

**IN THE MATTER OF
AND**

the Resource Management Act 1991

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Waikato IPIs – Hamilton CC PC12,
Waipā DC PC26 and Waikato DC
Variation 3.

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991
DIRECTION #13
INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL**

Purpose: The purpose of Direction #13 is to determine Council's request to accept late and further submissions in relation to character clusters and to amend the Direction #4 timetable for the circulation of evidence by submitters in relation to that matter.

1. By Memorandum dated 28 March 2023, Counsel for Waipā District Council has sought directions regarding late submissions, further submissions, and evidence exchange in relation to character clusters.
2. Counsel noted that further site-specific investigations had been undertaken as requested by some submitters, which have resulted in recommended changes in the s.42A report – including the addition of 111 new properties to the character clusters of Cambridge and Te Awamutu.
3. On 13 March 2023 Council notified all directly affected landowners inviting the lodgement of late submissions by 29 March 2023. Any late submissions received will then need to be publicly notified for further submissions. Council proposes a limited 5-day period for further submissions.
4. Directions are, accordingly, sought as follows:
 - (a) that late submissions from persons affected by the new character clusters identified in the Lifescapes Report (Appendix D to the Council's section 42A report) received by 29 March 2023 be accepted;
 - (b) that any further submission lodged in support or opposition to the submissions in paragraph (a) be accepted; and
 - (c) that submitters in respect of new character clusters identified in the Lifescapes Report (Appendix D to the Council's section 42A report) are to lodge evidence (both expert and non-expert) with the Hearing Coordinator by 4pm, 14 April 2023.
5. Having considered that request the Panel is satisfied that no party would be prejudiced by that course of action; that the process to hearing will not be interrupted but is likely to benefit; and that it accords with natural justice for those affected.
6. The Panel accepts and makes the requested directions as set out in paragraph 4 above. Direction #4 is consequentially amended.
7. The exchange timetable set in Direction #4 is otherwise unchanged.

8. Any queries or correspondence related to this Direction should be sent through to the Hearing Coordinator, Steve Rice at steve@riceres.co.nz .

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'D'.

David Hill (Chairperson)
Independent Hearing Panel

29 March 2023