

**IN THE MATTER OF** Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF** Proposed Plan Change 14 Housing and  
Business Choice pursuant to Part 5, subpart  
5A and Part 6 of Schedule 1 of the Resource  
Management Act 1991

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**MINUTE 16: RESPONSE TO REQUESTS REGARDING EXPERT WITNESS  
CONFERCING ON AIRPORT NOISE**

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- [1] This is the sixteenth procedural Minute to be issued by the Independent Hearings Panel (IHP) established by the Christchurch City Council (the Council) to conduct the hearing of submissions on proposed Plan Change 14 Housing and Business Choice (PC 14) notified by the Council and to make recommendations to the Council, after the hearing of submissions is concluded, pursuant to Part 5, subpart 5A and Part 6 of Schedule 1, of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).
- [2] The purpose of this Minute is to respond to, and make directions arising from, a joint Memorandum of counsel on airport noise conferencing.

### **Joint Memorandum of Counsel**

- [3] Counsel for Christchurch International Airport Limited, submitter #852 filed a joint memorandum of counsel on airport noise conferencing<sup>1</sup> on behalf of:
- (a) Christchurch International Airport Limited #852
  - (b) Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities #834
  - (c) Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agenda #805
  - (d) Miles Premises Limited #883 and Equus Trust #2102.
- [4] The memorandum addressed the initial arrangements for expert witness conferencing on airport noise, noting that this session scheduled for 26 September 2023 was, with agreement of the participants, postponed.
- [5] The memorandum sought directions from the IHP for an alternative timetable for conferencing and making requests to file rebuttal evidence and the subsequent filing of rebuttal evidence (if any) relating to airport noise. The parties consider a facilitator would be beneficial for the session.

### **Directions**

- [6] The IHP has considered the request and the approach proposed and issues the following directions:

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<sup>1</sup> Joint memorandum of Counsel filed 2 October 2023

- (a) Expert witness conferencing on airport noise is to be scheduled on 24 or 25 October 2023. The date to be confirmed as soon as possible and parties are to liaise with the IHP Director regarding arrangements for a facilitator for the session.
- (b) The joint witness statement on airport noise to be filed by 12 noon on 3 November 2023.
- (c) Applications for any rebuttal evidence from acoustic engineers on airport noise due at 12 noon on 6 November 2023.
- (d) Decision of the IHP Chair on any applications for rebuttal evidence to be issued by 5pm on 7 November 2023.
- (e) Rebuttal evidence on airport noise to be filed with the IHP Secretariat at 12 noon on 14 November 2023.

[7] Unless further directions are issued, parties are required to adhere with the IHP timeline and hearing procedures on all other matters.

Dated 5 October 2023



Cindy Robinson  
Chair  
for Independent Hearings Panel