

**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

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**Minute 38**

**2024 Hearing Arrangements**

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## Minute 38 - 2024 Hearing Arrangements

1. Further to our advice in Minute 34 that hearings on the balance of PDP provisions will be deferred until 2024, the purpose of this Minute is to confirm arrangements, as far as we are able to at this point for those hearings.
2. At this point, we are planning on there being six hearings on the balance of PDP provisions as follows:

**Stream 6** hearing submissions on Special Purpose Zones for the Airport, Correctional facilities, the Port, Quarries and the Stadium, and development (Future Urban Zone) areas - scheduled for 20-29 February;

**Stream 7** hearing the balance of Special Purpose Zones (the Hospital and Tertiary Education facilities), Rural and Open Space Zones and various districtwide matters (Signs, Light and Temporary Activities, together with the Rural and Signs Design Guides) - scheduled for 19-28 March;

**Stream 8** related to the Natural and Coastal environment - scheduled for 29 April-9 May;

**Stream 9** covering Infrastructure issues including Renewable Energy, Transport, Contaminated Land and Hazardous Substances - scheduled for 10-21 June;

**Stream 10** covering Designations - scheduled for 15-26 July;

A **wrap up** hearing to integrate any cross stream matters and to pick up any issues that have either been deferred from previous streams or inadvertently omitted - scheduled for 9-13 September.
3. Although it was originally envisaged that the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity (ECO) Chapter would be considered in the Stream 8 hearing, that is now unlikely to occur. The Council is considering its response to the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB), which took effect in early August of this year, and we are awaiting its proposal as to how we proceed.
4. We hope to be in a position to confirm arrangements for hearing of submissions on that chapter before Christmas.

5. These hearings will proceed in general accordance with the hearing procedures established in Minute 1, as amended in subsequent minutes. We note that the matters to be heard are non-Intensification Streamline Planning Process (ISPP) matters and therefore the 'normal' RMA First Schedule process requirements apply. Among other things, therefore, cross-examination is not an option and the Hearing Panels jurisdiction to recommend amendments to the PDP is limited to the scope of the submissions before it, save only for minor amendments and corrections.
6. For each hearing, there are therefore six steps that we need to timetable:
  - (i) Circulation of the Council's Section 42A Report(s) and any supporting expert evidence;
  - (ii) Advice from submitters that they wish to be heard and requests for more than the default hearing allocation of 20 minutes;
  - (iii) Lodgement of submitters' expert evidence;
  - (iv) Lodgement of rebuttal evidence both by the Council and by other parties;
  - (v) Lodgement of legal submissions and submitter representations/presentations longer than three A4 pages;
  - (vi) Lodgement of the Council's written reply.
7. The relevant dates for each hearing are as follows:

**Stream 6:**

- (i) Section 42A Report – 19 January;
- (ii) Submitters' advice to the hearing administrator regarding allocation of hearing time – 26 January;
- (iii) Submitters evidence – 5 February;
- (iv) Rebuttal – 13 February;
- (v) Legal submissions/other presentations – 16 February;
- (vi) Council reply – 28 March.

**Hearing 7:**

- (i) Section 42A Report – 20 February;
- (ii) Submitters' advice to the hearing administrator regarding allocation of hearing time – 27 February;
- (iii) Submitters' evidence – 5 March;
- (iv) Rebuttal – 12 March;
- (v) Legal submissions/other presentations – 15 March;
- (vi) Council reply – 30 April.

**Stream 8:**

- (i) Section 42A Report – 27 March;
- (ii) Submitters' advice to the hearing administrator regarding allocation of hearing time – 4 April;
- (iii) Submitters' evidence – 12 April;
- (iv) Rebuttal – 19 April;
- (v) Legal submissions/other presentations – 24 April;
- (vi) Council reply – 7 June.

**Stream 9:**

- (i) Section 42A Report – 13 May;
- (ii) Submitters' advice to the hearing administrator regarding allocation of hearing time – 20 May;
- (iii) Submitters evidence – 27 May;
- (iv) Rebuttal – 3 June;
- (v) Legal submissions/other presentations – 6 June;
- (vi) Council reply – 19 July.

**Stream 10:**

- (i) Section 42A Report – 14 June;
- (ii) Submitters' advice to the hearing administrator regarding allocation of hearing time – 21 June;
- (iii) Submitters' evidence – 1 July;
- (iv) Rebuttal – 8 July;
- (v) Legal submissions/other presentations – 11 July;
- (vi) Council reply – 16 August.

**Wrap up:**

- (i) Section 42A Report – 12 August;
- (ii) Submitters' advice to the hearing administrator regarding allocation of hearing time – 19 August;
- (iii) Submitters evidence – 26 August;
- (iv) Rebuttal – 2 September;
- (v) Legal submissions/other presentations – 5 September;
- (vi) Council reply – 4 October.

- 8. As previously, the deadline for material to be sent to the Hearing Administrator at [Jaskirat.Kaur@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:Jaskirat.Kaur@wcc.govt.nz) is 1pm on the appointed day.
- 9. This is not a notice of hearing. Formal notice of hearing will be sent to relevant parties for each hearing in due course.



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For the Wellington City Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel

**Dated 20 October 2023**