

Terms of Reference – Doubtless Bay Working Group

- Vision:** Better fresh and coastal water quality in the Doubtless Bay Catchment through sustainable, practical and cost effective solutions that meet the needs of stakeholders and communities
- Purpose:** To prioritise and guide water management (and associated land management) activities in the Doubtless Bay catchment to achieve the vision.
- Reporting to:** The Environmental Management Committee of the Northland Regional Council
- Status:** Working group, appointed by the Environmental Management Committee of the Northland Regional Council

Composition:

Group member representing	Nominated by	Name
Northland Regional Council: Councillor and member of Environmental Management Committee	Environmental Management Committee	Cr Dennis Bowman
Northland Regional Council: Kaitaia Area Office	Northland Regional Council	Peter Wiessing, Area Manager
Far North District Council: Councillor representation	Environmental Management Committee	Cr David Collard
Up to two representatives of Te Hiku Community Board	Te Hiku Community Board	Lawrie Atkinson Mike Ward
Far North District Council: staff with stormwater and wastewater management knowledge	Far North District Council	Jim Brooks Ruben Wylie
Te Runanga A Iwi o Ngati Kahu	Te Runanga A Iwi o Ngati Kahu	Anihera Herbert-Graves (CEO)
Te Runanga O Whaingaroa	Te Runanga O Whaingaroa	Waitangi Woods
Environmental Interest Groups representative, Environmental Management Committee	Environmental Management Committee	Dr Greg Blunden (Chair)
Dairy farming representatives (2)	By dairy industry nomination	Murray Walden Grant Parker
Sheep & Beef farming representatives (2)	By sheep and beef industry nomination	Dennis O'Callaghan Julian Peters
Forestry industry	By forestry industry nomination (Summit Northland Plantations)	Beau Mallet
Up to two representatives of	Te Hiku Community Board	Gerald Messenger

Doubtless Bay catchment ratepayers		
Two representatives with an interest in water quality within the catchment.	Doubtless Bay Marine Protection Group Clean Waters to the Sea	John Kenderdine Wayne Parsonson
Department of Conservation	Department of Conservation	Doug Te Wake
<u>And</u> any other person that may, from time to time be appointed to the Working Group because of their particular skills or knowledge.	Environmental Management Committee	Andreas Kurmann (Scientist) Clara Lugnet (Doubtless Bay Promotions)

The Working Group may involve others in the workstreams that the group develops as appropriate. Those individuals or stakeholders do not need to be formal members of the Working Group itself.

- Chairperson: The Chairperson shall at all times be a member of the Northland Regional Council Environmental Management Committee.
The Chairperson as of January 2014 is Dr Greg Blunden.
- Quorum: Six, at least one of whom must be a member of the Environmental Management Committee.
- Meeting frequency: As required but not less than twice a year.
- Meeting procedures: To be established by the Working Party. Minutes (and any recommendations) from the working party meetings will be reported to the Environmental Management Committee following each Working Party meeting.
- Meeting secretariat: Northland Regional Council, through its Kaitaia Area office, will provide secretariat services for meetings as required. This arrangement will be reviewed annually.
- Functions: The Working Group is an advisory group and has no delegated authority or specific powers. Its functions are:
1. To provide a stakeholder forum for discussion and improve understanding of fresh and coastal water management issues and mutual understanding of stakeholder views.
 2. To facilitate the sharing of information between group members, their respective organisations and the community.
 3. To provide a stakeholder forum for the development and prioritisation of water management (and associated land management) activities in the Doubtless Bay catchment to achieve better fresh and coastal water quality.
 4. To promote and advocate prioritized actions to those in positions that can make them happen e.g. recommendations to the Environmental Management Committee, councils, landowners and managers, government, industry groups.

The following catchment issues are a priority for the working group:

- Land stability and soil erosion
- Stormwater & wastewater management

- On-going urban development
- Estuary/harbour and beach stream water quality
- Urban area water supply – groundwater aquifer management