

BOP Regional Climate Change Network

Draft Structure

Objective:

To provide a platform to increase awareness and raise action around climate change with a focus on mitigation relevant to Bay of Plenty communities and governing structures.

Structure and principles.

- The structure would be a loose network of organisations with an interest in the objective.
- The principal role of the network is to share activities and ideas.
- Initiative lies principally with the member organisations.
- The network would not constrain any party in its activities whether or not related to climate change. Each member would decide how much of its activity to share.
- The principal coordinating mechanism could be a common on-line diary, a newsletter, blog-post or a closed Facebook group.
- A general meeting could also be held as agreed necessary.
- Activities may be coordinated by selective or general invitation, with which other members would be free to participate or not, without prejudice.
- Statements, policies and submissions agreed to by only some parties would be published in the name of those parties, not the network.
- The goal would be to maximise inclusion and participation.
- Members could withdraw at any stage without prejudice.
- A small secretariat would promote coordination and activity.

Possible outputs:

- Provision of information on climate change to the general public.
- Provision of Information related to the LG election to promote consideration of climate change issues – e.g. what questions to ask candidates.
- Provision of information related to climate change policy to LG candidates.
- Submissions to government consultations.
- Organising public information events or other activities.
- Sharing of developments and opinion on climate change policies.

