

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 2: RESCHEDULING OF PRE-HEARING MEETING AND REQUEST FOR
AMENDMENTS TO PRELIMINARY TIMELINE FROM CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL**

- [1] This is the second procedural Minute (Minute 2) 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 Minute 2 is to advise all parties of the postponement of the pre-hearing meeting scheduled for 20 July 2023 until **Tuesday 1 August 2023**, and to update submitters on the preparations and directions for the hearing of submissions on PC 14.

Background

- [3] On 31 March 2023 the IHP issued its first Minute (Minute 1) outlining an indicative preliminary timeline and preliminary directions to the Council and submitters for the filing of information and evidence in advance of the hearing of submissions on PC 14.
- [4] The IHP proposed that there would be a pre-hearing meeting of all parties on 20 July 2023.
- [5] The IHP also proposed dates for the Council to file its s42A Reports and evidence in chief by 4 August 2023 and that submitters would have until 8 September 2023 to file their expert evidence.
- [6] On 5 May 2023 the Council reported to the IHP that due to a system error it was necessary to extend the time frame for making primary submissions, but that would not affect the preliminary timeline set out in Minute 1.
- [7] On 12 June 2023 the Council filed another memorandum¹ (Council's memorandum) requesting a postponement of the pre-hearing meeting to a date during the week of 7 August 2023 and an extension of time for the filing of s42A Reports and its evidence in chief to 18 August 2023 and submitters evidence to 15 September 2023. These changes are due to the volume of submissions and the work involved in the Council notifying the summary of submissions. The Council's memorandum also proposes a suggested schedule for hearing topics.
- [8] Until such time as the Council hands over all submissions to the IHP in accordance with clause 97, Part 6, Schedule 1 RMA the IHP seeks cooperation from Council staff to alert

¹ Memorandum of Counsel for Christchurch City Council dated 12 June 2023

all primary submitters (and further submitters when they become known) to notices and directions of the IHP.

Pre-Hearing Meeting

- [9] The IHP agrees to postpone the pre-hearing meeting until 1 August 2023. The IHP is not available during the week of 7 August 2023 as proposed by the Council.
- [10] Formal notice of the pre-hearing meeting, along with a proposed hearing schedule and draft hearing procedures will be provided by the IHP to the Council and all primary submitters by 10 July.
- [11] The IHP requests that the Council provide notice of the pre-hearing meeting and a link to the proposed hearing schedule and draft hearing procedures on the IHP website to all further submitters as soon as further submissions are received by the Council.
- [12] The IHP Secretariat is requested to update the IHP website timeline to show the amended pre-hearing meeting date and upload the Council's memorandum and Minute 2. The notice of pre-hearing meeting, proposed hearing schedule and draft hearing procedures will also be available on the IHP website by 10 July.
- [13] The IHP will provide public notice of the pre-hearing meeting in the Christchurch Press on Saturday 15 July and ask the Council to include notice of the pre-hearing meeting in the Council's online public notices from Saturday 15 July.

Council request for amended directions for filing of reports and evidence

- [14] The Council has set out an alternative date for the provision of its s42A Report and primary evidence of 18 August 2023.
- [15] The IHP requests the IHP secretariat to place the Council's memorandum and a copy of Minute 2 on the IHP website immediately and requests that the Council email all primary submitters with a link to the documents by the close of business Thursday 15 June 2023.
- [16] Any primary submitter who wishes to comment on the Council's memorandum (and its requested amended timeline) and/or the indicative timeline in Minute 1 are invited to do so in writing via email or memorandum addressed to the Director IHP by 5pm Friday 23 June 2023 at info@chch2023.ihp.govt.nz

Hearing dates and scheduling of submission topics

- [17] The Council has advised that there are approximately 260 primary submitters wishing to be heard and has asked the IHP to schedule additional hearing dates to accommodate the hearing of submissions and further submissions.
- [18] The IHP confirms its intention that hearings will commence during the week of 9 October and continue until 30 November 2023. Reserve hearing dates have been allowed for on 30 and 31 January and 1 February 2024 and 13, 14 and 15 February 2024 if required.
- [19] The Council has provided the IHP with some initial thoughts on how the hearings might be scheduled, breaking these down into topics or 'streams'. The scheduling of hearing time is a matter the IHP is working through over the coming weeks. The IHP are grateful for the Council's thoughts on this and acknowledge that they are preliminary in nature at this stage. The IHP will circulate a draft hearing schedule to all parties ahead of the pre-hearing meeting and seek specific feedback on our proposals at that time. The final scheduling or 'streaming' of submission topics within hearing dates in paragraph [18] and the hearing procedures will be confirmed following the pre-hearing meeting.

Dated 14 June 2023



Cindy Robinson
Chair
for Independent Hearings Panel