

Minutes

Council Hearing
held Tuesday 24 February 2026 at 9:30 am
Council Chamber, Rotorua Lakes Council

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Tapsell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Kai Fong (Deputy Chair), Cr Barker, , Cr Lee, Cr Maxwell,
Cr Paterson, Cr Raukawa-Tait, Cr Sandford, Cr Temara-Benfell, Cr Wang
and Cr Brown via Zoom.

STAFF PRESENT: G Kieck, Manager - Governance, Strategy & Compliance;
C Litchfield, Corporate Strategy & Compliance Lead;
K Williams, Principal Advisor - Community Safety & Regulatory Services;
M Owen, Manager - Community Safety & Regulatory Services;
G Konara, Governance & Democracy Advisor.

The hearing opened at 9.30am,

The Mayor welcomed elected members, media, staff and members of the public.

1 KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI – OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Wang opened the hearing with a Karakia.

2 PŪRONGO KAIMAHI – STAFF REPORTS

List of speakers - Proposed Local Alcohol Policy 2025 Amendment

No	Name
1	Andrew Galloway and Jennifer Lamm, Alcohol Healthwatch (via zoom)
2	Dr Lynne Lane - Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand

2.1 HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL ALCOHOL POLICY 2025 AMENDMENT**RESOLVED C 26/02-016**

Moved: Cr Temara-Benfell

Seconded: Cr Wang

1. That the report 'Hearing for Proposed Local Alcohol Policy 2025 Amendment' be received.

CARRIED

The hearing adjourned at 9.47am and resumed at 10am.

2.2 HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC BYLAW 2026, PROPOSED PARKING POLICY 2026, GUIDELINES AND INNER CITY PARKING REVIEW.**RESOLVED C 26/02-017**

Moved: Cr Paterson

Seconded: Cr Barker

1. That the report 'Hearing for the Proposed Traffic Bylaw 2026, Proposed Parking Policy 2026, Guidelines and Inner City Parking review.' be received.

CARRIED

List of speakers - Proposed Traffic Bylaw 2026, Proposed Parking Policy 2026, Guidelines and Inner City Parking review.

No	Name
1	Johan Laven
2	Dr Iwi Te Whau

Declaration of Interest

Cr Temara-Benfell noted that he is related to Dr Iwi Te Whau.

No	Name
3	Puti Mareroa
4	Omur Onan

The hearing adjourned at 10.35 am and resumed at 10.46 am.

3 TE KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Wang closed the hearing with a Karakia.

The hearing closed at 10.46 am

Confirmed at the Council meeting on 18 March 2026.



Chair

Note: -Rotorua Lakes Council is the operating name of Rotorua District Council