

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE:**

**PLAN CHANGE 42: GENERAL RURAL AND RURAL LIFESTYLE ENVIRONMENTS**

**MINUTE 17 OF THE INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL**

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1. This Minute is being sent to you because you are a Council reporting officer to **PC42 General Rural and Rural Lifestyle Environments** to the District Plan. This Minute relates solely to the Council's response to **Submitter 74** (Hawkins).

**Minute Purpose**

2. In Minute 16 (dated 28 August 2023) we set out various matters including time tabling relating to all Plan Changes. This Minute is specific to paragraph 7 of that Minute in relation to PC42 General Rural and Rural Lifestyle Environments of the District Plan.

**Council Response**

3. The Council have confirmed by way of a memorandum that they will call further evidence to respond to **Submitter 74** (Hawkins). They have indicated that they will not be addressing all technical areas assessed by Submitter 74 but anticipate providing further evidence on the following:
  - a) Legal response on scope
  - b) Economic evidence on supply/demand
  - c) Landscape
  - d) Geotechnical
4. The Council have requested that this additional evidence comes in as part of their Written Reply which is due by 1pm 6 October 2023.

**Panel Response and Directions**

5. The Panel has considered this request from the Council. We note the technical evidence that is to be supplied, confirm our acceptance of it and acknowledge that this was clearly signaled as a possibility by the Panel. However, we require this 'package' prior to the Written Reply. This would provide us with the opportunity to decide whether or not we wish to test the evidence either in a reconvened hearing or 'on the papers' ahead of the final Council reply.
6. With the above in mind, we have a strong preference for the Council's additional evidence to be lodged with the Hearing Administrator by **1pm 22 September 2023** (i.e. two weeks prior to the Written Reply). The Council will need to advise whether this timeframe is achievable. If not then we will need to give further consideration to delaying any reconvened hearing and/or the written reply. A response from Council on the achievability of filing evidence by the abovementioned date is required by **5pm on 8 September 2023**.

### **Next steps**

7. The key dates for responses from the Council are set out above.
8. The Panel will provide subsequent Minutes on any further updates in relation to the hearing's proceedings in due course.
9. 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](mailto:districtplan@taupo.govt.nz).

**DATED** Tuesday 5 September 2023



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DJ McMahon

Chair - Independent Hearings Panel

For and on behalf of:

Commissioner Elizabeth Burge

Councillor Kevin Taylor