

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 23: RESPONSE TO APPLICATION FOR REBUTTAL EVIDENCE ON AIRPORT
NOISE MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS BY CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL FOR
CROSS EXAMINATION**

- [1] This is the twenty third 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.
- [2] The purpose of this Minute is to respond to Memoranda of Counsel for Christchurch International Airport Limited (CIAL) seeking leave to file rebuttal evidence relating to airport noise matters, and two Memorandum of Counsel for Christchurch City Council (the Council) applying to cross examine witnesses appearing during the residential topic.

Rebuttal evidence

- [3] Counsel for CIAL filed a Memorandum on Monday 6 November 2023 seeking leave of the Chair to file rebuttal evidence on airport noise matters from the following witnesses:
- (a) Mr Chris Day
 - (b) Ms Laurel Smith
 - (c) Mr Darryl Millar
 - (d) An urban design expert witness to be confirmed.
- [4] Joint witness conferencing on airport noise matters took place on 24 October 2023. The IHP's Minute 16¹ responded to requests regarding expert witness conferencing on airport noise, and included directions that applications for any rebuttal evidence from acoustic engineers on airport noise were required to be filed by 12 noon on 6 November 2023.
- [5] The Memorandum addresses that the request that rebuttal evidence be filed from experts other than acoustics engineers involved in conferencing. The request arises from statements made in these experts' evidence and from the joint witness statement, that CIAL's acoustics engineers consider requires additional expertise to rebut.
- [6] Leave for the application by CIAL for the filing of expert evidence by four witnesses as detailed in paragraph [3] is granted.

¹ Minute 16 Response to requests regarding expert witness conferencing on airport noise filed on 5 October 2023.

[7] Rebuttal evidence is required to be filed with the IHP Secretariat by 12noon on 14 November 2023. Evidence will be published on the IHP website as soon as practicable after that time.

[8] Rebuttal evidence is required to be served on the parties that it relates to.

Cross examination

[9] On 6 November 2023 Counsel for the Council filed memoranda of Counsel seeking leave to cross examine a witness appearing on 8 November 2023, and eight witnesses for submitters appearing throughout the residential zones topic hearings.

[10] The memoranda sought leave to undertake focussed cross examination for up to 10 minutes per expert witness.

[11] Leave is granted for Counsel for the Council to cross examine the witnesses as requested for up to ten minutes, during the scheduled appearance of that witness.

[12] The IHP requests that where Counsel determines in advance of the date of cross examination that cross examination is no longer required notice should be given to Counsel for that witness and the IHP Secretariat.

Dated 7 November 2023



Cindy Robinson
Chair
for Independent Hearings Panel