

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

AND

IN THE MATTER A publicly notification subdivision of 13 Lots
(RM230016)

DIRECTION 1 (31 MAY 2024) FROM THE HEARING COMMISSIONER

HEARING DATES AND EVIDENCE EXCHANGE

1. In accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) - sections 34 and 34A, the Central Hawkes Bay District Council (the Council) has appointed Kitt Littlejohn to hear and make a decision on the application. My delegation includes addressing any procedural matters.
2. The hearing has been scheduled to commence on the **25th of June 2024 at 1pm and to run until 27 June 2024 at 5pm.**
3. The hearing will be held at Karamu Junction Room, Te Rae, 101 Queen Street East, Hastings. The opportunity for remote appearance (via AVL) for some submitters/witnesses will also be made available. Details of this will be communicated closer to the commencement of the hearing.
4. In terms of procedural matters, section 41B of the RMA provides that I may direct evidence from any expert to be provided before the hearing. Section 42A of the RMA provides that the Council may prepare a report on the matters to be considered, and if so, it should be provided prior to the hearing.
5. Accordingly, the I direct as follows:
 - a. Pursuant to section 42A of the RMA, the section 42A hearing report is to be made available to the Resource Consents Manager no later than **4pm, 4th June 2024.** It will then be made available to parties on-line as soon as possible.
 - b. The applicant's expert evidence (evidence given by a professional with specialist qualifications and experience) is to be made available to the Resource Consents Manager no later than **4pm, 11th June 2024.** It will then be made available to parties on-line as soon as possible.
 - c. The submitters' expert evidence (evidence given by a professional with specialist qualifications and experience) is to be available to Resource Consents Manager no later than **4pm, 18th June 2024.** It will then be made available to parties on-line as soon as possible.
 - d. Pursuant to sections 41B of the RMA, any rebuttal evidence is to be provided to the Resource Consents Manager no later than **4 pm, 21st June 2024.** It will then be made available to parties on-line as soon as possible.

6. While these Directions do not strictly apply to lay or non-expert statements / evidence, I would appreciate any written statements to be presented at the hearing to be provided to the Resource Consents Manager no later than **4pm, 21st June 2024**.
7. I also request parties to pre-circulate any opening legal submissions in advance of the hearing, preferably no later than **4pm, 21st June 2024**. All parties will be assisted if the legal submissions can be pre-read.
8. I may direct expert conferencing if the range of technical disciplines involved is extensive to allow an opportunity for those experts to confer in the period after provision of submitter expert evidence and prior to the commencement of hearing. A separate Direction will be issued in relation to any expert conferencing.
9. The purpose of these Directions is to provide all parties an opportunity to read and consider any legal submissions, evidence or statements in advance of the hearing to assist in understanding the case being presented. As I will have read all the pre-circulated material before the hearing, there will be no need for it to be read out. An executive summary may be read out or the key points highlighted.
10. Any enquiries regarding this Direction, or related matters, should be directed to Bianca Lord - Consents and Hearing Administrator at bianca.lord@chbdc.govt.nz



Kitt Littlejohn
Commissioner

31 May 2024