

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Resource  
Management Act 1991

**AND**

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

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**Minute 59**

**Stream 11 Hearing Follow-Up (2)**

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1. The Stream 11 hearing proceeded in parallel with the final stages of Greater Wellington Regional Council's Regional Policy Statement Change 1 process. Mr McCutcheon based his Report on the Regional Reporting Officer's Reply Statement, while acknowledging that of course the Hearing Panel might have a different view, and the Regional Council a different view again.
2. We understand that the Hearing Panel's Report went to the Regional Council on 26 September, and the Regional Council's decisions were publicly notified on 4 October: refer [Greater Wellington — Decisions \(gw.govt.nz\)](https://www.gw.govt.nz/decisions).
3. As foreshadowed during the course of the hearing, we request that as part of his written Reply, due 25 October, Mr McCutcheon provide us with a Report on the Regional Council's decisions relevant to Stream 11 topics, including a summary of any aspects of Change 1 where the Decisions Version differs materially from the Reporting Officer's Reply Version that he referenced in his Section 42A Report and a discussion of any aspect of his Stream 11 recommendations that he would wish to change, based on those decisions.
4. If any Stream 11 submitter takes issue with Mr McCutcheon's recommendations, either as to matters where he has been prompted by the Regional Council's decisions to shift his position, or where a submitter considers that those decisions should have prompted a shift in position, they have the opportunity to provide us with commentary setting out their position, to be received not later than 1 pm on 7 November.
5. We emphasise that this is not an opportunity for submitters to repeat positions they have already taken. Still less is it an opportunity to reply to Mr McCutcheon's Reply more generally. The focus needs to be on how the Regional Council's decisions have changed the position, compared to what was known at the time of the hearing.
6. We also note that the Change to the Regional Policy Statement does not, of itself, provide scope to change the notified PDP. Any substantive changes to the PDP must be within the scope provided by a submission.

7. Mr McCutcheon retains his right of final Reply in relation to any feedback we have from submitters. Such Reply is to be in hand not later than 15 November.
8. We note that the other issue looming in the background of the Stream 11 hearing, being the progress of the Resource Management (Fresh Water and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2024 through the Parliamentary process, has moved materially with release of the Select Committee's Report on the Bill: refer [Resource Management \(Freshwater and Other Matters\) Amendment Bill \(selectcommittees.parliament.nz\)](https://selectcommittees.parliament.nz). Stating the obvious, this is not yet law, but with the Select Committee having reported back, it may well become law in the relatively near future. As foreshadowed at the hearing, we have it in mind to undertake a similar process to that set out above if the Bill is passed before we finalise our recommendations to Council. We will issue a further Minute in that event with directions as to the process to be followed.



**Trevor Robinson**  
Chair  
For the Wellington City Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel  
**Dated 10 October 2024**