

WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

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

MINUTE 11

HEARING SCHEDULE CHANGE, UPDATE ON PROPOSED CAUCUSING FOR HS2, AND COUNCIL REBUTTAL

Late request for hearing slot

1. The Council has received today a late request for a hearing slot for HS3 from Mr John Carrad (S50). There is space in the hearing schedule to accommodate Mr Carrad's request. No prejudice arises from the late request and it is granted. We note that Mr Carrad tabled a document as part of HS1 regarding nitrogen leaching. We understand that Mr Carrad wishes to speak to this document. We have asked the Hearings Advisor to make the document available as part of the HS3 submitter information.

Proposed caucusing for HS2

2. In Minute 7 we indicated we were considering directing caucusing regarding E.coli TAS in rivers. We have considered the Memorandum of 13 May 2025 filed by Mr Wakefield on behalf of Hutt City Council, Porirua City Council, Wellington City Council and Wellington Water Limited, and also the Regional Council's legal submissions. At this stage, we will not issue directions regarding caucusing and will revisit this as part of HS4 and the wastewater and stormwater topics. We acknowledge the information provided by parties.

Council rebuttal

3. We encourage submitters to carefully consider the Council's rebuttal evidence filed on 16 May 2025: [Greater Wellington — Hearing Stream Three - Rural land use activities, Forestry and Vegetation Clearance, and Earthworks](#). The provisions now supported by the Officers differ in quite significant respects from the s 42A provisions, particularly regarding forestry and earthworks. It would be helpful if submitters presenting next week can advise us of the relief they are continuing to pursue (or otherwise) in light of the Officers' 'rebuttal recommendations.

Memorandum filed by Kāinga Ora

4. Kāinga Ora has filed a memorandum today seeking leave to not appear in the HS3 hearings on the basis they are comfortable with the provisions supported by the Reporting Officer. The request for leave is granted.

Service on Council

5. 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.

Date: 21 May 2025



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