WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

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

<u>MINUTE 10</u>

REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL FOR TIMETABLE EXTENSIONS AND HEARING STREAM 3 SCHEDULE

UPDATE

Hearing Stream 2 (HS2) – Council Right of Reply

1. The Reporting Officer and Council technical experts involved in HS2 have requested an extension of time for filing their right of reply. This was due by 4pm 13 May but an extension until 5pm on Wednesday 14 May is sought due to evidence filing commitments for Hearing Stream 3, and in particular because some of the Council's science experts are involved in both hearing streams. We grant the extension and consider that no prejudice arises in the circumstances, also noting that HS3 hearings are now due to commence on 26 May 2025 (which provides the panels and submitters additional time for reading the Council's HS2 reply).

Hearing Stream 3 – Rebuttal

2. The Council has requested an extension of time until 5pm on Friday 16 May for filing HS3 rebuttal evidence. We grant the extension. There is a large volume of submitter evidence requiring a considered and fulsome response by the Reporting Officer and Council technical experts. We consider no prejudice arises to grant the extension sought, noting that HS3 hearings are now to commence on 26 May.

Hearing Stream 3 – Commencing 26 May

3. HS3 was set down for a 2-week period between 19 – 30 May 2025. The Hearings Advisor has now processed submitters' requests for hearing slots and has advised that the hearing can be conducted in one week commencing 26 May. A hearing schedule will be uploaded to the Hearings webpage shortly.

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4. Any submissions, evidence or other 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.

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Part 1, Schedule 1 Hearing Panel