

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

**MINUTE 17: RESPONSE TO MEMORANDUM FROM WOOLWORTHS NEW ZEALAND
LTD (#740) SEEKING LEAVE TO CALL PLANNING EVIDENCE**

- [1] This is the seventeenth 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 a Memorandum from Woolworths New Zealand Ltd (#740) seeking leave for planning evidence to be presented at the hearings.

Request for leave to call planning evidence

- [3] Woolworths New Zealand Ltd (Woolworths) filed a memorandum on 16 October 2023 seeking leave for planning evidence from Mr Bonis to be presented at the hearings on PC 14 on the matters:
- (a) Centres approach beyond the Central City (week 3)
 - (b) Centres (Centres Approach) - Policy 15.2.4.2 (week 3)
 - (c) Tree Canopy (assumed week 9).
- [4] The Central City and Commercial Zones topic is scheduled to be heard on 24, 25, 26 and 31 October 2023.
- [5] Mr Bonis filed expert evidence before the 20 September 2023 deadline but due to the contact for service being away had not returned the hearing appearance form or responded the IHP Secretariat to arrange a time to appear at the IHP hearings.
- [6] The IHP grants leave for Mr Bonis to appear at the hearings to present expert planning evidence in support of the Woolworths submission in the Central City and Commercial Zones topic, and in Week 9 on Financial Contributions (Tree Canopy).
- [7] The Secretariat will liaise with Mr Bonis and arrange at time for him to appear at the hearings on 26 or 31 October 2023. An updated hearing schedule will be published by 20 October 2023 to reflect this, and any further changes to the hearing schedule.

Cross Examination

- [8] In the event that the Council or any other party wishes to cross examine Mr Bonis, given the late notice of attendance on the Central City and Commercial Centres Zones, the IHP waives the seven day notice requirement¹.
- [9] Any party who wishes to cross examine Mr Bonis is required to urgently advise the IHP Secretariat and identify the particular matters they wish to address. In accordance with paragraph [83] of the IHP Hearing Procedures this application must also be served on Woolworths.

Dated 17 October 2023



Cindy Robinson
Chair
for Independent Hearings Panel

¹ IHP Minute 15 of 4 October 2023 amended the time for making application for cross examination to seven working days for all parties.