



# REGIONAL FORUM

People Water and Land – *Te Mana o te Tangata, te Wai, te Whenua*

## **Decision Paper: Meeting structure for Phase Two**

### **Regional Forum Workshop 4: Invercargill**

**Thursday 25 July 2019**

#### **Recommendation**

That the Forum members:

1. Note the approach to meeting structure for Phase Two
2. Agree an approach to enable observation by the public at Phase Two workshops

#### **Background**

There are three workshops in Phase Two:

- Workshop 5: September 2019 in Tuatapere
- Workshop 6: November 2019 in Waituna/ Invercargill
- Workshop 7: February 2020 in Riverton

The outcomes which are intended for Phase Two include:

- Receiving the community's draft values and freshwater objectives
- Understanding the decisions which need to be made
- Beginning the process of designing for change
- Continuing to learn in the field and hear from the community.

In design of the process we will (in response to feedback and discussion to date):

- allow for time at each meeting for Forum members to converse with each other without Council or TAMI staff present, with the support of the facilitator and/or the Chair as required
- offer opportunities for stakeholders to present or meet with the Forum if they have something which they wish to contribute
- continue to include fieldtrips for further understanding of issues and meeting with communities.

#### **Opportunities for the public to observe the process**

Learnings from other regions which have delivered participatory-collaborative processes similar to the Regional Forum have shown that there is a need to find a balance between the requirement to enable the public to understand and be informed about the process and the need for the group to have a space within which they are enabled to test ideas and discuss

robustly. There is no one right or wrong approach. What is effective at one stage of the process may not work so effectively later.

Some factors to consider as the group decides what approach they would like to follow in the Phase Two meetings are:

- There is the option to choose to have all sessions open to the public, some or none. It is not feasible to open fieldtrips for logistical reasons
- There could be a role for the Chair to work with the Regional Forum Lead to identify particular sessions which are open to the public to observe and others which are closed
- There may be sessions which the group feels it is appropriate to have Environment Southland Councillors and Te Ao Marama Board members to observe
- There is an opportunity to review and refine the approach for Phase Three
- It is important to have a clear process for Phase Two which can be communicated to stakeholders so that they understand opportunities to participate and observe.