

Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury)

**Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan and
Proposed Plan Change 2 to the Waimakariri River Regional Plan**

MINUTE AND DIRECTIONS OF THE HEARING COMMISSIONERS

on preparation for hearing of submissions

[Minute 1]

INTRODUCTION

On 29 August 2019 the Canterbury Regional Council ('the Council') under section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991 ('the Act') appointed us to be hearing commissioners:

David F Sheppard (chair)
Raewyn Solomon
Rob Van Voorthuysen

The Council delegated to us the functions and duties of hearing submissions on proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan, and proposed Plan Change 2 to the Waimakariri River Regional Plan, and of making recommendations to the Council on them.

NOTICE OF HEARING

We give notice that we will conduct public hearings to consider proposed Plan Change 7 to the operative Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan and proposed Plan Change 2 to the Waimakariri River Regional Plan and the submissions received on them.

Plan Change 7 proposes to amend the region-wide provisions of the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan, to amend and insert provisions into the plan that are specific to the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora (OTOP) sub-region, and also to insert and amend provisions into the plan that are specific to the Waimakariri sub-region. Proposed Plan Change 2 proposes to amend the Waimakariri River Regional Plan to remove duplication between that Plan and the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan as it would be amended by Part C of Plan Change 7. Accordingly, for the convenience of submitters who wish to be heard, we will conduct the hearing of submissions on Proposed Plan Change 7 at three venues. The commencement date and time for the hearing of submissions at each venue is set out below.

Christchurch

DATE: 18 May 2020

VENUE: Conference A, Gate 3, Lincoln University, Springs Road, Lincoln

TIME: 9.30am

Rangiora

DATE: 8 June 2020

VENUE: Rangiora Show Grounds, 158 Ashley Street, Waimakariri, Rangiora

TIME: 9.30am

Timaru

DATE: 22 June 2020

VENUE: The Grosvenor, 26 Cains Terrace, Timaru Central, Timaru

TIME: 9.30am

Timaru

DATE: 6 July 2020

VENUE: The Grosvenor, 26 Cains Terrace, Timaru Central, Timaru

TIME: 9.30am

Christchurch

DATE: 20 July 2020

VENUE: Wigram Base Hotel, 14 Henry Wigram Drive, Hornby, Christchurch

TIME: 9.30am

DIRECTIONS

Website

1. Information relevant to the hearings will be made available on the Council's website:
www.ecan.govt.nz/lwrppc7
2. We advise submitters who wish to be heard to view that information on the website

Service on the Council

3. Any information or evidence required by this Minute, and any memorandum or application to the hearing commissioners, may be lodged:

- by mail addressed to Environment Canterbury, PO Box 345 8140 marked for the attention of the Hearings Officer, Tavisha Fernando; or
- by delivery to Environment Canterbury, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch; or
- by email to planhearings@ecan.govt.nz

Section 42A Report

4. We require preparation by Environment Canterbury of a report under section 42A of the Act on information on the proposed plan changes and submissions on them. The report is to be made available on the website on and from 27 March 2020

Confirmation of wish to be heard

5. Submitters who wish to be heard at the public hearing are to confirm by email to planhearings@ecan.govt.nz their intention and availability no later than **18 April 2020**, and to advise:

- The allocation of time they want for speaking to their submission and/or for presenting evidence:
- At which of those venues they wish to be heard:
- Whether they have any special needs (e.g. projector and screen)
- Whether they intend to call expert evidence (including any planning witness).

Hearing Schedule

6. The hearing manager will email a hearing schedule to submitters and post it on the website showing the location, date, sequence and time allocated 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 requested in response to paragraph 5 above.

Provision of Evidence

8. To allow for timely lodging of any rebuttal evidence and for the hearing commissioners to read the evidence prior to the hearing, submitters who intend to call or give evidence are to provide a written statement of evidence of each witness in accordance with the following timetable:

- a. Evidence-in-chief is to be received by the Council by **20 April 2020**
- b. Rebuttal evidence is to be received by the Council by **4 May 2020**

9. The briefs of evidence are to be posted on the website

The Hearing Procedure

10. The hearing commissioners are required to conduct the public hearing in a manner which is appropriate and fair, but without unnecessary formality. On three business days' notice we will receive evidence written or spoken in te reo Māori, and will accommodate disabilities which affect submitters or witnesses.

11. The hearing commissioners will read submissions and statements of evidence in advance of the hearing, and take those materials as read at the hearing, so time allocations can be set to allow submitters to speak to their submission and/or provide evidence in response to new issues.

12. Submitters will not be permitted to cross-examine witnesses. The hearing commissioners may question submitters and witnesses.

Evidence Recording

13. An audio record of the hearing will be made, and will be available on the website.

14. Excerpts from the audio record may be transcribed, if the hearing commissioners require it themselves, or at the request of a submitter.



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

David Sheppard (Chair)
Raewyn Solomon
Rob Van Voorthuysen

3 March 2020