

**BEFORE INDEPENDENT HEARING COMMISSIONERS
IN CHRISTCHURCH**

TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE I TŪTOHUA MŌ TE TĀONE O ŌTAUTAHI

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of the hearing of submissions on Plan Change 14 (Housing and Business Choice) to the Christchurch District Plan

**MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
REGARDING COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

6 December 2023

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MAY IT PLEASE THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS PANEL:

1. The purpose of this memorandum of counsel for Christchurch City Council (**Council**) is to advise the Panel and submitters of a resolution passed today by the Council in relation to Plan Change 14.
2. In light of the formation of a new Government and its stated legislative priorities in the short-term, which include making optional the introduction by councils of medium density residential standards, the Council has resolved to:

Request that the Minister for the Environment give urgency to issue a Gazette Notice under section 80M of the Resource Management Act 1991 requiring that the Plan Change 14 hearing not recommence until after a date set by the Minister, and extending the 12 September 2024 date by which the Council must make a decision on the Independent Hearings Panel recommendations.

3. The Council will keep the Panel and submitters updated regarding that request, the Minister's response to it, and the potential issue of a *Gazette* notice pausing the Plan Change 14 process.
4. In the meantime, Council officers are continuing their work on Plan Change 14 in accordance with the Panel's directions, including to assemble the further information requested, carry out expert conferencing on various matters, and prepare for weeks 9 and 10 of the hearing.

Date: 6 December 2023



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