

**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 WOOLWORTHS NEW ZEALAND LTD (Sub #740)
SEEKING LEAVE FOR PLANNING EVIDENCE TO BE PROVIDED AT
THE HEARING**

16 October 2023

MAY IT PLEASE THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS PANEL:

1. This memorandum for Woolworths New Zealand Ltd (**Woolworths, Sub #740**) seeks leave to call Planning evidence at the hearing of submissions on Plan Change 14 (Housing and Business Choice) to the Christchurch District Plan (**PC14**).
2. The expert evidence of Matt Bonis the Planning witness for Woolworths was filed for Plan Change 14 as required on 15 September 2023.
3. Mr Bonis was subsequently on leave from the 14 September 2023 and returned back to the office, today on 16 October 2023.
4. On 15 September 2023, the Independent Hearings Panel (**IHP**) through the IHP Director, Jo Daly issued an e-mail to all submitters seeking the completion and return of a hearings attendance form '*as soon as possible*'. A completed Hearings Form is provided in **Attachment A**.
5. Accordingly, in the absence of legal counsel and with Mr Bonis unavailable the form was not filled out and returned to the IHP Director as requested. It does not appear that Mr Bonis is scheduled in the preliminary Hearings Topic Schedule for weeks 2 to 6 (updated 13 October 2023).
6. The purpose of this request is to seek leave from the Panel for Mr Bonis to address the IHP in terms of his expert hearing evidence. The relevant matters are:
 - Centres approach beyond the Central City (Week 3)
 - Centres (Centres Approach) - Policy 15.2.4.2 (Week 3)
 - Tree Canopy (assumed Week 9, Jan 2024)
7. The Panel Secretariat has also been contacted on 16th October 2023 and advised of the reasons for leave being sought in this matter.

Date: 16 October 2023



Matt Bonis
Planner for Woolworths New Zealand Ltd

Appendix A – Hearing Appearance Form

Hearing Appearance Form

Return form to the IHP Secretariat by 12 noon on 13 September 2023:

Email: info@chch2023.ihp.govt.nz

Post: Jo Daly
Plan Change 14 – Independent Hearings Panel
PO Box 73012
Christchurch 8154

Phone: 03 941 8581

Submitter (or further submitter) Name:

Submitter (or further submitter) Number:

Do you intend to speak at the hearing: Yes: No:

Contact Name:

Contact email:

Contact phone:

Do you have legal representation: Yes: No:
Name of lawyer:

Do you intend to call expert evidence: Yes: No:
Expert witness(es) name and area of expertise:

Do you intend to call any lay witnesses: Yes: No:
Name of lay witness:

Any additional information:

In accordance with the [hearing procedures](#) please note the following:

- 15 minutes is allocated per submitter with an additional 10 minutes available for each witness.
- If further time is required, the submitter must apply via the IHP Secretariat.
- Wherever practical submitters will appear once to present their submission on all topics. Submitters who wish to attend additional hearing sessions to present their submission on additional topics are able to request to do so.
- Submitter expert evidence is required to be filed by 12 noon on 20 September 2023. Legal submissions are required to be filed five working days ahead of the scheduled hearing time.
- Lay evidence from submitters or witnesses is not required to be pre-circulated. Any presentations to be given should be provided three working days in advance of the scheduled hearing time.

Completed By:

Dated: