

**Joint Climate Change Adaptation
Committee**

Thursday 20 March 2025 following the formal meeting

AGENDA

Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee Agenda

Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Thursday 20 March 2025, commencing following the formal meeting

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION COMMITTEE

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TITLE: **The Role of Governance in Regional Leadership - Workshop**

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Whakarapopotanga / Executive summary

In the November JCCAC meeting members explored the challenges, needs and opportunities for regional climate action leadership. The areas identified were broad and so require further exploration.

Members were asked what forms of leadership were needed and what activities might be involved. We identified key areas to explore and challenges to overcome.

- How is leadership from tangata whenua, youth, and other agencies empowered by council.
- Challenges for regional leadership include:
 - Te Ao Māori world views are not valued even though meaningful and consistent leadership for climate action already exists.
 - How are we prioritising regional leadership to mitigate climate change also.
 - Language barriers from the academic and policy worlds mean they do not reach the public effectively, if at all.
 - A lack of resilience now prevents discussion about adaptation over the longer term.
 - How do we ensure ongoing collaboration across agencies and maintain momentum.

In this workshop will delve deeper into these ideas of leadership, clarify the boundaries of local government oversight and decision-making, and identify areas to improve both regional leadership and governance.

It is important to consider this in the wider governance timeline this committee (provided in the table below), where the main external factors are:

- Central government is expected to release a Climate Change Adaptation Framework later this year but is unlikely to be out by July.
- A new triennium of Council will start in October 2025 and so the new JCCAC formation will be responsible for endorsing governance changes in line with the new framework.

Our goal for this workshop and the next committee meeting will be to provide the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee with a **Recommendations Report** at the July JCCAC meeting. Recommendations would cover future governance structure improvements, alternative leadership models, and pathways for implementation (including by way of update of the Terms of Reference). This report and the committee discussion and decisions in July are the main opportunity for current members to set future direction and ensure leadership and governance success in the coming triennium.

This workshop will:

- Clarifying the distinction between **climate governance** (council decision-making structures) and **climate leadership** (broader regional coordination and influence).
- Clarifying the areas of climate leadership to explore.
- Provide insights into what other councils are doing for climate change governance.

- Test assumptions about the role that local government (as one actor) should, ought to, or does have in relationship to climate action, and refine focus areas for subsequent discussions.
- Testing assumptions about the role of other agencies or actors.

The governance activity timeline.

Date	Activity	Status
November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional leadership workshop	Complete
March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The role of governance in regional leadership	This workshop
April-May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interviews with committee members, senior staff, intersecting agencies	TBC
July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leadership Recommendations	TBC
September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Government Elections• Committee appointments	TBC
August-November 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Government's Climate Change Adaptation Framework consultation• Governance Review Commences	TBC

The presentations that will be presented at the meeting are:

1. Local government climate change governance – options & examples
2. 4Regional leadership opportunities and next steps.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Nil