

**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 33: REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, EVALUATION FROM  
SUBMITTER EXPERT WITNESSES AND LEGAL COUNSEL – UPDATED DIRECTIONS**

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- [1] This is the thirty third (33) 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:
- (a) To approve the request from Cashmere Park Ltd, Hartward Investment Trust and Robert Brown<sup>1</sup> seeking an extension for the filing of supplementary of legal submissions and responses from expert witnesses, noting the updated directions below.
  - (b) For the sake of clarity update the directions given in IHP Minute 29<sup>2</sup> to all submitters that responses to requests from the IHP for further information and evaluation from submitter expert witnesses and legal counsel are now deferred until the conclusion of resumed hearings, tentatively scheduled to be 30 April 2024.
  - (c) Advise all submitters that the IHP will confirm directions regarding the resumption of hearings and provision of information once there is clarity of response or direction arising from the Councils request for delay from the Minister for the Environment.

#### Updated directions

- [3] Counsel for Cashmere Park Ltd, Hartward Investment Trust and Robert Brown filed a memorandum with the IHP on 12 February 2024 seeking an extension for the filing of supplementary legal submissions and responses from expert witnesses that were to be due on Friday 16 February 2024 as set out in Minute 29.
- [4] Minute 29: Hearing Update issued on 14 December 2024, included the list of IHP member requests for further information and evaluation from submitter expert witnesses and legal counsel, and directions regarding the provision of this information.

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<sup>1</sup> Cashmere Park Ltd, Hartward Investment Trust and Robert Brown #593 #2009

<sup>2</sup> IHP Minute 29: [chch2023.ihp.govt.nz/assets/IHP-Minutes-Directions-Docs/IHP-Minute-29-Hearings-Update-14-December-2023.pdf](https://chch2023.ihp.govt.nz/assets/IHP-Minutes-Directions-Docs/IHP-Minute-29-Hearings-Update-14-December-2023.pdf)

- [5] Paragraph [17] of Minute 29 provided that if hearings resume, as [then] scheduled in the new year, responses were to be received by the IHP secretariat by Friday 16 February 2024.
- [6] On 8 January 2024, the IHP issued Minute 32<sup>3</sup> deferring weeks 9 and 10 of hearings in response to the Council's request for an adjournment of hearings. The hearings scheduled to commence on 30 January, 1 and 2 February, and 13 – 15 February 2024 were formally adjourned to dates to be rescheduled between 18 March and 30 April 2024.
- [7] On 7 February 2024 the IHP Secretariat communicated to all submitters that the IHP intends that hearings will resume on 15 April 2024 and the remaining six days of hearings will be completed by 30 April 2024 subject to any response or direction from the Minister for the Environment, following consideration of the Council's December 2023 request to pause hearings.
- [8] For the sake of clarity the direction in paragraph [17] of Minute 29 is now amended to require that the information requested is to be provided at the conclusion of the rescheduled hearing of weeks 9 and 10, tentatively scheduled to be 30 April 2024 or at such later date as directed by the IHP following the receipt by the Council of a response or further direction from the Minister for the Environment..
- [9] The IHP thanks all parties that have contributed and provided information in response to the IHP requests to date.

Dated 14 February 2024



Cindy Robinson  
Chair  
for Independent Hearings Panel

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<sup>3</sup> Minute 32: [chch2023.ihp.govt.nz/assets/IHP-Minutes-Directions-Docs/IHP-Minute-32-Decision-On-The-Request-by-The-Council-for-an-Adjournment-of-Hearings-08-January-2024.pdf](https://chch2023.ihp.govt.nz/assets/IHP-Minutes-Directions-Docs/IHP-Minute-32-Decision-On-The-Request-by-The-Council-for-an-Adjournment-of-Hearings-08-January-2024.pdf)