

## WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

### PROPOSED CHANGE 1 TO THE WELLINGTON REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT

#### MINUTE 2:

#### DIRECTIONS REGARDING HEARING STREAM 1: OVERVIEW AND GENERAL SUBMISSIONS

1. This Minute:
  - sets out directions for Hearing Stream 1, and
  - has been issued jointly by the Part 1 Schedule 1 (P1S1) panel and the Freshwater Panel appointed to hear submissions on Proposed Change 1 to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement.
2. Wellington Regional Council has issued the notice of hearing for Hearing Stream 1: (<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2023/05/a93dec6b2d/Public-notice-RPS-PC1-Notice-of-hearing-Hearing-Stream-1-and-S42A-v2.pdf>)
3. As set out in this notice, the hearing will commence on Monday 26 June 2023, at 9.30am. The venue is Naumi Hotel, 213 Cuba Street, Te Aro.
4. Wellington Regional Council have filed two s 42A reports and legal submissions. These are available on the Hearings Page: (<https://www.gw.govt.nz/your-region/plans-policies-and-bylaws/updating-our-regional-policy-statement-and-natural-resources-plan/regional-policy-statement-change-1/hearings/>).
5. Submitters should have filed evidence statements, including any expert evidence, and any legal submissions for Hearing Stream 1 by **9am Tuesday 13 June** [9 working days before the Hearings start].
6. Any applications to extend this timeframe should be emailed to the Hearings Manager and will be considered by the Panels.

#### **Amendments to general timetabling directions for Hearing Stream 1**

7. The timetabling directions in Minute #1 are amended as follows:
  - a. The Hearing schedule for Hearing Stream 1 setting out submitters' presentation times will be available on the Hearings Page by **12pm Monday 19 June 2023**.
  - b. Wellington Regional Council's rebuttal evidence (if any) for Hearing Stream 1 is to be filed and uploaded to the Hearings Page by **12pm Wednesday 21 June 2023**.
  - c. The **Council's right of reply (section 42A report writers' reply, evidence or submissions** (if any)) must be filed by **5pm Friday 7 July 2023** and should be strictly

limited to responding to new information raised by submitters in their Hearing Stream 1 presentations, or in response to panel questions.

### **Overview of Day 1, Hearing Stream 1**

8. The Hearing will begin with karakia, a health and safety briefing and opening formalities including a welcome and acknowledgment of mana whenua as Wellington Regional Council partners, and a welcome and acknowledgement to all submitters and participants. The panel and Regional Council kaimahi (staff) present will also introduce themselves.
9. This hearing, and all hearing streams are open to the public and will be live-streamed. The audio-visual links will be available on the Hearings Page.
10. After the opening formalities, the s 42A report writers for Hearing Stream 1 will present a summary of their reports. Counsel for the Regional Council will then be invited to deliver their legal submissions for this Hearing Stream.
11. At this stage, it is not anticipated that hearings will run continuously through the week. There may be two shorter days mid-week for example. We are advised that some submitters would like to speak on the last day, Friday 30 June, so the hearing will be open for the whole week, but with gaps available on some days where no submitters are scheduled.

### **Directions for s 42A presentations and Wellington Regional Council legal submissions**

12. Panel members are grateful to have received this material in advance and it can be taken as pre-read. Section 42A report writers and counsel are encouraged to provide an overview and summary of key points and to keep to a 10-minute timeframe for each of their presentations. Panel members will ask questions following these presentations.

### **Directions for submitter presentations**

13. Wellington Regional Council's Hearing Manager is doing their best to accommodate submitters' preferred speaking slots and also any requests for additional presentation time.
14. It should be noted that even though these requests may be accommodated for Hearing Stream 1, the complexity of issues and larger number of submitters for other hearing streams may mean that similar requests for additional presentation time may not be able to be accommodated in other hearing streams.
15. The Hearing Schedule for Hearing Stream 1 will be uploaded to the Hearings Page by **10am, Monday 19 June 2023**.
16. Submitters are encouraged to email the Hearings Manager with any presentation slides (PowerPoint etc) and any talking points or submission summaries at least two working days prior to their allocated presentation time. These will be uploaded to the Hearings Page.

Please note that submitters, experts or counsel are not able to provide USB sticks or similar on the day of the hearing for computer security reasons.

### Requests to speak on additional topics

17. The allocation of:

- provisions to Hearing Stream 1, and
- provisions to the relevant Panels

are contained in this document on the Hearings Page:

[https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2023/05/RPS-Change-1-Appendix-1-to-General-Submissions-s42A-Report-Accept\\_Reject-Table-FINAL.pdf](https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2023/05/RPS-Change-1-Appendix-1-to-General-Submissions-s42A-Report-Accept_Reject-Table-FINAL.pdf).

18. Submitters are strongly encouraged to speak to **these provisions only** in their Hearing Stream 1 presentations.

19. We understand the importance of conducting hearings efficiently and that there is time and cost involved for submitters to appear potentially numerous times throughout the Proposed RPS hearings.

20. However, given the additional complexities of this particular process which involves joint hearing panels on some provisions, but not all, and given the need for panel members to be very clear about what is within their scope and jurisdiction to consider, it is important that submissions and evidence for each Hearing Stream relate only to the provisions allocated to that particular Stream. The Panels will also benefit from hearing the respective s 42A report writers' views and Council's legal submissions on each topic before hearing submitters present on the issues that matter to them in that Hearing Stream.

21. Where a submitter discusses the changes it wishes to see on a provision that is not allocated to the current Hearing Stream in which they are presenting, we reserve the right to rule that aspect of the presentation out of scope of the current Hearing Stream. The submitter will be encouraged to present on that point again during the relevant Hearing Stream (assuming that submitter presentations for that Hearing Stream have not already concluded). Very limited exceptions may be made to this and only on formal application to the Panels.

22. We remind submitters that all hearings will be live-streamed and they may use remote video-conferencing to present their submissions. This will hopefully alleviate the cost and time involved with presenting numerous times through the course of these Change 1 regional policy statement hearings.

23. We look forward to hearings starting on 26 June 2023.

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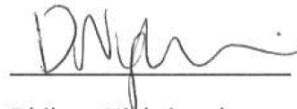
24. Any evidence or information required by this Minute, and any memorandum or application to the Freshwater Hearings Panel and/or P1S1 Panel should be lodged by email to

[regionalplan@gw.govt.nz](mailto:regionalplan@gw.govt.nz).

Dated: 15 June 2023

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Craig Thompson  
Chair  
Freshwater Hearing Panel

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Dhilum Nightingale  
Chair  
Part 1, Schedule 1 Hearing Panel