

WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

PROPOSED CHANGE 1 TO THE WELLINGTON REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT

MINUTE 26

CHANGE OF REPORTING OFFICER FOR VARIATION 1, HEARING STREAM 7

1. On 28 March 2024, Mike Watts, Team Leader – Policy at Wellington Regional Council advised us in a [memorandum](#) (copied below) that there would be a change of reporting officer for Variation 1. Variation 1 is part of Hearing Stream 7 and inserts two freshwater visions as objectives into Proposed Change 1 relating to the Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua and Te Whanganui-a-Tara Whaitua.
2. Mr Watt’s memo advised us that Sam O’Brien, Policy Advisor at the Council will:
 - a. adopt the s 42A report for Variation 1 (prepared by Richard Sheild), and
 - b. prepare evidence and present at the hearing.
3. We understand this change could not be avoided due to staffing issues. We see no significant issues of natural justice arising or affecting submitters in a material way. We understand Mr O’Brien is fully across Variation 1 and we will be able to assess his views on the provisions in the usual way through the hearing.

Dated: 8 April 2024



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Chair
Part 1, Schedule 1 Panel
Freshwater Hearings Panel

MEMO

TO The RPS Change 1 Independent Hearing Panel

COPIED TO Nicola Arnesen, Manager, Policy

FROM Mike Watts, Team Leader, Policy

DATE 28/03/2024

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Author of s42A on RPS Variation 1 withdrawing from RPS proceedings

Mr. Richard Sheild, a Senior Policy Advisor at Greater Wellington, prepared the s42A report on RPS Variation 1 for Hearing Stream 7, due to take place in the week beginning 15 April 2024.

Mr Sheild is unable to continue as reporting officer and therefore will not be preparing rebuttal evidence, attending the hearing or authoring the officer's Right of Reply.

Mr. Sam O'Brien, a Policy Advisor at Greater Wellington, will therefore be stepping in for Mr. Sheild. Mr O'Brien will adopt Mr Sheild's section 42A report and prepare all required evidence in relation to Variation 1 for the remaining stages of the hearing process.

We appreciate the panel's understanding in this matter.



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