

**WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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

**MINUTE 19**

**REVISED TIMETABLING DIRECTIONS FOR HEARING STREAM 6 – INDIGENOUS BIODIVERSITY**

1. The Regional Council has advised us that on reflection, the original dates proposed in Minute 17 for Hearing Stream 6 – Indigenous Biodiversity (HS6) were too close to Waitangi Day and it would be fairer to allow submitters more preparation time after the summer holiday period.
2. Therefore, this Minute confirms new timetabling directions for HS6. Submitters may have seen an email on this issue from the Hearings Advisor yesterday.
3. The new timetabling directions for HS6 are:

<b>Notice of Hearing and s 42A Report</b>	By 9am Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> of December 2023
<b>Regional Council legal submissions and technical evidence</b> (if any)	By 9am Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> of December 2023
<b>Submitter evidence, legal submissions, intention to appear</b>	By 5pm Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> of January 2024
<b>Hearing schedule available</b>	By Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> of February 2024
<b>Regional Council rebuttal evidence</b>	By 9am Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> of February 2024
<b>Hearing: HS6 - Indigenous Ecosystems</b> (3 days reserved)	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024

4. The new dates allow more time for all matters and we trust they do not cause submitters, Council officers and experts considerable inconvenience.
5. We take this opportunity to wish all submitters, Council staff and advisors a happy and safe holiday season and we look forward to resuming hearings in the New Year.

Dated: 5 December 2023



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Chair  
Part 1, Schedule 1 Panel  
Freshwater Hearings Panel