

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of Plan Change 14 to the Waipa District Plan

HEARING DIRECTION #5 FROM THE HEARING PANEL

1. Pursuant to section 34A of the RMA, Waipa District Council (the Council) has appointed a Hearing Panel consisting of independent hearing commissioner Dave Serjeant (Chairperson) and Councilors 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. On 25 March 2025 the Waipa District Council received an email from Mary Bourke on behalf of Henmar Trust. Attached to this email was further comments and points of clarification from Mary Bourke.
3. The purpose of Direction #5, in the interest of maintaining a fair and open hearing, is to advise all parties that this additional information has been received, to make this information available to all parties, and to direct that Council staff address this information in their right of reply response report.
4. The receipt of this additional information and that of Fonterra has meant that the date set for Council staff to provide their right of reply report is now unlikely to be achieved. A new reporting date of 5pm, 31 March has been requested.

Directions

5. The attachment to the email of Mary Bourke dated 25 March 2025 is to be provided to the Council's Hearings Advisor no later than 3.00pm on **27 March 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 date on which Council report (planning, economics and stormwater) being the subject of Direction #2 is required to be made available to all parties is changed to **31 March 2025**.
7. The Council report (planning, economics and stormwater) being the subject of Direction #2 and referred to in 6. above shall address the email form Mary Bourke and its associated attachments.
8. The additional information that has been provided by Fonterra and Mary Bourke was not requested by the panel. No further information from any party will be accepted or considered by the panel, except where it relates specifically to 8. of Direction #2.
9. Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should be directed to the Council's Hearings Advisor by email at districtplan@waipadc.govt.nz



Dave Serjeant, Chairperson
27 March 2025