

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 expert witness caucusing

[Minute 11]

1. The hearing commissioners have read and considered a memorandum of counsel for the Christchurch City Council dated 7 August 2020 on a proposal for caucusing of expert witnesses.
2. Other parties who proposed caucusing of expert witnesses were able to do so as long ago as 26 June 2020. The City Council's memorandum does not address why its proposal was not lodged until six weeks later.
3. As the hearing of submissions has had to be delayed due to the restraints imposed in respect of the Covid19 pandemic, the commissioners are minded to keep to the timetables in Minute 6 and Minute 8.
4. So, although the commissioners approve in principle the City Council's proposal for caucusing of expert witnesses, that is not to endorse the process being protracted to any extent that does not conform with the timetables previously set out in those minutes.

For the Hearing Commissioners



David F Sheppard

Chair

10 August 2020