

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of Hearing of Submissions and Further Submissions on
the Proposed Central Hawke's Bay District Plan Review

**Sixteenth Memorandum and Direction of the Hearings Panel
CONFIRMATION OF HEARING STREAM 6 & DIRECTIONS FOLLOWING GAZETTE OF NATIONAL POLICY
STATEMENT FOR HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE LAND**

Purpose

1. The purpose of this minute is to confirm the dates of the hearing for Hearing Stream 6 which will address submissions on the following topics: Rezoning, SNA Mapping, Miscellaneous, and the resumed Tangata Whenua hearing.
2. This minute also set out a direction for the provision of written legal advice from the District Council's legal counsel on the implications of the NPS-HPL for the Proposed District Plan.

Confirmation of Hearing Stream 6:

3. This Memorandum is to inform all parties that the sixth Hearing of submissions on the Proposed Central Hawke's Bay District Plan (PDP) will be held in the Council Chamber of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council on 15 to 17 November 2022.
4. Section 42A reports for Hearing Stream 6 are to be circulated by Friday, 14 October 2022, with written statements of evidence from submitters to be received by 1pm Monday, 31 October 2022. Any legal submissions from submitters are to be received by 1pm Thursday, 10 November 2022.
5. A formal notice of was issued on Friday, 7 October 2022.
6. The hearing procedures applying to Hearing Stream 6 are those set out in the Panel's Fifth Memorandum and Directions, which can be found at <https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/services/district-plan/proposed-district-plan/hearings/hearings-procedures-and-minutes/>

Hearing Stream 7: Tentative Dates

7. Confirmation of the dates of the Hearing Stream 7 hearing will be issued in the near future. Tentatively, the hearing will be in the week of 12 December 2022. The topics to be heard at that hearing will be Infrastructure and Transport, Designations and Renewable Energy. In addition, a time will be provided that week for a final Plan Integration hearing which will 'sweep-up' any outstanding matters or cross plan issues.

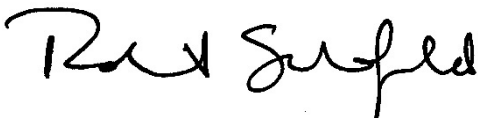
National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land

8. The National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL) was Gazetted on Monday 19 September 2022, and comes into effect from 17 October 2022. The NPS-HPL is about ensuring the availability of New Zealand's most favourable soils for food and fibre production, now and for future generations. The policy provides direction to improve the way highly productive land is managed under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) by providing guidance to councils (regional and territorial) on how to map and zone highly productive land, and to manage the subdivision, use and development of this non-renewable resource.
9. The Hearing Panel is seeking the provision of written legal advice from the District Council's legal counsel on the implications of the NPS-HPL for the Proposed District Plan. That advice is to be provided at the commencement of Hearing Stream 6.
10. In particular, the Panel is seeking advice on whether the introduction of the NPS-HPL raises any issues for any of the topics on which hearings have already been held, and, if so, what would be an appropriate response.

Communications

11. As a reminder, the primary point of contact for all matters relating to the hearings is Jessie Williams, who can be contacted at districtplan@chbdc.govt.nz, or phone (06) 857 8060. The key location for up-to-date information on the hearings is the PDP Hearings Page is at <https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/services/district-plan/proposed-district-plan/hearings/>.

Dated 11 October 2022



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Chair of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council District Plan Hearings Panel