

**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of Plan Change 14 to the Waipā District Plan

**HEARING DIRECTION #1 FROM THE HEARING PANEL**

1. Pursuant to section 34A of the RMA, Waipā District Council (the Council) has appointed a Hearing Panel consisting of independent hearing commissioner Dave Serjeant (Chairperson) and Councillors Roger Gordon and Clare St Pierre. The Hearing Panel's function is to hear the application and submissions and make a decision on the Plan Change proposal. It is also to deal with any procedural matters.
2. The purpose of Direction #1 is to set a timetable for the receipt and exchange of reports, evidence, statements and legal submissions.

**Directions**

3. The Council S42A hearing report is to be provided to the Council's Hearings Advisor no later than midday on **Monday 03 February 2025** and shall be made available to all parties and on the Council's website no later than 5.00pm the same day.
4. Any submitter who intends to call expert evidence at the hearing (evidence given by a professional with specialist qualifications and experience) is to provide that evidence to the Council's Hearings Advisor no later than midday **Monday 17 February 2025** and shall be made available to the parties and on the Council's website no later than 5.00pm the same day.
5. Any rebuttal evidence from the Council is to be provided to the Council's Hearings Advisor no later than midday **Monday 24 February 2025** and shall be made available to the parties and on the Council's website no later than 5.00pm the same day.
6. The Hearing Panel would appreciate any submitters' written lay or non-expert statements to be provided to the Council's Hearings Advisor no later than midday **Wednesday 26 February 2025** and shall be made available to the parties and on the Council's website no later than 5.00pm the same day.
7. The Hearing Panel also encourages parties to pre-circulate any opening legal submissions in advance of the hearing, preferably no later than midday, **Friday 28 February 2025**. Such submissions shall be made available to the parties and on the Council's website no later than 5.00pm the same day. The Hearing Panel and other parties will be assisted if the legal submissions can be pre-read.

8. The purpose of these Directions is to provide the opportunity for the Hearing Panel and the other parties to have read and considered any legal submissions, evidence or statements in advance of the hearing to assist in understanding the case being presented. All the above material will have been pre-read before the hearing. Witnesses should prepare a short executive summary (which may be by PowerPoint or similar graphic) highlighting their key points, for oral presentation at the hearing.
9. The hearing will commence on at 9.30am, **Thursday 6 March 2025** and has been set down for 2 consecutive days.
10. Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should be directed to the Council's Hearings Advisor by email at [districtplan@waipadc.govt.nz](mailto:districtplan@waipadc.govt.nz).

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Serjeant', written in a cursive style.

Dave Serjeant, Chairperson  
Wednesday 29 January 2025