

**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 55**

**Timetabling Directions**

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## Minute 55 –Timetabling Directions

1. Counsel for KiwiRail has filed a status report in accordance with our directions in Minute 52. It advises that KiwiRail's review of past District Plans and District Planning Schemes has not yet provided a clear answer to the issues discussed in that Minute, and seeks a further 2 weeks to access archived information related to the 1985 and 1959 District Planning Schemes.
2. We are prepared to accede to this request, on the basis that KiwiRail provides any and all additional information it seeks to rely on in relation to designation of its rail tunnels by then (i.e. by 13 August).
3. When we have had a chance to review that material, we will consider what further directions we will make- whether as foreshadowed in Minute 52, we will direct conferencing, or whether we will direct that the Council file its reply on KiwiRail issues.
4. Either way, it is clear that Council will not be able to reply on KiwiRail's designations by 16 August (the date fixed in Minute 38). We direct that Council reply on all other Stream 10 issues by that date, and we will make further directions in relation to timing of a discrete reply on KiwiRail's designations after 13 August.
5. Turning to Stream 11, Council advises that preparation of its Section 42A Report, and supporting technical evidence is proving a complex exercise, and it seeks extra time for finalisation of this material. We are not entirely surprised by this advice. Quite apart from anything else, we understand that Greater Wellington Regional Council will release its decisions on Change 1 to its Regional Policy Statement within the next few days.
6. Reviewing the timetable previously fixed, we consider that there is scope to enlarge the time for filing of the Section 42A Report without prejudicing other parties unduly, and we consider that all parties, including the Panel, would be advantaged if the Section 42A Report is as comprehensive as it can be.
7. We fix the following varied timesteps for Stream 11:

- (i) Section 42A Report – 12 August;
  - (ii) Submitters' advice to the Hearing Administrator regarding allocation of hearing time – 19 August;
  - (iii) Submitters' evidence – 28 August;
  - (iv) Rebuttal evidence – 3 September;
  - (v) Legal submissions/other presentations – 5 September;
  - (vi) Council Reply – 25 October
8. As previously advised, the hearing will commence at 9am on Monday 9 September.
9. Lastly, we note that our Hearing Administrator, Jaskirat Kaur, is leaving Council on 2 August. District Plan hearing queries and communications should be directed to [district.plan@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:district.plan@wcc.govt.nz) in the short term.



**Trevor Robinson**

Chair

For the Wellington City Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel

**Dated 31 July 2024**