

IN THE MATTER OF

The Resource Management Act 1991, Subpart 6
concerning the Intensification Streamlined Planning
Process

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

Hearings on an Intensification Planning Instrument,
as a proposed plan change to the Upper Hutt City
District Plan under the Resource Management Act
1991, Schedule 1 Subpart 6.

MINUTE NO. 4/ TE PĀNUI TUATAHI OF THE HEARING PANEL

Dated: 13 April 2023

Greetings Tēnā tātou katoa,

1. In our previous Minute (No 1), the Panel included directions for the exchange of evidence under the Resource Management Act (RMA), section 41B, requiring submitter expert evidence (evidence from a professional with specialist qualifications and experience) to be provided to the Council's Administrator no later than 5.00 pm Friday, 14 April 2023, to enable it to be made available to the parties and on the Council's website no later than 5.00 pm, Monday, 17 April 2023.
2. The Council has had two recent requests:
 - from Submitter Greater Wellington Regional Council seeking an extension of time for the submitter evidence of two witnesses to be provided on Wednesday, 19 April, instead of Friday, 14 April; and
 - from Submitter KiwiRail, which is jointly presenting submissions with Waka Kotahi, requesting clarification that the extension previously granted to Waka Kotahi would also be granted to its witnesses.

The Panel has considered these requests taking into account the following matters specified in section 37:

- the interests of any person who, in its opinion, may be directly affected by the extension or waiver; and
 - the interests of the community in achieving adequate assessment of the effects of a proposal, policy statement, or plan; and
 - its duty to avoid unreasonable delay.
3. We have concluded that neither the interests of any person, nor of the community, will be adversely affected by these requests being granted, and that it will not result in any unreasonable delay in holding the hearing. The Panel therefore grants these requests. The submitter evidence of the witnesses is to be provided to the Council's Administrator no later than 5.00 pm, Wednesday, 19 April, to enable it to be made available to the parties and on the Council's website no later than 5.00 pm, Thursday, 20 April 2023.
 4. **However, as stated in Minutes No.2 and 3 relating to similar requests, this does not mean that there is a blanket decision that applies to other evidence. There is now extremely limited time between the lodgement of evidence and the commencement of the hearing and this time is needed by other submitters and the Panel to read and understand all evidence.**
 5. In order to ensure that every person who is directly affected by this decision is notified of this extension of time, this Minute will be circulated to all parties as soon as possible.

Hei kona ra,



Eileen von Dadelszen (Chairperson)