

Meeting Minutes

Levin Landfill Neighbourhood Liaison Group (NLG) Meeting
Tuesday 15 October 2024
3.00pm – 5.00pm
Horowhenua District Council - Ante Room, 126 Oxford St, Levin

In attendance

Parekura MacGregor (Chair)	Eugene Henare
Charles Rudd (Named member)	Billie Paki
Deanna Hanita-Paki (Lake Trustee)	Daniel Haigh (HDC)
Trevor Hinder	Campbell Dodds (HRC)
Peter Everton	David McMillan (HDC)
Vivienne Bold	Chloe Marheine (HDC)
Graeme Lindsay	R Warena Kerehi
Jack Warren	Rob Benefield
Rachael Selby	Graeme & Ina Jensen

1. Welcome and Karakia

Meeting opened by Parekura MacGregor, and a karakia by Ina Jensen.

2. Apologies

David Moore, Christine Moriarty, Cr Justin Tamihana, Peter Thompson

3. Conflicts of Interest

Charles Rudd asked for a perceived conflict to be noted regarding Graeme Lindsay and David Moore being members of both the PMG and the NLG

Graeme Lindsay noted he is no longer a member of the PMG.

No further conflicts of interest noted.

4. Previous Minutes and Matters arising

The meeting minutes from 18 June 2024 were not discussed. The minutes will need to be confirmed at the next meeting of NLG.

5. NLG Members as listed in consent

The group discussed the need for clarity around the members of the NLG. HDC staff spoke to the attached presentation, outlining their knowledge of members based on section 32 of the resource consent

conditions dated 19 December 2019. HDC noted the list may not be accurate, but it is a start to identifying members as per the conditions outlined in the consent.

Deanna Paki raised the fact that not all landowners were present at the table. Deanna's point was noted by NLG, the discussion reverted back to the consent conditions and the need to identify members as stipulated. There was discussion around the need for representative of larger collectives to attend the meeting and feedback to the others. Noting that opening the meeting up to all owners and occupiers of the land is not in line with the consent conditions.

There was discussion around section 32. G the two named representatives of the owners and occupiers of affected properties and the need for the owners who they are representing to be identified. An action was noted to discuss with Christine Moriarty as she was named as one of these representatives in the 30 July 2020 minutes.

Eugene also confirmed the representatives for the Warena Te Kerehi Trust for two of the neighbouring properties. Please refer to the attached presentation.

Eugene noted Vivienne Taueki is a representative of the Hokio Progressive Association and a number of trusts including Environmental Responsibilities for the Muaupoko Cooperative Society and Tamarangi hapu.

Council acknowledged the consent conditions and hope that in working to define the official members of the NLG we will provide clarity around who has voting rights at the table, but Council would like to ensure these meetings are inclusive of all interested community members.

Charles Rudd noted that it would be good for NLG to come together for a workshop to familiarise all members with the consent conditions. Council staff agreed to circulate a copy of the resource consent for NLG to workshop independently of Council if they wish to.

6. Nominations for independent facilitator

Following the previous meeting of 18 June 2024, Council invited the current Neighbourhood Liaison Group (NLG) members and attendees to put forward names for an independent facilitator for nomination and discussion of appointment. There were three nominees put forward that Council identified were not eligible as they were not independent of the membership outlined in condition #32. One of the nominees being the current facilitator Parekura MacGregor.

NLG noted the three independent facilitators outlined in the presentation, and noted they would require more detail and understanding of their qualifications. A number of members expressed their support for Parekura to continue in the role of facilitator for the group, and questioned why her name was not on the list.

Eugene Henare shared his view on the background of the chair, noting the original position of the chair was held by council. The intent of this group as outlined by the environment court is that of a watch dog to ensure Council is carrying out monitoring and other requirements in line with the resource consent conditions.

Rachael Selby shared her summary of the points shared by NLG and shared her view that based on the discussion that the NLG are comfortable with not having an independent facilitator and happy to keep Parekura on as the Chair. Rachael put it to Parekura to indicate whether she would like to continue as the Chair of the NLG, whether it is a conflict or not.

Parekura shared that she has not been feeling supported from the wider NLG, but that she is passionate about the remediation of the landfill site and invested in healing the whenua, and seeing the group move forward. Parekura noted she would be comfortable to continue in this role. Working alongside HDC with integrity, honesty and in a mana enhancing approach. Noting the need to work collaboratively for NLG members to be supportive of her.

Rachael Selby moved for Parekura MacGregor to be elected as the Chair of the Neighbourhood Liaison Group.

Moved by: Rachael Selby

Seconded by: Deanna Paki

A further call to identify who was in support of the nomination of Parekura MacGregor as Chair.

Noted full support by 10 members in attendance.

One opposed vote noted from Rob Benefield HDC representative, due to the previous questioning of this appointment by members of the NLG and questioning by members of Parekura to undertake this role.

7. Odour management plan update

David McMillan spoke to the presentation and noted that with the Levin Landfill now closed and no longer receiving waste and the capping complete there is no longer an odour and the plan has become effectively redundant. This will be addressed through the revised consent process.

8. Dis-establishment of the biofilter and variation to consent

David McMillan noted the biofilter is redundant, with the introduction of the flare council staff are seeking NLG support to remove the biofilter and have the variation made to the consent conditions.

Peter Everton noted his concerns with the occasional whiff of methane when the flare broke down.

Eugene asked what the backup plan is if the Flare breaks down.

Graeme Lindsay noted that methane has no smell. Council have 24/7 monitoring and receive alerts if the flare breaks down, and staff/contractors will attend asap.

Daniel Haigh noted this is low risk as this is no longer an operational landfill, and capping completed with no plans to reopen, there is no back up required as this is a closed landfill.

Campbell Dodds noted that the current consent exists for an operational landfill, all conditions in the consent need to be complied with until a closed landfill consent is in place and gas runs out and conditions are no longer applicable.

David asked through the Chair for a show of hands in support of the dis-establishment of the biofilter.

Vote called for and passed with wide support across the NLG members.

Noted: Charles Rudd opposed vote
Eugene Henare reserved vote

9. Timing and process closed management plan and consent review

Please refer to the attached presentation for the timing and process. David McMillan noted that Stantec are drafting the CLMP and a draft is expected in December 2024. The Landfill consent review will be undertaken once details of the leachate extraction consent have been solidified.

BPO3 Update

David McMillan noted where the project is up to including:

- the options being work through for the best location of the wetland, not yet landed on the optimal solution
- onsite treatment of the leachate, noting a leachate treatment trial is currently underway

10. General Business

Daniel Haigh acknowledged the feedback on Earthtech's BPO leachate mitigation proposal from Graeme Lindsay provided to NLG members by email, Daniel confirmed this feedback report has been sent on to Earthtech. Graeme Lindsay shared his views on legislation and testing symbols and noted the use of the correct use of English language.

Daniel Haigh noted the concerns raised, and acknowledged the need to move forward, the BPO has been talked about for a decade, with only \$350k allocated in the consent to find a solution and deliver, with the approval and committed funding of \$1.9 by Council for BPO3 we do not want to relitigate the solution. Council appreciate the feedback, and this solution will be worked through to ensure it is practically what is best for the environment.

Deanna Paki advised of a recent fish survey undertaken by MTA of the Hokio stream, initial results show that the fish life before and after the landfill are similar. David McMillan noted he would share the full report with NLG once Council receive it. Deanna noted that MTA/MLT have IP rights and the info needs to be provide to the Lake Trustees at the same time.

Eugene Henare asked that the Hokio A trust are informed before any work is undertaken in the stream as they have a pa tūna (fishing easement).

Charles Rudd asked about the review of the resource consent conditions and noted as per the consent a review is due October 2024. Council staff noted Charles comment and confirmed NLG will be involved in

the consent review. Noting the Landfill consent review will be undertaken once details of the leachate extraction consent have been solidified.

Daniel Haigh acknowledged NLG, PMG and the community support, with the closure of the landfill the focus is now on the closure plan and remediation of the site, and protecting the environment.

Rachael Selby agreed with Daniel's points and reiterated the need for NLG to acknowledge the permanent closure of the Landfill with the focus now on protecting the environment, remediating the leachate and the operation of a closed landfill.

Charles Rudd asked what Council are doing about the slash out at the site. Council officers noted the question and advised would report back at the next meeting.

Peter Everton acknowledged that Council for the last 3 years have been more open than in the last 21 years.

Vivienne Bold raised concerns about not receiving information before meetings from Horizons Regional Council or Horowhenua District Council. Concerns were noted and HDC staff advised they would leave her a hardcopy at the counter going forward.

Vivienne Bold acknowledged Scott Wardlaw the Solid Waste Officer, and thanked him for his time and professionalism when she accompanied him on site.

11. Closing and Karakia

Rachael Selby closed the meeting at 4.59pm with Karakia.



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Horowhenua
2040 Vision



Agenda

1. Welcome and Karakia
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4. Previous minutes and matters arising
5. Confirm NLG members as listed in the consent
6. Discussion around the nominations and the appointment of an independent facilitator
7. Odour Management Plan update
8. Disestablishment of the biofilter and variation to consent condition
9. Timing and process around closed management plan and consent review
10. General business
11. Closing and Karakia

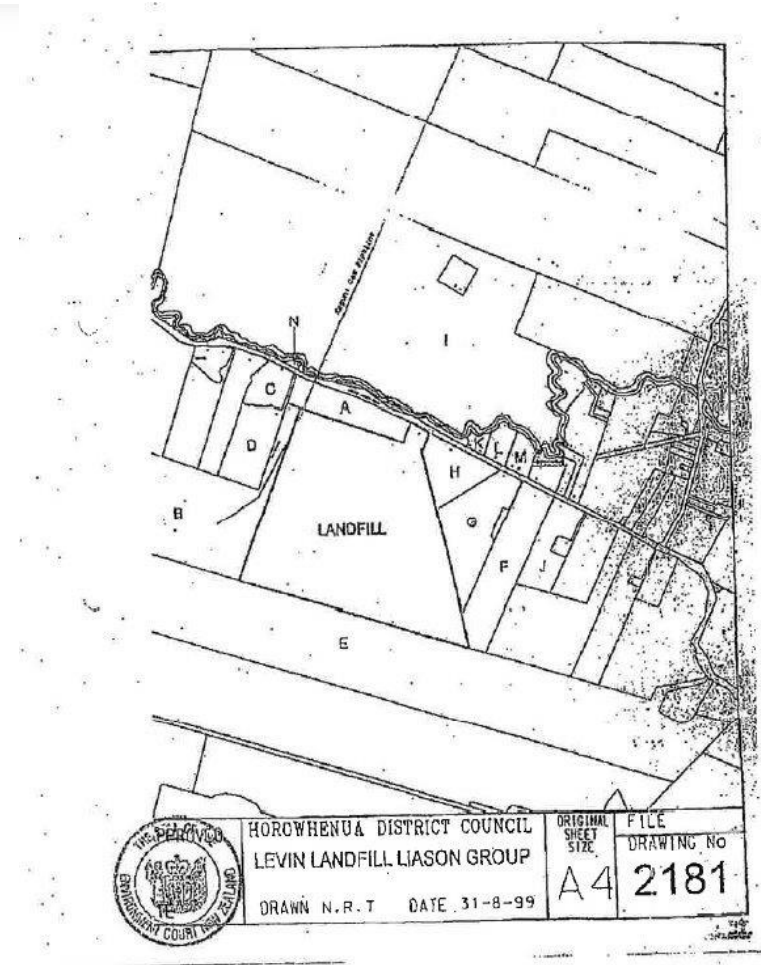
Levin Landfill Resource Consent – NLG members

The purpose of this item is to discuss and confirm who is an official NLG Member as stipulated in the consent conditions dated 19 December 2019.

The following parties shall be eligible to be members of the NLG with one representative each at NLG meetings:

- a. the Lake Horowhenua Trustees;
- b. Mr Charles Rudd;
- c. Ngati Pareraukawa;
- d. Each of the owners and occupiers of those properties adjoining the Levin Landfill property described as A through to N on Drawing 2181 attached;
- e. Horowhenua District Council;
- f. the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council ; and
- g. Two rep representatives of the owners and occupiers of the properties affected by the landfill

The table on the next page outlines HDC's understanding of membership and the representatives as per Section 32. of the consent (this may not be accurate). Not all property owners are named in full due to privacy.



Membership	Member
a. Lake Horowhenua Trustees	Deanna Paki, Dean Wilson
b. Named Member	Charles Rudd
c. Ngati Pareraukawa	Rachel Selby, David Moore
d. Each of the owners and occupiers of those properties adjoining the Levin Landfill property described as A through to N on drawing 2181.	
Neighbour - Property A & Property D	[REDACTED]
Neighbour- Property B	[REDACTED]
Neighbour - Property C	[REDACTED]
Neighbour - Property E & Property F	[REDACTED]
Neighbour - Property G	Horowhenua District Council (Levin Landfill Buffer) [REDACTED]
Neighbour - Property H	Horowhenua District Council
Neighbour - Property I	Warena Te Kerehi Trust [REDACTED]
Neighbour - Property J	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Neighbour - Property K	Trustees of the DS & MM MacGregor Whanau Trust Parekura Macgregor
Neighbour - Property L	[REDACTED]
Neighbour - Property M	[REDACTED]
Neighbour - Property N	Warena Te Keheri Trust [REDACTED]
e. Horowhenua District Council	Daniel Haigh / Rob Benefield / David McMillian
f. Horizons Regional Council	Campbell Dodds
g. Two representatives of the owners and occupiers of the properties affected by the landfill.	Chrisine Moriarty, Trevor Hinder tbc

Levin Landfill Resource Consent – NLG members con't

HDC intend to ensure these meetings are inclusive of all interested community members and hope that in defining the official members of the NLG we will provide clarity around who has voting rights at the table.

Further analysis of the minutes from 2019 to the present, has shown the following attendees have consistently attended the meetings or been voted on as members of the NLG.

Membership	Members/Attendees
Community – HEKA	Geoff Keith
Community - Environmental Responsibilities for the Muaupoko Cooperative Society Tamairangi hapu	Vivienne Taueki
Community	Malcom Hadlum
Community - Nominated NLG member 16 August 2022	Graeme Lindsay
Community	Peter Thompson
Community - Nominated NLG member 16 August 2022	Vivienne Bold

Nomination and appointment of independent facilitator

The purpose of this item is to discuss the appoint of an independent facilitator as set out in the Levin Landfill consent condition #33 of Discharge Permit 6009.

Horowhenua District Council sent out an email on 9 September 2024 inviting the current Neighbourhood Liaison Group (NLG) members and attendees to put forward names for the independent facilitator for nomination and discussion of appointment at the 15 October 2024 NLG Meeting.

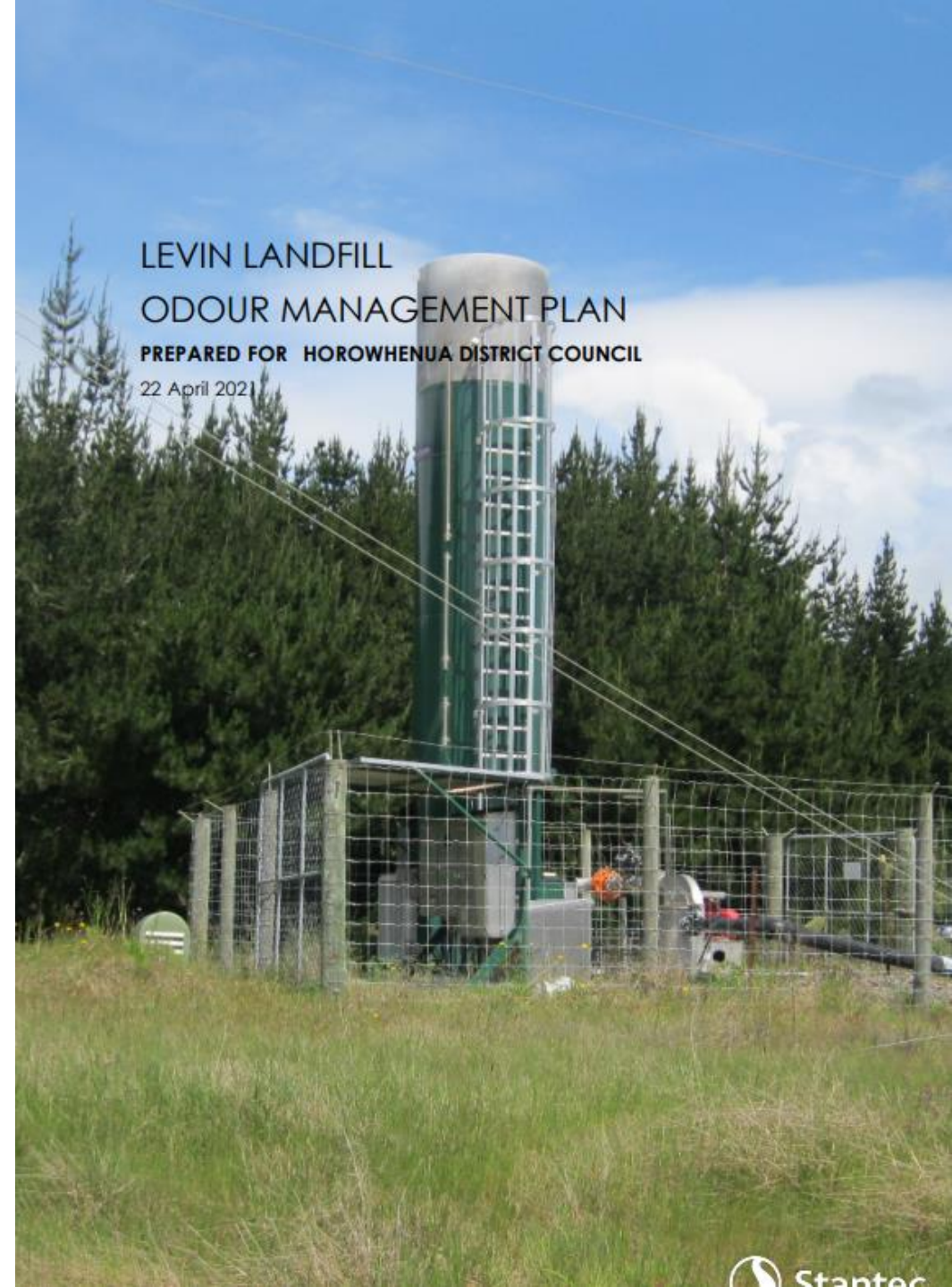
There were a number of nominees put forward that were not eligible as they were not independent of the membership outlined in condition #32.

The nominees below have expressed interest in undertaking the independent facilitator role for NLG:

- Jo Mason
- Bronwyn Kerr
- Philip Hindrup

Odour Management Plan update

- Consent 6011 Discharge odour to air
- Main reason to manage daily covering of waste to prevent odour
- Levin Landfill closed to receiving waste October 2021
- Odour Management Plan reviewed April 2021
- No odour complaints recorded since 18 March 2020



Dis-establishment of the biofilter and variation to consent condition

- Discharge consent 6011-j,k
- Landfill gas from the lower well riser vented to the bio-filter
- Consultants Stantec gave presentation to NLG- 17 November 2020
- See Nov 2020 minutes p.4





Introduction of the flare

- 2017 - Date of installation
- Benefits
 - Greatly improved odour remediation
 - Methan destruction greater than >95%
 - Less expensive to operate than biofilter

Timing and process around Closed Landfill Management Plan and consent review

Old Landfill has a Closed Landfill Management Plan (CLMP)

New Landfill closed – New (CLMP)

Stantec to draft up CLMP

Timeframe - December 2024

Alignment with extraction consent presently underway

Landfill consent review – Undertaken as and when details of extraction consent become solidified.

BPO3 Update

- Background – BPO3
- Obstacles: Resource Management Act. Natural wetlands
- Work around: Offset lost wetland (1.2 hectares)
- Options for wetland need decisions
- On site treatment option under investigation
- Planning and design work underway