

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 41


Stream 6 Timetabling Directions

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1. In Minute 38, we made directions for the 2024 hearings. For Stream 6, those directions included provision for filing and circulating the Section 42A Reports and related supporting material (on 19 January) and for filing and circulation of submitters' evidence (on 5 February)
2. The Section 42A Reports were filed as directed. However, we have been advised that due to an administrative error, a group of some 26 submitters were not sent the link to the Section 42A Reports until 25 January, some 3 working days late. The submitters in question were those who had submitted only on the Development Area Chapters.
3. The Council recognises that this group of 26 submitters have been prejudiced and suggests amendment to their evidence deadline, and a consequential change to the rebuttal deadline (currently 13 February).
4. This failure on the Council's part is unfortunate. However, it has been identified in sufficient time to adjust preparations for the hearing.
5. As Council notes, there was a delay in service of 3 working days. Submitters on the Development Area Chapters should therefore have an extra 3 working days to prepare and file their evidence: to Friday 9 February. The 7 submitters who have lodged submissions on other hearing topics, as well as Development Areas, have the option of taking advantage of this leave and filing their evidence on the Development Area Chapters on that day. The balance of their evidence, on other topics, should be filed on 5 February, as originally directed
6. As Council notes, that means that the time to prepare rebuttal is very short. We cannot enlarge that deadline by 3 working days without disrupting the lead-in to the hearing further than we deem desirable. We fix a deadline of 15 February for rebuttal on Development Area Chapters. Rebuttal on other topics remains due on 13 February.
7. Even then, we foresee potential for those arrangements to stretch counsel's ability to file legal submissions as originally directed (by 16 February).

Counsel have leave to file an addendum to their legal submissions addressing Development Area issues by 1pm on Monday 19 February.

8. The only other relevant action potentially affected by these changes is our direction that submitters advise their requirement for hearing time by 26 January i.e. today. The Hearing Administrator, Ms Kaur, will continue to action requests from the 26 affected submitters next week. However, we request that you contact her as soon as you are able to do so if you wish to be allocated hearing time.



Trevor Robinson

Chair

For the Wellington City Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel

Dated 26 January 2024