

Confirmed Public minutes of the Extraordinary Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting on Friday 27 August 2021

All members participating remotely via Microsoft Teams at 9am.

Members Present

Mayor Baker (Chair)	Porirua City Council
Mayor Patterson (Deputy Chair)	Masterton District Council
Mayor Barry (from 9.03am)	Hutt City Council
Mayor Beijen	South Wairarapa District Council
Mayor Foster (from 9.05am)	Wellington City Council
Mayor Gurunathan	Kāpiti Coast District Council
Mayor Lang	Carterton District Council
Council Chair, Councillor Ponter	Greater Wellington Regional Council

All members participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purpose of quorum as per clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Mayor Baker / Mayor Beijen

That the Joint Committee accepts the apology for absence from Mayor Guppy.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

4 Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Appointments – 27 August 2021 – Report 21.398

Jeremy Holmes, Regional Manager, spoke to the report.

Moved: Mayor Baker / Mayor Patterson

That the That the Joint Committee:

- 1 Approves the addition of the following statutory appointees:
 - a Angela Kimmins as Alternate Controller (Porirua City Council)
 - b Lynne Fuller as Alternate Controller (Porirua City Council)
 - c Karen Stillwell as Alternate Controller (Upper Hutt City Council)

The motion was **carried**.

5 COVID-19 Update – Oral Report

Jeremy Holmes, Regional Manager, provided an update on the current COVID-19 situation in the Wellington Region.

Cases continue to increase nationally and regionally, however the increase is not exponential, ensuring that the health sector has capacity to manage the cases. There are a small number of cases expected in the coming days, mostly from MIQ and household contacts of known cases.

There are now 1400 contact tracers nationwide, with Wellington contact tracers able to support Auckland, as demand in Wellington decreases. The Wellington Region is able to increase capacity of contact tracing if required.

Vaccinations are now exceeding those planned.

Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) is considering two options for today's Alert Level announcement:

1. Auckland and Northland / Rest of New Zealand – possible
2. North Island / South Island – likely

A third option (Auckland, Northland and Wellington regions / rest of New Zealand) has been prepared, but is unlikely to proceed.

The North Island / South Island is the preferred option as it is easier to implement and control the movement of people between the islands, rather than at the regional boundaries. Boundaries are determined nationally, and are based on the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group boundaries. Regional Alert Level decisions are made at the national level by Cabinet.

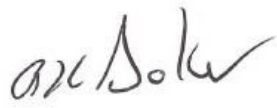
Mayor Barry joined the meeting at 9.03am, during the above item.

Mayor Foster joined the meeting at 9.05am, during the above item.

The public meeting closed at 9.11am.

Mayor A Baker

Chair

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Date: 25 February 2022