

**MEETING NOTES OF THE NATIONAL STOCK EFFLUENT WORKING GROUP**  
**at**  
**NZ Transport Agency, Wellington**

**9.00am Tuesday 10 November 2009**

**Present:**

Fiona Knight William McGimpsey Ian Cox Kevin Cresswell Lew Metcalfe Isy Kennedy Roger Fisher Murray Riley Tony Friedlander Adele Arnold	Convenor, Federated Farmers NZ Transport Agency - highways Meat Industry Association Fonterra Environment Waikato (telephone) South Waikato DC NZ Transport Agency – funding Road Transport Forum Dairy NZ (telephone)
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**Apologies:**

Trish Burborough Phil Critchley Mike Noon Oliver Suri Donald Aubrey	MAF NZ Police AA Ministry of Transport Federated Farmers
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ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Introductions and apologies	Clarified that William is official representative from Fed Farmers, Donald to attend as need arises.	
2. Meeting Notes of 4 August 2009	Notes were confirmed.	
3. Matters arising	These were taken as part of each topic addressed below.	

3A. Follow-up from ES campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lew advised on discussions with MAF on research – better to keep dairy cattle issues separate from sheep/beef. MAF will consider dairy issues once results of existing research are known. The project is currently in the RFP stage, and interest has already been shown from researchers.</li> <li>• Rachael had supplied the costs of the Southland campaign as approximately \$30,000, which included advertising/printing costs etc but not time of the various people involved. Tony advised some concern at reliance on local transport company facilities.</li> <li>• Identifying gaps/issues in Otago was under action.</li> <li>• Fiona to liaise with Rachael regarding response of Ciaran Keogh to NSEWG letter before approaching him regarding promoting similar activities to ES with his regional councils colleague CEOs.</li> <li>• Letters of congratulations to Dairy NZ and Fonterra yet to be written.</li> <li>• Lew and the farming subgroup to complete the factsheet so it can be used nationwide and go on website, in each sector's magazines etc,</li> </ul>	<p>Fiona to follow up achievements/gaps in Otago region'</p> <p>Fiona to write letters of congratulation /thanks</p> <p>Lew &amp; team review factsheet, circulate Everyone to get comments to Lew by end of November On website Dec 31.</p> <p>Investigate whether Ciaran Keogh would be willing to present to LGNZ meetings</p>
3B. In-transit disposal sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted concerns about possible slowing of funding from NZTA – Murray/Ian to investigate veracity. SH group has allocation of \$1m per annum for stock effluent disposal sites.</li> <li>• Agreed NZTA funding formula seems fair and no complaints from TAs.</li> <li>• Timely now to write to all parties (meatworks, saleyards, TAs and RCs) to ascertain what they are doing/ can do to assist facilitate the network of disposal sites. Include what they could do regarding consents, ie a new policy to review bylaws so that can be more proactive etc. Include package of info on what has been achieved as in Southland. Include consent issues in letter – Fiona to circulate the draft for NSEWG members' comments. Note in the letter that members fo NSEWG are available to meet with councils and committees if requested. If TA not have a site, ask what they plan to do to address affluent issues.</li> <li>• Fiona to speak with NZTA Regional Directors as they sit on Regional Transport Committees. Ian and Murray to assist. Then get them on board to speak with RCs and TAs to encourage more action.</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>. Still awaiting advice from Geoff on how best to work with regional councils</p>	<p>Ian to update maps for website</p> <p>Fiona to action writing to all parties- members to supply the contact details. Geoff to advise on working with RCs.</p>
3C Action pending	<p>Agreed to hold off making the NSEWG submission to each regional council, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Background of NSEWG</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting the regional role for coordinating funding</li> <li>• Seek support for the TAs who have sites in their districts</li> <li>• Praise those already achieved sites</li> <li>• Maps to show national picture</li> <li>• Full support of fed farmers</li> </ul> <p>Consents</p>	
3D General Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fiona yet to get copies of RC consents and analyse</li> <li>• Problems with costs of disposal Morrinsville/ MPDC.</li> <li>• MoT view that issue largely under control within the industry. Agreed that containment of effluent on trucks is required – does not have to be tanks, other methods are suitable for smaller quantities of effluent.</li> <li>• Noted intentions of AgITO to include effluent issues in both farm worker and farm manager training.</li> </ul>	
4. Application to Sustainable Farming Funds	Thanks to all who assisted develop this. If unsuccessful, will reconvene to consider options.	
5. Education campaign	Actions identified in August meeting on hold pending results of survey or all parties.	
6. MAF Draft Code of animal welfare to transport	Agreed to make a response, positive and endorsing what they propose, especially 4.2.1 standing stock, and reference to the Code. Note also the reference to total time off green feed.	
7. Review of Terms of Reference	<p>Noted that some RCAs not supporting the Code so this leads to reviewing our purpose and activities. Agreed that there has been a lot of achievements over the years, and some significant steps achieved in the last year. Agreed more can be done and all parties basically willing to assist.</p> <p>Need to promote the achievements more widely and loudly.</p> <p>Need to identify which is the most appropriate Govt agency- is it now an environmental issue rather than road safety? Or a local government one? LG does have a major role in determining the principles and priorities such as requiring farms to have facilities to receive effluent.</p> <p>Agreed to recast the ToR for one year and review achievements in light of our survey and the SFF research. If we cannot achieve more traction, then maybe it is time to disband, change role to merely educational?</p> <p>Roger to present this to RCA Forum, as our parent body. Show them our achievement and seek their input/ support. Report back to NSEWG on meeting. Fiona to help with slides etc.</p>	
8. ES draft SE Strategy	Isy joined by phone for this item. Noted that implementation issues have not been included-	

	awaiting the sign-off first. Kevin will circulate draft amongst his WTeikato members as good to get them involved.	
9. Review of website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ian will update maps.</li> <li>• To include North Island strategy</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
14. General business		
15. Date of next meeting	Depends on SFF application and Roger's presentation to RCA Forum	Fiona to email