

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

DIRECTION 2:

**DECISION AND DIRECTIONS REGARDING RECEIPT OF LATE FURTHER SUBMISSIONS
UNDER cl 98(3) SCHEDULE 1, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

- [1] This hearing direction is 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 hearing direction is to advise of the IHP's decision in response to two late further submissions to PC 14.
- [3] The Council notified PC 14 on 17 March 2023, the submission period closing on 3 May 2023. The Council advised the IHP in a memorandum of counsel of 5 May 2023 that under section 37 of the RMA the submission period was extended by one week, until 12 May 2023. The further submission period commenced on 30 June 2023 and closed on 17 July 2023. The Council notified an addendum with additional and amended points on 24 July, with further submissions on those points closing on 7 August 2023.
- [4] The Council has provided the IHP Secretariat with two late further submissions that were submitted on 7 August 2023.
- [5] The late further submissions received by the Council after the close of further submissions are from:
- (a) Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, received on 7 August 2023¹
 - (b) Equus Trust, received on 7 August 2023.
- [6] In submitting the late further submission, Waka Kotahi have advised that it is understood that the late submission may not be accepted, but it is considered that there are implications with the relief sought by the original submitter which Waka Kotahi consider is appropriate to raise.
- [7] In submitting the late further submission, Equus Trust, has noted that there is no prejudice to any party in accepting this late submission because the corrections to the summary of submissions is still out for further submission until 7 August 2023.

¹ Waka Kotahi is also an original submitter #805 and has made a submission on the airport noise QM as notified in PC 14.

[8] Under clause 98(3), Part 6 of Schedule 1 and section 37 (and for the reasons set out in section 37A) of the RMA the IHP has the ability to accept or reject any late submissions and further submissions.

[9] The IHP has decided to receive the two late further submissions.

[10] In making this decision the IHP is satisfied in accepting the late further submissions that:

- (a) no person will be adversely affected because the issues raised in the late further submissions have generally been raised by other submissions and further submissions.
- (b) this will assist in achieving an adequate assessment of the plan change.
- (c) there will be no delay in the hearing process because the late further submissions were received within the extended time frame that related to corrections to the original summary of submissions and there is plenty of time for the late further submitters to adhere to the IHP timetabling directions.

[11] The further submitters are required to adhere to timetabling directions issued by the IHP in its minutes and hearing procedures.

[12] Any enquiries relating to this direction, or related matters, should be directed to the IHP Secretariat at: info@chch2023.ihp.govt.nz

Dated 15 August 2023



Cindy Robinson
Chair
for Independent Hearings Panel