for the construction, operation and decommissioning of solar farms, particularly as it was a new industry for New Zealand. It was felt that the Committee would be far better equipped to offer comment on the Ōpunakē Harmony Energy Solar Farm with more research undertaken on the effects on solar farms.

Ms Moseley explained that there was a rule under the Council's District Plan that identified performance standards for aggregate and soil extraction that might be triggered by the proposal. This rule had not been identified or assessed within the application for the project.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**(Cr Mackay/Deputy Mayor Northcott)**

**19/24 EH** **THAT the Environment and Hearings Committee provides comment on the Harmony Energy Solar Farm – Ōpunakē and identifies key points to be included in the feedback to the Ministry for the Environment (MFE), noting that the deadline is 12 June 2024 for feedback.**

**CARRIED**

### **3. Pūrongo-Whakamārama / Information Report**

#### **3.1 Environmental Services Activity Report**

The report provided an update on activities relating to the Environmental Services Group for the months of March and April 2024.

Ms Bryant commented that Massey University were analysing potential for risk to agricultural productivity and the need to better understand how to successfully use land for both agricultural/horticultural and energy generation. Massey's project aimed to build on one year's prior research (Massey University-Nova Energy, Jun 2022 – Jul 2023). The data would help Agrivoltaic research get a gauge on agricultural land loss due to installation of solar arrays. It would also help with what the rate of grass growth was between fixed and titled arrays and the effects on sheep farming under solar arrays in Taranaki farmscapes. This would inform agrivoltaic co-venturers, regulatory bodies and farmers, regarding the

potential to enable productive land use on agrivoltaic farms in Taranaki and New Zealand. There was a range of data required. Massey University aimed to have all results collated by September 2026.

Ms Capper-Liddle commented that the Papakāinga Plan Change was publicly notified on 15 April and was open until 30 May 2024. There were eight submissions received. The submissions would be summarised and then there would be a further submission period followed by a hearing.

Ms Moseley provided an update on Urban Growth. The Council was looking at rezoning land to enable zone swap between land in the Business Park Area and Longview Subdivision. This would include updates to the existing Structure Plan Maps and amendments to the objectives and policies and rules in the District Plan. It was identified that a Future Development Area Overlay layer was required which would direct developers to where there was infrastructure capacity. It was anticipated that this would be presented to Council and adopted by the end of July.

As part of the Urban Growth update Council staff were looking into Financial Contributions. The Council was refreshing the approach for the Hāwera Structure Plan Area, exploring a Financial Contribution approach for Pātea, Waverley, Manaia, Eltham and Kaponga and exploring Financial Contribution exemptions for papakāinga on general title. There was a report being presented to the Council on the 24 June 2024 to explore details about the possible approaches.

Also included as part of the Urban Growth update was work around the intensification zone in the Hāwera Township. Boffa Miskell were assisting with the Plan Change and scoping some intensification area update that could possibly come through the Urban Growth Plan Change. This was in the proposal and scoping stage.

Ms Capper-Liddle noted that there were some miscellaneous zone changes coming up which were separate from the District Plan review changes. There was a subdivision on Burnside Avenue, Hāwera and Chute Street, Normanby that had been identified as needing a zone change.

**RESOLUTION**

**Cr Mackay/Deputy Mayor Northcott)**

**20/24 EH THAT the Environment and Hearings Committee receives the Environmental Services Activity Report for March and April 2024.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Nga Tōkeketanga kia noho tūmatanui kore / Resolution to Exclude the public**

**RESOLUTION**

**(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Cr Reid)**

**21/24 EH THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:**

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 the passing of this resolution
1. Minutes held on 29 April 2024.	To Enable the Committee to.	That the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Council/Committee to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in any proceedings where: ii) the local authority is required, by any enactment, to make a recommendation in respect of the matter that is the subject of those proceedings. Use (i) for the RMA hearings and (ii) for hearings under LGA such as objections to Development contributions or hearings under the Dog Control Act. s.48(1)(d)

**CARRIED**

**5. Tuwhera anō te Hui / Resume to Open Meeting**

**RESOLUTION**

**(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Cr Reid)**

**23/24 EH THAT the Environment and Hearings Committee resumes in open meeting.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 5.26 pm.

Dated this        day of                    2024.

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CHAIRPERSON





# Menīti Minutes

## Ngā Menīti take o te Komiti Taiao me ngā Whakawā Environment and Hearings Committee

Held with the public excluded in Hāwera on Wednesday 5 June 2024.

### 1. Whakaaetia ngā Menīti / Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Environment and Hearings Committee held on 13 May 2024.

**RESOLUTION**

(Cr Mackay/Mr Houston)

22/24 EH **THAT** the Environment and Hearings Committee adopts the public excluded minutes from the meeting held on 13 May 2024 as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

### 2. Tuwhera anō te Hui / Resume to Open Meeting

**RESOLUTION**

(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Cr Reid)

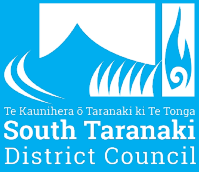
23/24 EH **THAT** the Environment and Hearings Committee resumes in open meeting.

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 5.26 pm.

Dated this        day of        2024.

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CHAIRPERSON



# Pūrongo-Whakamārama Information Report

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To	Environment and Hearings Committee
From	Tuarua Kaiarataki Taiao / Group Manager Environmental Services, Liam Dagg
Date	17 July 2024
Subject	<b>Environmental Services Activity Report</b>

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

## Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. This report updates the Environment and Hearings Committee on activities relating to the Environmental Services Group (the Group) for the month of May 2024.
2. The Group is comprised of four business units:
  - a) Planning and Development
  - b) Quality Assurance
  - c) Regulatory Services, and
  - d) Environment and Sustainability
3. The first part of the report goes through the operational activities for each of the business units. The second part of the report provides an update on key projects and programmes.
4. Key points to note for the month of May:
  - a) There is a downward trend in consenting activity for resource consents.
  - b) There has been a significant improvement in statutory timeframe compliance for building consents.

## Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT the Environment and Hearings Committee receives the Environmental Services Activity Report.

## Ratonga Hanga Whare / Building Control Services

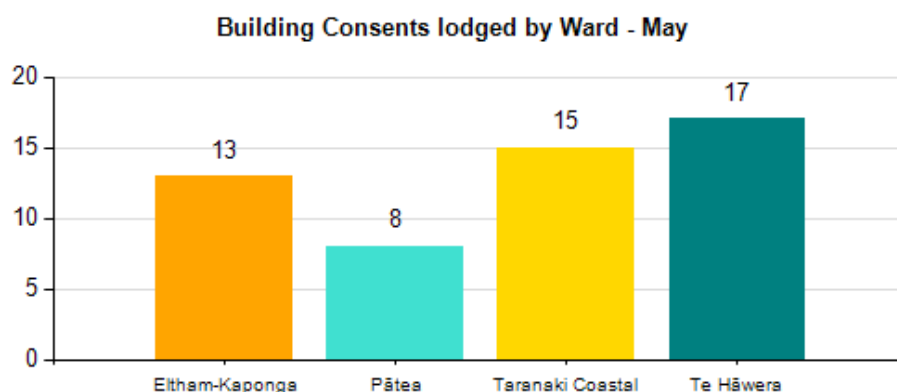
5. Building consent activity increased during May, but overall, the lodgement numbers remain down on what was being lodged year-to-date at the same time last financial year (Table 1). Statutory compliance has improved, but we continue to review other measures that can be put in place to improve turnaround times.

Table 1. Building Consents Statistics Summary

Application Activity Building Consents	May 2024	April 2024	March 2024	YTD From 1 July 2023	YTD From 1 July 2022	May 2023
Lodged	53	48	46	451	557	51
Issued	68	58	36	459	518	69
Issued within statutory timeframe	83.3%	63.8%	66.7%	72.5%	83.4%	92.8%
Inspections	268	202	224	2393	2619	214
Value	\$4,225,800	\$4,708,600	\$5,016,850	\$59,269,510	\$97,148,870	\$4,184,600

6. Building activity was highest in Te Hāwera Ward across the month of May, but Taranaki Coastal and Eltham-Kaponga saw significant activity also (Figure 1).

Figure 1



7. Commercial activity is not high compared to residential work across May (Table 2). Looking at Table 2, it is clear the consents are seasonal with higher numbers of fireplace consents. The higher number of amendments is also reflective of changes required to building work. A common amendment of late is addressing changes to work undertaken, that is not reflective of the plans that were originally approved.

Table 2. Building Consents lodged by Type May

Category	Activity	Eltham-Kaponga	Pātea	Taranaki Coastal	Te Hāwera	Total
Commercial	Additions/Alterations	0	1	1	0	2
	Amendment	2	0	0	2	4
	New Construction	1	0	0	1	2
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
Residential	Additions/Alterations	1	1	0	2	4
	Amendment	3	2	5	4	14
	Fire	5	3	5	6	19
	New Construction	1	1	3	0	5
	New Dwelling	0	0	0	1	1

	Relocation	0	0	1	1	2
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>53</b>

### Ratonga Whakamahere Taiao / Planning Services

8. Resource consents saw a significant decrease in May. For both lodgements and consents granted, the numbers are low when compared to the same time last year (Table 3).

Table 3. Resource Consent Statistics for May 2024

Application Activity	May 2024	April 2024	March 2024	YTD From 1 July 2023	YTD From 1 July 2022	May 2023
Lodged	9	24	20	153	188	16
Granted	14	16	13	130	160	18
Issued within statutory timeframe	85.7%	81.3%	100.0%	90.8%	98.1%	94.4%

9. Subdivision and land use resource consents were evenly split during this reporting period (Table 4). With most land use consent activity occurring in Te Hāwera and Taranaki Coastal (Figures 2 and 3). Subdivision activity with the highest lot yields were in Taranaki Coastal and Eltham-Kaponga (Figure 3).

Table 4

Category	May 2024	April 2024	March 2024	YTD From 1 July 2023	YTD From 1 July 2022	May 2023
Certificate of Compliance		1		1	2	
Land Use Change of Condition	1	3	1	10	9	4
Land Use General	4	6	8	53	74	3
Subdivision	4	13	10	83	98	8
Subdivision Change of Condition		1	1	6	5	1

Figure 2

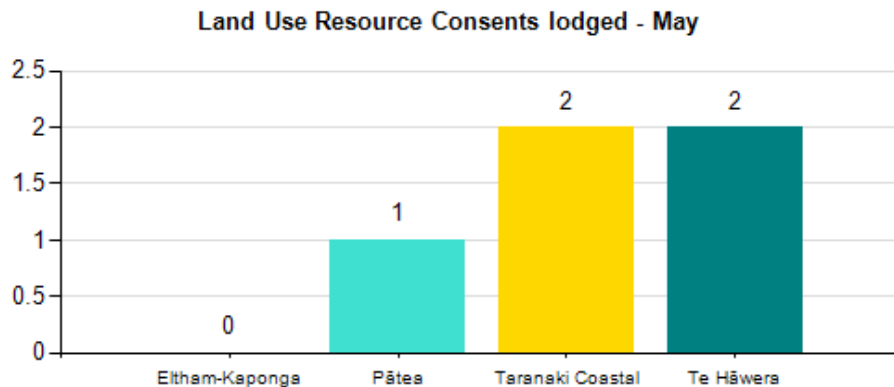
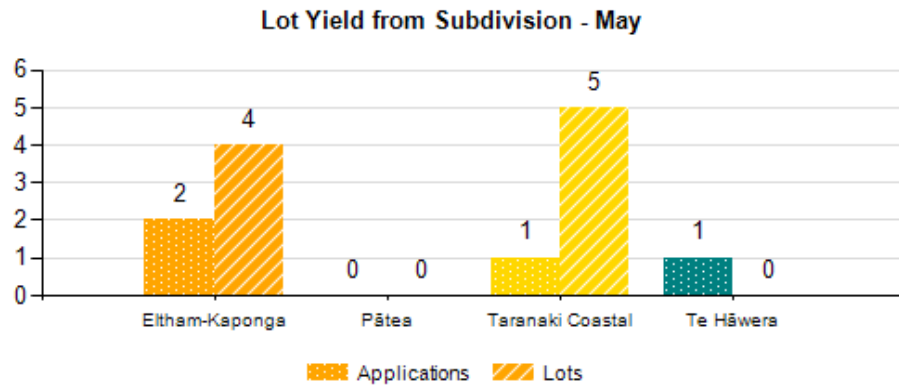


Figure 3



**Land Information Memorandum**

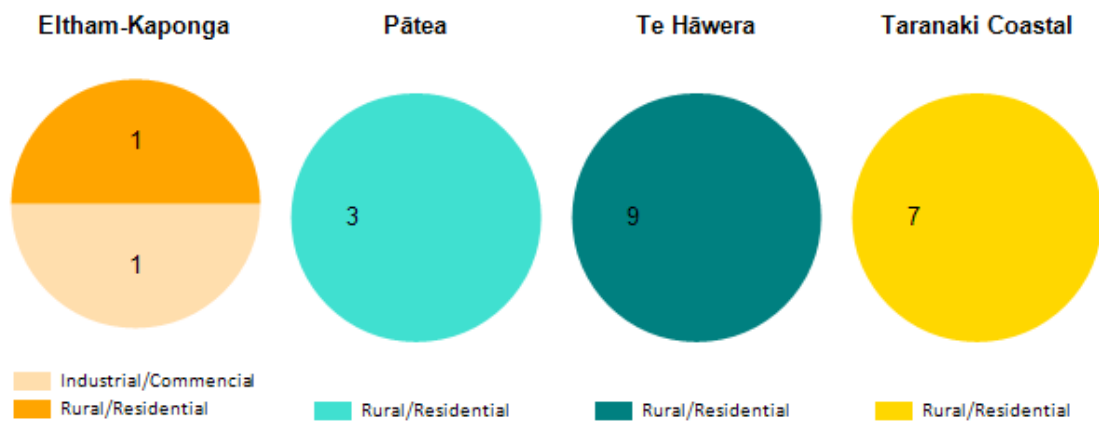
10. Requests for Land Information Memorandums (LIMs) remains high (Table 6). Overall, most of the LIM applications have been for residential or rural land, with most in Te Hāwera (Figure 7).

Table 6

LIM Applications	May 2024	April 2024	March 2024	YTD From 1 July 2023	YTD From 1 July 2022	May 2023
Lodged	20	25	13	173	154	15

**LIM Applications by Ward May**

Figure 7



### Ratonga Waeture / Regulatory Services

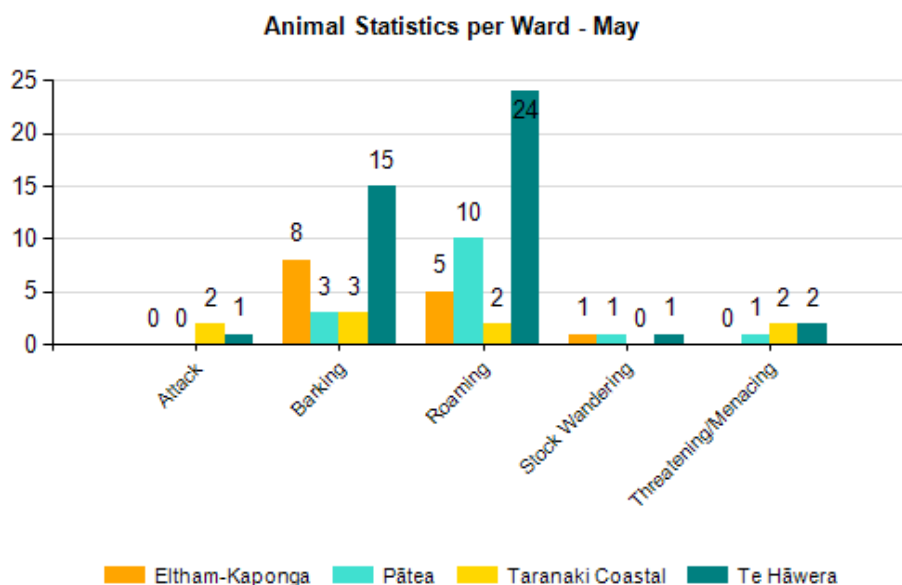
11. The statistics for Customer Service Requests relating to animals is shown in Table 7. The number of incidents in May are low compared to the peaks seen in March, with the exception of roaming dog reports.

Table 7

Service Requests Animals	May 2024	April 2024	March 2024	YTD From 1 July 2023	YTD From 1 July 2022	May 2023
Attack	3	3	7	47	34	1
Barking	27	28	45	334	366	27
Roaming	41	49	43	529	617	50
Stock Wandering	3	6	7	93	119	4
Threatening/Menacing	4	1	6	34	44	3

12. Most of the barking and roaming dog call outs were in Te Hāwera ward during May (Figure 4).

Figure 4



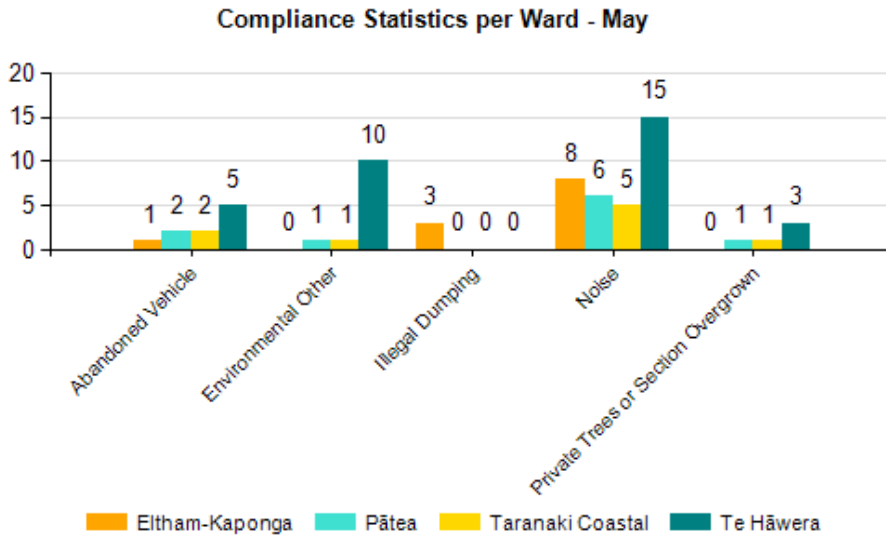
13. The statistics for Customer Requests relating to other regulatory compliance matters are shown in Table 8. Noise complaints have decreased since March and abandoned vehicle callouts have increased. Te Hāwera Ward was where most incidents were updated across all categories (figures).

Table 8

Service Requests Compliance	May 2024	April 2024	March 2024	YTD From 1 July 2023	YTD From 1 July 2022	May 2023
Abandoned Vehicle	9	6	3	88	68	3
Environmental Other	12	11	7	78	181	4
Illegal Dumping	3	1	5	35	36	6

Noise	34	40	51	576	578	38
Private Trees or Section Overgrown	5	4	2	48	50	3

Figure 5



14. Below are the details of current prosecutions:

Prosecution Type	Ward	Outcome
Dog Attack on Human	Taranaki Coastal	Ongoing – First appearance on 19 January 2024. The next appearance is set for 15 August 2024.
Dog Attack on Domestic Animal	Eltham-Kaponga	Charge Filed with Court – awaiting first appearance date.

## Rautaki Kaupapa me ngā Hōtaka / Strategic Projects and Programmes

### Regional Organics Processing Facility

15. The Request for Proposal (RFP) released on 24 April closes soon. The current focus is on the assembly of the tender evaluation panel.

### Reforestation Project

16. Planting at the Rukumoana site (15km east of Eltham) will commence in July once the current lease has ended. The plan is to plant 5000 native trees!

17. Phase one of the Pātea Saltmarsh planting has been completed; 500 plants have been planted to support the ecosystem around the Saltmarsh. Further fencing work will be taking place later this year, accompanied by weed and pest control work.

### Business Waste Minimisation

18. At the beginning of July, the Business Waste Minimisation unit will start implementing the Resource Wise Business Program. This program will support local small businesses to better manage their waste and will support them to reduce their waste. The Council administration building will be used as a demonstration site of what waste minimisation activities can be achieved in an office setting.

### District Plan Change Update

19. Plan Change 2 (Todd Energy Plan Change). The Joint Witness Statement from the risk experts has provided a joint position on the four points that were raised at the last pre-hearing meeting. The next stage is for parties to resolve the outstanding matters in a third and final pre-hearing forum.
20. The submission period for Plan Change 3 – (Papakāinga) closed on 30 May 2024. Eight submissions were received, the majority of which have requested to be heard in support of their submission. The team are currently working through summarising the submission points before we move into the next round of further submissions.
21. Plan Changes 4 and 5 are the next two changes that are currently being worked on. Plan Change 4 is the rezoning of land within the area of the South Taranaki Business Park. As a part of this Plan Change, we are reconfiguring the existing Structure Plans within the District Plan to provide indicative roading layout and reticulated service to assist developers and landowners with an understanding of how these areas could be developed. Plan Change 5 will focus on an updated financial contributions chapter. An options paper for how we approach financial contributions will be going to the Council in July.

### Proposed Legislation Changes – Granny Flat Consenting Pathways

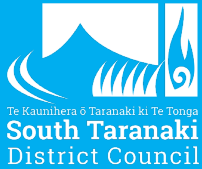
22. Central Government is seeking feedback from Council's on whether the building and resource consent process needs to be easier for building granny flats on a property. If enabled, there will be changes to both the Building Act 2002 and the Resource Management Act 1991 and there may be a requirement to undertake a Plan Change to ensure the District Plan aligns with the proposed pathway.



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# Karakia

## 7. Karakia

Ruruku Whakakapi – Closing Prayer

Unuhia, unuhia

Unuhia ki te uru tapu nui

Kia wātea, kia māmā te ngākau, te  
tinana, te wairua i te ara takatū

Kia wātea, ka wātea, āe rā, kua wātea

Rire rire hau pai marire!

*Draw on, draw on,*

*Draw on the supreme sacredness*

*To clear, to free the heart, the body and the  
spirit of mankind*

*To be clear, will be clear, yes is cleared.*

*Deeply in peace!*