

**MINUTES OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL
TE KOEKOEĀ COMMITTEE FOR COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL AVE, KAIKOHE
ON MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2026 AT 1:30 PM**

PRESENT: Chairperson John Vujcich, Deputy Chairperson Gordon Shaw, Cr Rachel Baucke (online), Cr Ann Court, Cr Davina Smolders, Ex-officio Member Kahika – Mayor Moko Tepania (online).

IN ATTENDANCE: Murray Bain (Northland Waters Limited Chairperson).

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Billington (Group Manager – Corporate Services), Emma Healy (Chief of Staff), Marysa Maheno (Democracy Advisor), Rachel Smith (Executive Officer), Andy Dowdle (Transition Manager).

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER

Councillor Rachel Baucke commenced the meeting with karakia.

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA ME NGĀ PĀNGA MEMA / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION 2026/1

Moved: Deputy Chairperson Gordon Shaw

Seconded: Chairperson John Vujcich

That the apologies received from Cr Kelly Stratford and Cr Felicity Foy be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 TE WHAKAAETANGA O NGĀ MENETI O MUA / CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda item 4.1 document number A5998094, pages 8–13 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/16

Moved: Deputy Chairperson Gordon Shaw

Seconded: Chairperson John Vujcich

That Te Koekoeā Committee for Council Controlled Organisations confirm that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 August 2026 are true and correct.

CARRIED

4 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS

4.1 NORTHLAND WATERS LIMITED - STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS

Agenda item 5.1 document number A5987275, pages 14–34 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/2

Moved: Cr Ann Court

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Gordon Shaw

That Te Koekoeā Committee for Council Controlled Organisations:

- a) **endorse the draft Statement of Expectations for Northland Waters Limited (Attachment 1); and**
- b) **recommend that Council, at its meeting on 22 October 2026:**
 - i. **approve and adopt the Statement of Expectations as a Reserved Matter under clause 8 of the Shareholders' Agreement, for the shareholders to provide to Northland Waters Limited under section 225 of the Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025; and**
 - ii. **delegate to the Mayor and Chief Executive authority to agree minor changes to the Statement, including changes in response to comments from Northland Waters Limited, where those changes are consistent with the committee's endorsement.**

Against: Cr Davina Smolders

CARRIED

5 NGĀ PŪRONGO TAIPITOPITO / INFORMATION REPORTS

5.1 NORTHLAND WATERS LIMITED - ESTABLISHMENT UPDATE

Agenda item 6.1 document number A5979489, pages 35–37 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/3

Moved: Cr Davina Smolders

Seconded: Cr Ann Court

That Te Koekoeā Committee for Council Controlled Organisations receive the report Northland Waters Limited - Establishment Update.

CARRIED

5.2 OPEN RESOLUTIONS AND ACTION POINTS UPDATE - OCTOBER 2026

Agenda item 6.2 document number A5988607, pages 38–40 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/4

Moved: Deputy Chairperson Gordon Shaw

Seconded: Chairperson John Vujcich

That Te Koekoeā Committee for Council Controlled Organisations receive the report Open Resolutions and Action Points Update - October 2026.

CARRIED

6 TE WĀHANGA TŪMATAITI / PUBLIC EXCLUDED

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION 2026/5

Moved: Chairperson John Vujcich

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Gordon Shaw

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter 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 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 for the passing of this resolution
7.1 - Confirmation of Previous Minutes - Public Excluded	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
7.2 - Far North Holdings Limited - Annual Report	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information s7(2)(f)(i) - free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
7.3 - Far North Holdings Limited - Board Appointments Recommendation	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(f)(i) - free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

7.4 - Far North Holdings Limited - Letter of Expectations 2027-2030	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information s7(2)(f)(i) - free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
7.5 - Public Excluded Open Resolutions and Action Points Update - October 2026	s7(2)(g) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

CARRIED

7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA / CLOSING PRAYER

Cr Rachel Baucke closed the meeting with karakia.

8 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 3:37 pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Te Koekoeā Committee for Council Controlled Organisations Meeting held on 8 December 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON