



ATTACHMENTS MINUTES

**Strategy, Finance and Risk Committee
Meeting**

Monday, 16 August 2021

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Objectives of TAAF

- Protect public health
- Represent community on use of toxic agrichemicals
- Provide consultation to TCC on use of toxic agrichemicals
 - Including any proposed new chemicals
- Reduce use of toxic agrichemicals in te taiao Tauranga

- Agreed with TCC that a full policy review was unnecessary as the current policy is fit for purpose

p. 27, item 8

- “to identify any areas where the policy was not achieving its objective to protect public health or impacting on council’s ability to undertake vegetation management and weed control.”

- TAAF finds the wording here to be confrontational
 - Grammar - a comma after “health” is desirable for clarity
 - There is no question that TAAF has the described impact; the statement is too general and deflects from consideration of TAAFs purpose
 - No attempt was made to explore public health issues(to TAAF’s knowledge)

P 27, point 10 (first item)

- “allowing products to be added to Schedule 1 where staff and TAAF are in agreement without seeking Council approval;”
- Current policy requires a potentially complex process for adding any new chemical to Schedule 1, including chemicals of low toxicity, or lower toxicity than are currently used
 - Simplifying that process is desirable where there is no disagreement

