

Canterbury Regional Council

**Proposed Plan Change 4 (Omnibus)**

to the

partly 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 15 October 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 4 to the partly operative Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan, and of making recommendations to the Council on them.~~

The hearing commissioners are:

David F Sheppard (chair)  
Edward Ellison  
Rob van Voorthuysen.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a hearing by the Canterbury Regional Council has been set to consider the submissions on proposed Plan Change 4 (Omnibus) to the partly operative Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan.

**DATE:** 29 February 2016

**VENUE:** Lincoln Events Centre, Meijer Drive, Lincoln

**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-pc4](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/lwrp-pc4)

1. Submitters who wish to be heard will need to check the website for that information.

### Service on the Council

2. Any information or evidence required under this minute, and any memorandum on application to the panel, may be sent:
  - in writing, addressed to Environment Canterbury, P O Box 345, Christchurch 8140 marked for the attention of the Hearings Officer, Tera Maka
  - By delivery to Environment Canterbury, 17 Sir Gil Simpson Drive, Christchurch
  - By email to [tera.maka@ecan.govt.nz](mailto:tera.maka@ecan.govt.nz).

### Section 42A Report

3. A report by Council officials made under section 42A of the Resource Management Act 1991 will be posted on the website on **18 December 2015**.

### 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 **29 January 2016**, and advise:
  - The amount of time they want for speaking 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 29 February 2016** at the Lincoln Event Centre, Meijer Drive, Lincoln.

### A Hearing Plan

6. A hearing schedule 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 as indicated in paragraph 4.

### Provision of Expert Evidence

8. Submitters who intend to call evidence are to provide a written statement of the evidence of each witness in accordance with the following timetable:
  - a. Evidence-in-chief is to be sent to the Hearing Officer in time to be received by no later than **29 January 2016**
  - b. Rebuttal evidence is to be sent to the Hearing Officer in time to be received by no later than **19 February 2016**

This timetable is established because the hearing commissioners consider that the scale and significance of the public hearing makes its requirement appropriate.

9. The written statements of witnesses will be posted on the website, where they will be available to other submitters and the public.

#### The Hearing Procedure

10. The hearing commissioners are required to conduct the public hearing in a manner which is appropriate and fair, and without unnecessary formality. We will receive evidence written or spoken in te reo Māori, and will accommodate disabilities which affect submitters.
11. The hearing commissioners will read submissions and evidence prior to the hearing, and take them as read, so time allocations will be fixed to enable submitters to speak to their submission and/or provide responses to new issues that may have arisen.
12. Submitters will not be permitted to cross-examine witnesses, but the hearing commissioners may question submitters and witnesses.

#### Evidence Recording

13. An audio record of the hearing will be maintained and posted on the website.
14. 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.



David F Sheppard for and on behalf of the Hearing Commissioners:

David F Sheppard (Chairperson)  
Edward Ellison  
Rob van Voorthuysen

8 December 2015