

**GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL
PROPOSED NATURAL RESOURCES PLAN FOR THE WELLINGTON
REGION**

HEARING PANEL MINUTE 9

Hearing Stream 1

23 June 2017

MINUTE/DIRECTIONS FOLLOWING PARTIES RESPONSES TO MINUTE 5

1. The Panel understands that the conferencing we requested on the definition of Regionally Significant Infrastructure (RSI) and Policy 4 – minimisation (P4), is due to take place next week.
2. In our request for that conferencing we set out in Minute 7, dated 15 June 2017, that;

“the conferencing participants will be limited to expert planning witnesses only and only those submitters who have tabled or presented expert planning evidence in Hearing Stream 1 in relation to those two matters shall attend.”
3. Today, the Panel received two requests for waivers to allow different planning experts to those who prepared evidence for Hearing Stream 1, to attend the conferencing sessions.
4. The first request is from the Minister of Conservation, to allow Mr C Statie, a planner at the Department of Conservation, to attend the conferencing sessions on the definition of RSI and P4. The reason for seeking the waiver set out in the request is that the contract for the consultant planner who prepared evidence for Hearing Stream 1, Ms Kissick, has ended and Ms Kissick is not available for the conferencing sessions.
5. The second request is from the Wellington Regional Council, to allow Ms Y Legarth, a consultant planner engaged by the Regional Council, to attend the conferencing session on P4. The reason for seeking the waiver set out in the request is that Ms E Greenberg, the planner who prepared the relevant Section 42A Report for Hearing Stream 1 has resigned from her role and is not available for the conferencing sessions.
6. In considering these requests, we note that expert evidence on the definition of RSI and P4, was prepared and presented at the hearing by the parties requesting the waivers. The Panel also considers that in order to participate in the conferencing Mr Statie and Ms

Legarth would need to adopt the evidence of Ms Kissick and the Section 42A Report of Ms Greenberg. In addition, Mr Staite and Ms Legarth should not seek to bring to the conferencing new matters beyond those set out in the evidence of Ms Kissick and the Section 42A Report of Ms Greenberg.

7. Finally, the Panel considers that it would be unhelpful not to have an expert from Wellington Regional Council present at the P4 conferencing.
8. Accordingly, subject to the criteria set out in paragraph 6 above, the waivers are granted.



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Chair

For and on behalf of

Proposed Natural Resources Plan Hearing Panel

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Note 1: The Hearings Officer is the Council's 'point of contact' for submitters and the media. The contact email address is: regionalplan@gw.govt.nz

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