

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of Submissions and Further
Submissions on the
Proposed Wellington City
District Plan

Minute 21:

Amended Timetabling for Hearing Stream 4

Introduction

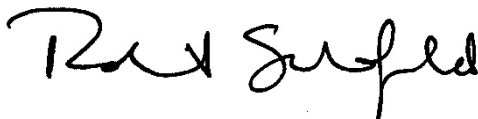
1. The purpose of this Minute is to direct an amendment to the timetabling of the circulation of reports, evidence and statements for Hearing Stream 4 which is to hear submissions on the proposed provisions for Centres provisions of the Proposed District Plan. This minute should be read together with the more general hearing directions in Minute 1.

Hearing Stream 4 - Centres

2. As outlined in Minute 16, the Hearing on the Plan provisions for Centres (Hearing Stream 4) is scheduled to start on 20 June 2023. The S42A reports for this stream, together with any supporting technical evidence, are due to be circulated on 22 May 2023.
3. Separate S42A reports are to be issued on the following topics:
 - Commercial and Mixed-Use Zones overview
 - Centres - City Centre Zone, Metropolitan Centre Zone, Local Centre Zone, Neighbourhood Centre Zone
 - Commercial - Commercial Zone, Mixed Use Zone, General Industrial Zone
 - Waterfront Zone, and
 - Wind.
4. On 12 May, the Stream 4 Hearing Panel received a memorandum from the Council to advise that these reports will not be ready for circulation by 22 May 2023 for the following reasons:
 - The preparation of these reports has been a larger task than anticipated given the number of submission points on the Commercial and Mixed-Use Zones and related topics, and the multiple authors required to undertake the assessments, and
 - There is also a need to integrate the recommendations of the s42A reports with Officers' written responses to Panel questions arising from Hearing Streams 1 and 2, which requires careful consideration.
5. The Council has requested an extra four working days and a revised publication date of Friday 26 May at 1pm for Hearing Stream 4 s42A reports to ensure a higher quality and better integrated set of reports.

6. To help maintain an acceptable number of working days between publication of the s42A reports and the commencement of Hearing Stream 4, the Council has recommended to the Hearing Panel that the start of the hearing is pushed back by two days to Thursday 22 June. We were advised that the Hearings Coordinator is confident that there are adequate hearing days allocated to hear all submitters without needing to push the hearing out further (the hearing is currently scheduled to adjourn on Friday 7 July).
7. Procedurally, this amended timeframe would result in the s42A reports being published 18 working days before the hearing, two less than the 20 working days specified in paragraph 45 of the Hearing Procedures in Minute 1.
8. While we are disappointed that the Council is unable to comply with the timetabling directions for Hearing Stream 4, we acknowledge the importance of having the S42A reports be as comprehensive and complete as they can be, for the benefit of all parties. However, given the number of s42A reports and scale of issues being addressed, we consider it only reasonable to also change the dates by which submitter evidence and Council's rebuttal evidence is to be circulated by the equivalent delay – four days – to Monday 12 June and rebuttal evidence to Monday 19 June respectively (taking into account weekends).
9. Unfortunately, these changes will have a concertina effect on the timetabling for the lodging of legal submissions and any lay presentations/evidence, for which we cannot provide the same extension of time. Therefore we direct that legal submissions and lay presentations/evidence longer than three A4 pages be filed not later than 1pm on 20 June, but provide leave for parties to provide an addendum, addressing any matters arising out of rebuttal evidence that they are unable to include with their submissions/presentations (as applicable). Any such addendum should be filed by 1pm on 21 June 2023.
10. Thus we direct that the timetabling for Hearing 4 is to be amended to be as follows:
 - S42A reports by 1pm on Friday **26 May 2023**
 - Submitter expert evidence must be sent to the Hearings Co-ordinator by 1pm on **12 June 2023** for circulation
 - The Council's rebuttal evidence will be circulated by **19 June 2023**

- Legal submissions and lay presentations/evidence longer than three A4 pages should be sent to the Hearings Co-ordinator by 1pm on **20 June 2023**
 - Applications to cross examine should be lodged by 1pm on **20 June 2023**.
 - Addenda to any legal submissions and lay presentations/evidence in response to Council's rebuttal evidence by 1pm on Wednesday **21 June 2023**.
11. The hearing for Stream 4 is now scheduled to commence on Thursday **22 June 2023**.
12. If you have any questions or concerns relating to this hearing, please contact our Hearings Co-ordinator at jaskirat.kaur@wcc.govt.nz.



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Chair for Hearing Stream 4

For the Wellington City Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel

Dated: 16 May 2023