



Tiakina te Taiao Newsletter - March 2025

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Tiakina te Taiao National General Meeting

We look forward to connecting with you all for our National General Meeting on Tuesday 18 March, 12:00-1:00pm. An invite will be sent out shortly. Further details below.

Agenda

1. Welcome | Whakawhanaungatanga
2. Confirm 2024 National General Meeting minutes
3. Report on Workplan 2024-2025
4. 2025 Conference Goals
5. Tiakina te Taiao Conference Delegates
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National General Meeting 2024 – Minutes

We will confirm the minutes from our 2024 National General Meeting. You can read a copy of the 2024 minutes [here](#).

Setting TEU's goals

Conference this year will be focussed on developing TEU's strategy, goals, and actions for the 2026-2029 period.

This means that Tiakina te Taiao will have an opportunity to help shape the direction of TEU's work based on our vision for a tertiary education sector that balances the needs of people and planet.

We will discuss our ideas for TEU's goals during our National General Meeting. We have put together a template to help start the conversation – [check it out here](#).

Call for expressions of interest: Tiakina te Taiao Conference Delegates

All TEU networks now have a conference delegate entitlement of two members.

Tiakina te Taiao Conference Delegates will attend both days of conference (May 22-23 in Wellington) and be responsible for carrying votes on behalf of Tiakina te Taiao.

Travel and accommodation costs will be covered by your branch.

If you are interested in attending conference as a Tiakina te Taiao Delegate, please contact jared.commerer@teu.ac.nz by Monday 17 March.

We will confirm our Conference Delegates during our National General Meeting.

Call for expressions of interest: TEU Climate Action Delegates (Branch)

Tiakina te Taiao's primary objective for 2024-2025 is to establish Climate Action Delegates at each TEU branch.

Our Climate Action Delegates work to ensure a tertiary education sector that is actively contributing to a just and sustainable future through high-quality research, teaching, and institutional leadership, as well as the provision of exemplary working conditions.

For more information about what our Climate Action Delegates do, [see our flyer](#).

To express an interest in becoming a TEU Climate Action Delegate, please contact jared.commerer@teu.ac.nz.

TEU Climate Pulse Survey

To understand TEU members' experiences and views of climate change, sustainability, and tertiary education, the Tiakina te Taiao Advisory Group have developed a Climate Pulse survey which will be launched during our National General Meeting.

If you are interested in contributing to the data analysis and report, please contact jared.commerer@teu.ac.nz

TEU Action Camp – seeking panellists and participants

TEU is running its second Action Camp across April 8-10.

We are seeking someone with links to community climate action groups to join a panel of activists to discuss building community alliances.

The Action Camp is taking place in Canterbury at the [Glenroy Lodge Baptist Camp](#) (about 50 minutes from Christchurch Airport) on April 8-10. As a panellist, we prefer that you join the panel in person. However, it is also possible to join via Zoom.

For more information, or if you or someone you know is interested, please contact megan.morris@teu.ac.nz

If you would like to attend the Action Camp as a general participant (in person only), please complete and return the [Expression of Interest](#) form asap. Note that travel costs to and from the Action Camp will need to be co-ordinated with your Branch Committee.

Climate change report – please socialise

A significant piece of work across the tertiary sector, led by the Tertiary Education Sector Climate Futures Group, has modelled what the future could look like for tertiary education at different levels of climate change temperature rise.

Aotearoa New Zealand's tertiary education sector must continue to champion climate mitigation and a fair and just transition for our communities. The sector must also plan for how it can adapt to the impacts of climate change.

It's a very engaging and interesting report that brings the different scenarios to life. See [Climate Change Scenarios for the Aotearoa New Zealand Tertiary Education Sector](#).

Items of interest

- [NZ's climate policies are no longer enough to keep warming at 1.5°C – here's what needs to happen](#) (Robert McLachlan for *The Conversation*)
- [Can we do capitalism better? This new research hub is up for the challenge](#) (Toby Manhire for *The Spinoff*)
- [Announcing Professor Tapsell as the inaugural Director of the Institute of Kāika Climate Resilience](#) (Lincoln University)
- Check out the University of Canterbury's [Sustainability Hub](#) for insight into the activities being undertaken to achieve UC's five sustainability objectives
- [Marae funded for climate resilience pilot project](#) (Ministry for the Environment)
- [Additional climate projection data released](#) (Ministry for the Environment)

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