

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management
Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of hearing submissions and
further submissions on the
Proposed Waikato District Plan

AND

IN THE MATTER of Implementing the National
Planning Standards

MINUTE AND FURTHER DIRECTIONS FROM HEARING COMMISSIONERS

21 April 2020

Introduction

1. We issued Directions on 20 February 2020 setting out a proposed process and timeline for incorporating, to the extent possible, the National Planning Standards (“**NPS**”) into our consideration of the proposed Waikato District Plan (“**proposed plan**”). Those Directions stated:

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- b) Council staff are to provide the panel with a memorandum setting out a proposed methodology and timetable for implementing the Directions set out in e. – h. below. This memorandum is to be provided **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 31 March 2020**.
- c) Any party listed in paragraph 3 of the Council memorandum who wishes to comment on the methodology and timetable prepared by the Council under b. above is to provide these in writing to the Hearings Administrator **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 7 April 2020**.
- d) In the event of any disagreement regarding timing the panel will issue any further Directions considered necessary.
- e) Council staff are to provide the panel and the parties listed in paragraph 3 of the Council memorandum a document setting out a re-structured version of the Proposed District Plan that they consider implements, as a minimum, Option 3, as outlined in the 11 February 2020 Council memorandum, and, to the extent they consider possible, also implements Option 4. This document is to be provided **as per the timetable required under b. above**. This document should, where possible, also raise any issues of scope.

- f) The Hearings Administrator is to post the document prepared in accordance with e. above on the District Council's website **as soon as possible following its receipt.**
- g) Any submitter or further submitter (and not just those listed in paragraph 3 of the Council memorandum) who wishes to comment on the document prepared by the Council under e. above is to provide these in writing to the Hearings Administrator **no later than 5pm on Friday 1 May 2020, or the date specified in the memorandum required under b. above, whichever is the earlier.**
- h) The Hearings Administrator is to post any material received in accordance with g. above on the District Council's website **as soon as possible following its receipt.**
- i) Following the completion of the process set out in a. – h. above, the panel will issue any necessary further Directions.
2. On 17 April 2020 we received a memorandum from Waikato District Council ("**the Council**") staff setting out further details of the process and timetable they consider appropriate, in accordance with b) above.
3. We are satisfied that the approach and amended timetable proposed by the Council are appropriate¹.

Directions

4. Accordingly, the Directions set out in paragraph 10 of our 20 February 2020 are withdrawn and replaced with the following:
- a) The Hearings Administrator is to provide these Directions to the following parties **as soon as possible** and post them on the Council's website:
- Property Council New Zealand
 - Kainga Ora
 - The Surveying Company
 - Ta Ta Valley Limited
 - Pokeno Village Holdings
 - Zeala Limited
 - Anna Noakes
 - Heritage NZ
 - Withers Family Trust
 - Spark New Zealand Trading Limited
 - Chorus New Zealand Limited
 - Vodafone New Zealand Limited.
- b) Any party listed in paragraph a) above who wishes to comment on the methodology and timetable set out in paragraphs 4 and 6, respectively, of the Council's 17 April 2020 memorandum is to provide these in writing to the Hearings Administrator **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 28 April 2020.**

¹ Other than changing the initial submitter feedback date to 28 April 2020 in order to avoid a Public Holiday – see Direction 4 b) below.

- c) Unless amended by the panel in accordance with d) below, the methodology and timetable to be followed shall be as set out in paragraphs 4 and 6, respectively, of the Council's 17 April 2020 memorandum.
- d) In the event of any disagreement regarding the methodology or timetable, the panel will issue any further Directions considered necessary.
- e) Any questions regarding these Directions are to be addressed to the Hearings Administrator, Ms Sandra Kelly, who may be contacted either by:

Email Districtplan@waidc.govt.nz

or

Telephone 027 382 0021



P H Mitchell (Chair)

On behalf of Commissioners P Mitchell, P Cooney, J Gibb, D Fulton, L Te Aho, J Sedgwick and W Maag

21 April 2020