

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. 3 / TE PĀNUI TUATAHI OF THE HEARING PANEL

Dated: 31 March 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 a request from Submitter Waka Kotahi seeking an extension of time for the submitter evidence of a witness to be provided on Wednesday, 19 April, instead of Friday, 14 April. The reason for this request is that the witness will on leave for 4 business days between the Council's evidence being available on Thursday 6 April, and Friday 14 April.
3. The Panel has considered this request 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.
4. We have concluded that neither the interests of any person, nor of the community, will be adversely affected by the request being granted, and that it will not result in any unreasonable delay in holding the hearing. The Panel therefore grants this request. The submitter evidence of this witness 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.
5. **However, as stated in Minute No.2 relating to a similar request from Kainga Ora, this does not mean that there is a blanket decision that applies to other evidence. There is already a very 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.**
6. 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)