

Canterbury Regional Council
Proposal for Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan

pursuant to the Biosecurity Act 1993

MINUTE AND DIRECTIONS OF HEARING PANEL
on preparation for hearing of submissions

[Minute 2]

INTRODUCTION

1. This is the second Minute of the Hearing Panel, following the issue of Minute 1 dated 25 July 2017. In Minute 1 this Panel gave notice of the hearing on the Proposal for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan (**the Proposal**) and addressed a number of procedural matters, including the acceptance of late submissions.
2. This Minute deals with additional late and invalid submissions.

DECISION ON ACCEPTANCE OF LATE SUBMISSIONS

3. The following two submissions were received on the Proposal by the Council after the date for making submissions closed (together, the **Late Submissions**):
 - a. Graham, P – 4 July 2017 (by mail)
 - b. Otago Regional Council – 7 August 2017 at 4:30pm
4. P Graham's submission was received by post on 4 July 2017, prior to our Minute 1. The Otago Regional Council submission has been received prior to the exchange of the Council's Staff Report and submitter evidence.
5. The following submitters have also sought to add further points to their original submissions (together, the **Late Additional Submission Points**):
 - a. QEII National Trust – 31 July 2017 at 4:06pm
 - b. Christchurch City Council – 2 August 2017 at 12:53pm
6. Christchurch City Council originally filed a submission within the submission period. QEII National Trust filed its submission after the submission period had closed, but this Panel accepted its late submission as valid in Minute 1. The Late Additional Submission Points have been received prior to the exchange of the Council's Staff Report and submitter evidence.
7. Section 72(1)(b) of the Biosecurity Act 1991 (**BSA**) requires us to be satisfied that that if local authorities' responsibilities may be affected by the plan, the authorities

have been consulted. The Council has identified that the interests of these local authorities may be affected by the plan, and therefore should be consulted.

8. We are also required to be satisfied under section 72(1)(d) of the BSA that, if consultation with other persons is appropriate, sufficient consultation has occurred.
9. We consider that the acceptance of the remaining late submissions and additional submission points will assist in meeting this requirement of the BSA and that no persons will be prejudiced by the late filing of these submissions.
10. Accordingly, the Panel accepts the Late Submissions and Late Additional Submission Points as valid submissions and submission points on the Proposal. This means that these submissions and additional submission points will be included in the Council's summary of submissions in accordance with the Panel's directions in Minute 1.

INVALID SUBMISSION

11. The submission of Mr Ian Burn raised issues quite clearly beyond the scope or jurisdiction of the Proposal. The submission is frivolous and vexatious in its nature and discloses no reasonable or relevant matter for the Hearing Panel to consider.
12. Accordingly, the Panel determines that Mr Burn's submission is invalid. It will not be included in the Council's summary of submissions and will not be considered further by the Hearing Panel.

ISSUED by the Hearing Panel

DATE 9 August 2017