WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

PROPOSED CHANGE 1 TO THE WELLINGTON REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT

MINUTE 25

EXTENSION REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION TIME, HEARING STREAM 7; FILING EXTENSION REQUEST; CONSOLIDATED PROVISIONS AND REVISED TIMETABLE TO THE END OF HEARING STREAM 7

HS7 – Extension requests for hearing presentation

 We have received two requests for additional presentation time for Hearing Stream 7 – Small Topics, Wrap Up and Variation 1 (HS7) from Meridian Energy Limited (S100) and Upper Hutt City Council (S34). Both submitters have requested 20-minute speaking slots. These can be comfortably accommodated within the hearing time allocated and so the requests are granted.

Filing extension request

2. Winstone Aggregates (S162) has requested an extension of time to file a Memorandum of Counsel on HS7 integration matters. The memo was provided to the Hearings Advisor on the due date (28 March 2024) but later in the afternoon and after the 12pm filing deadline. Given the Easter break, the Memo could not be uploaded to the Hearings webpage until Tuesday 2 April. The memo does not raise new issues but discusses integration matters regarding Winstone's relief across Change 1. There are no natural justice issues arising with accepting the Memo and we will consider it in our deliberations. Winstones have not asked to speak at the HS7 hearing but the points raised in the Memorandum are clear. We have appreciated Counsel's concise and constructive articulation of her client's relief across the Change 1 provisions and acknowledge her participation throughout the hearings.

Consolidated version of provisions and word versions of submission recommendation tables

- 3. In Minute 12 we requested Council provide a consolidated set of provisions for the Climate Change topic to assist us with considering their horizontal integration. Council advise that they will provide these provisions to us shortly and upload them to the Hearings webpage.
- 4. Following the conclusion of HS7 and the caucusing which is scheduled to take place on 6 May (see Minute 23), we also request that Council provide us a consolidated track changed and clean version of Change 1 following the format of:
 - a. s 42A recommended amendments to provisions shown in red <u>underlined</u> and marked up text;
 - b. rebuttal evidence recommended amendments to provisions shown in blue underlined and marked up text; and
 - c. reply evidence recommended amendments to provisions shown in green <u>underlined</u> and <u>marked up</u> text (including any amendments Council officers support following expert caucusing or having considered any submitter comments post-caucusing).

- 5. We also request word versions of the submitter recommendation tables that Council Officers prepared and uploaded with their s42A reports for each topic/subtopic.
- 6. We thank Council and the Hearings Advisor for their assistance with these requests. They will help us with our deliberations and report drafting over the next two months.

Revised timetable to the end of HS7

7. We have reflected on the remaining timetable for these hearings and direct some extensions to allow more time for submitter and Council officer replies. Council is providing most of its substantive comments on the Minute 23 integration questions with its HS7 Reply. It is only fair that submitters have the opportunity to consider and provide any comments they wish to in light of Council's comments. We direct a procedural step in the timetable to allow this to occur. The revised timetable below also allows further time for Council to provide its reply post-HS7.

Revised timetable

Date	Event	Where recorded	Extension (if any) / Revised date
Info from Council requested in Minute 23 para 6(d) and 6(f); and Council rebuttal	Monday 8 April, 9.30am	Minute 24	N/A
HS7 hearings	15-16 April	Hearings page/Minute 23	N/A
Council Reply for HS7	22 April, 5pm	Minute 22	29 April, 5pm
Caucusing (HS6 – limited scope)	6 May, 5pm	Minute 23	N/A
Submitter feedback on Council Reply for HS7 (integration matters)	6 May, 5pm	Minute 25 (current Minute)	N/A
Publish Joint Witness Statement for HS6	Uploaded by 9 May, 5pm	Minute 23	N/A
Council reply to submitter feedback for HS7 (integration matters)	13 May, 5pm	Minute 25	N/A
Parties' comments on JWS	21 May, 5pm	Minute 23	N/A

Dated: 3 April 2024

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Chair

Part 1, Schedule 1 Panel Freshwater Hearings Panel