

**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 50**

**Hearing of Remaining Submissions**

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## Minute 50 – Hearing of Remaining Submissions

1. The purpose of this Minute is to finalise directions for hearing of submissions on indigenous biodiversity matters, and to address consequential matters flowing from those directions.
2. We have previously noted that the Council was considering its response to changes foreshadowed by Central Government to management of indigenous biodiversity, including whether it might notify a variation to the PDP on indigenous biodiversity matters. We deemed it prudent to allow time for Council to finalise its position before making arrangements for hearing of those matters. We have now been advised that having reviewed the Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Bill that was recently introduced into Parliament, Council sees no reason that hearings of submissions on indigenous biodiversity matters should not proceed.
3. The Panel therefore intends to do just that, and hear submissions on the ECO Chapter as notified, along with submissions on the INF-ECO sub-chapter (which have been deferred from Stream 9). Those matters will constitute Stream 11.
4. We advise first that the Stream 11 Hearing Panel will be made up of Commissioner Robinson (as Chair) and Commissioners Burge, Daysh and Pomare.
5. We confirm that the Stream 11 hearing will commence at 9am on 10 September and will run the balance of that week (i.e. 10-13 September inclusive) and if required, will continue on 16-20 September inclusive.
6. The deadlines for other relevant steps in relation to the Stream 11 hearing are as follows:
  - i) Section 42A Report – 5 August;
  - ii) Submitters' advice to the Hearing Administrator regarding allocation of hearing time – 12 August;
  - iii) Submitters' evidence – 26 August;

- iv) Rebuttal evidence – 2 September;
  - v) Legal submissions/other presentations – 5 September;
  - vi) Council Reply – 25 October.
7. As previously advised, inserting a new Stream 11 hearing means that the wrap-up hearing will be deferred. That will now occur on 5-8 November (inclusive). All Commissioners will sit on the wrap-up hearing. Commissioner Robinson will Chair it.
8. Deadlines for other steps in relation to the wrap-up hearing will be:
- i) Section 42A Report – 7 October;
  - ii) Submitters' advice to the Hearing Administrator regarding allocation of hearing time – 14 October;
  - iii) Submitters' evidence – 21 October;
  - iv) Rebuttal evidence – 29 October;
  - v) Legal submissions/other presentations – 31 October;
  - vi) Council Reply – 29 November.
9. To assist preparation for the wrap up hearing, any party that considers that by the conclusion of the Stream 11 hearing, its submission will either not have been heard or would benefit from being considered further by reason of its implications across more than one hearing stream, is requested to advise the Hearing Administrator of the details by 2 September. We emphasise that this is not an opportunity to request rehearing of submissions generally. For obvious reasons, it is also not an opportunity to rehear submissions heard and determined as part of the IPI phase of the PDP hearings. The Plan provisions in relation to those matters are now either operative or before the Environment Court.
10. Such advice should be accompanied by reasons, and we will make directions as to what matters will be 'on the table' at the wrap up hearing well before the deadlines set out above.

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**Trevor Robinson**

Chair

For the Wellington City Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel

**Dated 4 June 2024**