

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

Minute 43

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1. Following the three days of hearing this past week there are a number of verbal directions that we have made and need to record.
2. First, we note that counsel for Wellington International Airport Limited (**WIAL**) made application for an adjournment of the hearing of WIAL's case on the Airport Zone on the afternoon of 20 February, in order to permit conferencing between the Reporting Officer (Mr Jeffries) and WIAL's planner (Ms O'Sullivan) to occur.
3. We discussed the matter with Ms Dewar at the commencement of the second day of the hearing (she appeared virtually). Having noted our wish to be assured that there was both a genuine prospect of material narrowing of points of contention and the motivation to do that on WIAL's part (and been advised that was the case), we agreed that a short adjournment was appropriate. We directed that hearing of WIAL's case on the Airport Zone should be scheduled for 9am on 27 February. We asked the Hearing Administrator to contact the other submitters who had given notice of intention to be heard in relation to the Airport Zone (Guardians of the Bays, Yvonne Weeber and the Board of Airline Representatives of New Zealand Inc (**BARNZ**)) and offer them the opportunity to defer their appearance to that date also. Guardians of the Bays and Ms Weeber elected to proceed on 21 February. Counsel for BARNZ, (Ms Chappell) took up our offer and as a result, BARNZ will be heard on 27 February, immediately following WIAL.
4. In conjunction with that adjournment, we directed that Mr Jeffries and Ms O'Sullivan conference on outstanding issues related to the Airport Zone, and report back no later than 3pm on 26 February.
5. Mr Rod Halliday appeared (virtually) on behalf of Lincolnshire Farm Limited, Hunters Hill Limited, Best Farm Limited and Stebbings Farmland on 22 February handicapped by covid. The Panel appreciated Mr Halliday pushing ahead with his appearance in the circumstances, but wished to ensure that Mr Halliday and his clients were not prejudiced by his operating at less than 100% physical and mental capacity. Accordingly, we gave Mr Halliday leave to correct or supplement the answers that he gave to our questions verbally, with written advice of same to be filed no later than close of business

Thursday 29 February. During the course of our discussion with Mr Halliday we asked that at the same time he provide commentary on the potential relevance of the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land to zoning of the two development areas in issue and a point by point commentary setting out his response to the Reporting Officer's verbal evidence on the remaining spatial issues in relation to the development area plans, if converted to live zones.

6. We also directed that Mr Halliday conference with the Reporting Officer, Ms van Haren-Giles on outstanding issues in the Development Area chapters. Given Mr Halliday's medical condition, we did not fix a firm date for a joint witness conference to be received. We request that he confer with the Reporting Officer as soon possible after he has sufficiently recovered to undertake that exercise.
7. Thirdly, when the representatives of Horokiwi Quarries Limited appeared we asked Ms Whitney to provide us with:
 - (1) A contour plan or multi-layer viewer showing the Horokiwi Quarry area including:
 - (a) the area occupied by current quarrying operations
 - (b) notified zone and overlay boundaries;
 - (c) amendments to those boundaries sought by Horokiwi Quarries Ltd;
 - (d) the area covered by the existing use certificate she had tabled, and any resource consents held by Horokiwi Quarries Limited;
 - (e) the two areas whose zoning is in contention; and
 - (2) A statement of Horokiwi Quarries Limited's position on the potential option of an expansion to the existing Quarry Zone subject to a Restricted Discretionary Activity rule applying in the additional area(s) for quarrying activities.

8. We directed that this material be provided by close of business Thursday 29 February also.
9. Lastly, when the representatives of CentrePort appeared, we requested that Ms Searle confer with the Reporting Officer and agree a square meterage equivalent to 10% of the Inner Harbour Port Precinct. We received that advice on 23 February as an addendum to a copy of Ms Searle's speaking notes, which we also requested.



Trevor Robinson

Chair

For the Wellington City Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel

Dated 24 February 2024