

Memorandum

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Stream 4

To: Dhilum Nightingale, Chair RPS Hearing Panel
From: Michael Duindam, Manager District Planning, Wellington City Council
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Subject: Expert planning evidence – RPS Change 1 Hearing Stream 4

1. This memorandum is to advise that Wellington City Council (WCC) will be lodging expert planning evidence on Hearing Stream Four of the RPS Change 1 process.
2. In preparing evidence for Hearing Stream 4 it has become apparent that the WCC submission provides insufficient scope to adequately address critical matters of interest to WCC. Consequently, the matters addressed and recommended in the proposed statement of planning evidence will go outside the scope of the WCC submission and further submissions. Evidence will however be within scope of submissions of the other Wellington region Territorial Authorities and/or Kainga Ora. While unusual, the intention of WCC is not to step outside of the bounds of the RMA. Evidence will be limited to matters already under consideration of the panel. As such, any matters addressed or changes recommended in the proposed statement of evidence for WCC will be within scope of the panel's decision-making powers.
3. The reason for taking this approach relates to the context of the time when the WCC submission was lodged. At that time WCC was in the midst of its Proposed District Plan process and had limited resources to commit to the RPS change process. Recent changes to WCC district plan management and staff have meant we have greater capacity to input into the process. We also have a renewed emphasis in engaging with the RPS plan change process, especially so for RPS Hearing Stream 4, due to the significant influence it may have on future urban planning outcomes.
4. We look forward to speaking to our submission and evidence at the hearing and responding to your questions. WCC will be represented by Joe Jeffries, Principal Planner in the District Plan Team.

Yours Sincerely



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