

Canterbury Regional Council

Proposed Plan Change 6 (Wairewa)

to the

partially operative Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan

MINUTE AND DIRECTIONS OF HEARING COMMISSIONERS

on preparation for hearing of submissions

[Minute 1]

INTRODUCTION

At its meeting on 17 December 2015 the Canterbury Regional Council ('the Council') under section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991 ('the Act') appointed us to be hearing commissioners. The Council delegated to us the functions and duties of hearing submissions on proposed Plan Change 6 to the Proposed Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan, and of making recommendations to the Council on them.

The appointed hearing commissioners are:

Gordon Whiting (chair)
Andrew Fenemor

Council is still to appoint a third hearing commissioner.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a hearing by the Canterbury Regional Council has been set to consider the Proposed Plan Change 6 (Wairewa) to the partially operative Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan and the submissions received.

DATE: 19 April 2016

VENUE: Habgood Room, Lincoln Event Centre, 15 Meijer Drive,
Lincoln 7608

TIME: 10.00am

DIRECTIONS

Website

All information relevant to the hearings will be made available on the Council's website:
www.ecan.govt.nz/lwrp-pc6

1. Submitters who are to be heard will need to check the website to access such information.

Service on the Council

2. Any information or evidence required under this minute, and any memorandum or application to the panel, may be served:
 - in writing, addressed to Environment Canterbury, P O Box 345, Christchurch 8140 marked for the attention of the Hearings Officer, Nancy Bonner
 - By delivery to Environment Canterbury, 17 Sir Gil Simpson Drive, Christchurch
 - By email to nancy.bonner@ecan.govt.nz

Section 42A Report

3. A section 42A report will be made available on the website on **12 February 2016**.

Confirmation of wish to be heard

4. Submitters who wish to be heard at the public hearing must confirm their intention and availability no later than **4 March 2016**, and advise:
 - The time allocation they seek to speak to their submission and/or call evidence.
 - Whether they have any special needs.
 - Whether they intend to call expert evidence (including any planning witness).

The Public Hearings

5. The public hearings will commence at **10.00 on Tuesday 19 April 2016** at the Habgood Room, Lincoln Event Centre, 15 Meijer Drive, Lincoln.

A Hearing Plan

6. A Hearing Plan will be e-mailed to submitters and posted to the website showing the location, date, sequence and time allocation granted to each submitter.
7. Time allocations will be set in light of the content of each submitter's submission, evidence (if any) and the time estimate provided pursuant to paragraph 4.

Provision of Expert Evidence

8. Submitters who intend to call expert evidence must provide a brief of evidence for each witness in accordance with the following timetable:
 - a. Evidence in chief is to be received at Council by **4 March 2016**
 - b. Rebuttal Evidence is to be received at Council by **24 March 2016**

This timetable is established because the panel considers that the scale and significance of the public hearing makes this requirement appropriate.

9. The briefs of expert witnesses will be made available to submitters on the website.
10. All expert witnesses who appear at the hearing are to provide a succinct summary of their evidence at the hearing. Copies of that summary are to be made available at the time the evidence is presented. Each expert witness is to provide 10 copies of that summary for the exclusive use of the Hearing Panel and Council.

Provision of Other Evidence at Hearing

11. Any person who wishes to present evidence or material (such as PowerPoint presentations, speech notes or maps) at the hearing in support of their submission, and that is not expert evidence and that has not been pre-circulated, must provide **10 copies** for the exclusive use of the Hearing Panel and Council. The 10 copies must be made available to the hearing manager on the day the evidence or material is to be presented.

The Hearing Procedure

12. The panel is required to conduct the public hearing in a manner which is appropriate and fair, but without unnecessary formality. It will receive evidence written or spoken in te reo Maori and accommodate disabilities which affect submitters.
13. The panel will read submissions and evidence in advance and take such materials as read, so time allocations will be fixed to enable submitters to speak to their submission and/or provide evidence in response to new issues.
14. There will be no right to cross-examine, but the panel may question submitters and witnesses.

Evidence Recording

15. An audio record of the hearing will be maintained and available to submitters on the website.

16. Excerpts from the audio record may be transcribed, if appropriate, where the panel requires it or receives an application and makes a direction for transcription.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Whiting', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gordon Whiting for and on behalf of the Panel

Gordon Whiting (Chairperson)
Andrew Fenemor

22 January 2016