

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

AND

IN THE MATTER of Plan Change 47 – Māori Purpose Zone.

THIRD MINUTE

INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this Third Minute is to respond further to submitter Johnnie Mushet in his 15 June 2026 email entitled “*URGENT: Formal Interlocutory Application for Stay of Proceedings & Data Governance Request – Proposed Plan Change 47 – Fundamental Jurisdictional Errors, Severe Conflicts of Interest, and Incomplete Record*”.

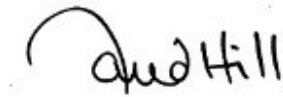
BACKGROUND

2. Mr Mushet’s 15 June 2026 email (above) crossed with the Hearing Panel’s Second Minute of the same date. It complements his earlier demand (addressed in the Second Minute) for an immediate postponement of the hearing scheduled for 22 June 2026.
3. Mr Mushet raises a number of matters under 6 Parts concluding:
Pursuant to the principles of natural justice and administrative fairness, we demand:
 1. An immediate **Stay of Proceedings** halting the hearing scheduled for 22 June 2026.
 2. The immediate suspension of the current Independent Hearing Panel due to structural pre-determination in the selection process.
 3. The appointment of an entirely independent, external auditor by the Minister for the Environment to review the co-governance drafting process of Plan Change 47.

HEARING PANEL RESPONSE

4. Having given further consideration to Mr Mushet’s email, the Hearing Panel, acting within its delegated authority, sees no grounds for the stay sought. How PC 47 was developed, with whom and why, is of relative interest only at this point. As indicated in our Second Minute, the fact that interested parties assisted in the development of the plan change is not a procedural ground for postponement. The hearing will consider submissions about the merits (or otherwise) of the plan change that is on the table for determination.
5. Mr Mushet is a submitter in opposition and has the opportunity to explain at hearing the substance of why he opposes PC 47, within the scope of the submission and further submission he made. The email referred to above does not shed any further light on that substance, being primarily concerned with other matters.

6. Accordingly, the Hearing Panel is still not satisfied that the matters raised reach a threshold sufficient to warrant postponing the scheduled hearing.
7. Any enquiries regarding this Minute or related matters should be directed to the Council at districtplan@taupo.govt.nz.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Hill', with a large, sweeping initial 'D'.

David Hill (Chair)
Independent Hearing Panel

Date: 16 June 2026