

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 2]

1. In our Minute 1 we directed in paragraph 8 that submitters who intend to call or give evidence are to provide a written statement of evidence of each witness by 20 April 2020.
2. Two consultants have questioned whether this direction applies only to evidence from expert witnesses, or if it also applies to written statements of evidence from lay submitters. They advised their most common experience with hearing processes is that only expert evidence is typically pre-circulated.
3. In paragraph 8 of our Minute 1 we indicated the reasons for our stipulation: in brief, to allow for timely lodging of any rebuttal evidence, and for us to read the evidence prior to the hearing.
4. Those reasons are not confined to expert evidence. They are also applicable to evidence of primary fact, by whomever given.
5. So whatever may have been the 'common experience with hearing processes' of the consultants who raised the question, we are not persuaded that paragraph 8 of Minute 1 should be amended to confine the direction to statements of expert evidence. It remains applicable to statements of all evidence.
6. We encourage submitters and their advisers, and those acting for them, to consider the value to them of the reasons we have given for our stipulation for the benefit of submitters generally.

For the Hearing Commissioners:



David F Sheppard  
Chair.  
12 March 2020.