

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL

PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE:

PLAN CHANGE 42: GENERAL RURAL AND RURAL LIFESTYLE ENVIRONMENTS

MINUTE 19 OF THE INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL

1. This Minute is being sent to you because you are either a submitter or a Council reporting officer to **PC42 General Rural and Rural Lifestyle Environments** to the District Plan.

Minute Purpose

2. This Minute addresses two matters:
 - a) Firstly, the Councils further evidence in relation to **Submitter 74** (Hawkins), and
 - b) Secondly a request from the Council for an extension of time for the **Written Reply for PC42**.

Submitter 74 (Hawkins)

3. In Minute 17 (dated 5 September 2023) we set out time tabling relating the Councils further evidence in relation to **Submitter 74** (Hawkins). This time tabling provided for the further evidence to be lodged by 1.00pm 22 September 2023 – two weeks prior to the Councils Written Reply for PC42.
4. This Minute confirms that the Council's further evidence has been received and is now available on the Website. The Panel has reviewed the further evidence which covers the following technical areas:
 - a) Legal response on scope
 - b) Economic evidence
 - c) Landscape
 - d) Geotechnical.
5. We confirm that we have no further questions in relation to the evidence lodged and accordingly do not consider that reconvening the hearing is necessary and will make our decision 'on the papers'.

Written Reply for PC42

6. We have received an email from the Council (4 October 2023) requesting an extension of time for the Written Reply for PC42 until Monday 16 October 2023 – the original due date being 6 October 2023.
7. We note that the answers to our questions in relation to PC41 Removal of Fault Lines will be lodged on 6 October 2023 as directed.

8. The reasons for the request of extended time included the scale and complexity of the changes, and difficulties connecting with people (submitters, Council staff members and consultants) due to the school holidays.
9. We hereby grant the extension for the Written Reply for PC42 General Rural and Rural Lifestyle Environments until **1pm Monday 16 October 2023**. However, we would prefer to receive that information on the preceding Friday (13 October) if at all possible so as to align with our deliberations programme which commences on 17 October for PC42.

Next steps

10. The new timeframe for PC42 Written Reply is set out above.
11. The Panel will provide subsequent Minutes on any further updates in relation to the hearing's proceedings in due course.
12. Any submitter enquiries relating to the above content and the hearing should be directed to the Hearing Administrators in the first instance Hilary Samuel or Haydee Wood and can be contacted at districtplan@taupo.govt.nz.

DATED Wednesday 4 October 2023



DJ McMahon

Chair - Independent Hearings Panel

For and on behalf of:

Commissioner Elizabeth Burge

Councillor Kevin Taylor