

WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1 TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES PLAN FOR THE WELLINGTON REGION

MINUTE 5

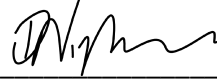
PROCEDURAL MATTERS RELATING TO HEARING STREAM 2

1. In Minute 4 we set a timetable for HS2 which included the filing of submitter evidence and associated legal submissions by 4pm on 14 March 2025. We have received a request from Wellington International Airport Limited (WIAL) for consecutive rather than simultaneous filing of legal submissions presented on behalf of submitters, and for legal submissions to be filed by 21 March. We have considered the points raised by Counsel for WIAL. There is space in the timetable to allow legal submissions to be filed by 4pm on 21 March. This will also allow the Council time to consider whether to address the submissions in any rebuttal which must be filed by 28 March. We accordingly amend the timetabling directions in Minute 4 as follows:
 - (c) Submitter evidence including expert evidence ~~and any legal submissions~~ presented on behalf of submitters, is due by 4pm on 14 March 2025
 - (d) Legal submissions presented on behalf of submitters is due by 4pm on 21 March 2025
 - (e) Council's rebuttal evidence is due by 4pm on 28 March 2025
 - (f) Hearings for HS2 start on 7 April 2025, and will finish by 5pm on 17 April.
2. Transpower NZ Ltd (S177) has tabled a hearing statement for HS2. We have read the statement and will take it into consideration. We have no questions for the submitter and they are not required to attend the HS2 hearing.
3. We have received a request from Fish and Game (S188) seeking clarification as to the filing due date for speaking notes. Receiving information in advance from submitters is important not only so that we can prepare fully for the hearing, but also to allow council time to consider the information and whether they wish to address it in their rebuttal. If the submitter is not filing expert evidence but instead is presenting as an advocate, we will accept speaking notes if they are filed at least by **4pm on 3 April 2025**, but we note that this will mean Council will not have the chance to consider it as part of their rebuttal due on 28 March. However, if the material Fish and Game wishes us to consider is, in their view, expert evidence, we ask that they make a formal request for an extension of time for filing which we will consider on the merits.

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4. Any submissions, evidence or other information required by this Minute, and any

5. memorandum or application to the Freshwater Hearings Panel and/or P1S1 Panel should be lodged by email to regionalplan@gw.govt.nz.



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