

GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL
Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region

HEARING PANEL MINUTE 6

Hearing Stream 1

13 June 2017

MINUTE/DIRECTIONS FOLLOWING FIRST THREE WEEKS OF HEARINGS

Introduction

1. This Minute is the fourth following commencement of the hearing. The purpose of this minute is to draw to the attention of all parties a number of matters in set out in the “Final Procedures for Hearing of Submissions” Hearing Panel Minute 2 dated 9 December 2016, as well as additional matters that would contribute to an efficient hearing process.

Administrative Matters

2. A number of issues regarding the timing and attendance of submitters who have requested to be heard, have arisen in the first three weeks of hearings. We draw these to the attention of all parties so that future hearing streams may run smoothly.
3. Submitters who have engaged legal representation must advise the Hearings Officer that counsel will be presenting legal submissions as part of the submitter’s presentation to the Panel. As per our 9 Dec 2016 Minute 2, there is no requirement that legal submissions be pre-circulated. Similarly, submitters who have engaged expert witnesses and/or may have other witnesses that will present at the hearing, must also advise the Hearing Officer that those witnesses will be attending and presenting to the Panel. This advice should be provided to the Hearing Officer, 5 working days prior to the hearing.
4. The Panel has set aside a number of days to hear each hearing stream. The number of days is based on those submitters who indicated they wished to be heard. Until the Hearing Officer receives confirmation of actual hearing slot times (and if required additional time), it is unknown how many days will actually be required.
5. Holding the hearings in an efficient manner also includes minimising the cost to the Region’s ratepayers for travel and accommodation of commissioners. To this end, when a

hearing slot time is allocated, the Panel would appreciate confirmation from the parties by the date and time specified in the notice.

6. Should a submitter have confirmed a hearing slot time and subsequently is no longer be able to attend or decide that they do not wish to attend the hearing, then the submitter should notify the Hearing Officer well in advance of the scheduled hearing slot time. This would allow for a potential rescheduling of hearing slots times and a shortening of the hearing stream itself.



Mark St.Clair
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

Note 2: The Councils website address is: <http://www.gw.govt.nz/proposed-natural-resources-plan/>.