

Minute from the Independent Hearing Panel Re:

Block 3 - Hearing Schedule for Proposed Plan Change 1 - Waikato and Waipa River Catchments

1. The following are the topics for the **Block 3 hearings** addressing submissions to **Part C**, being:
 - C7. Commercial vegetable production;
 - C8. Alternative approaches – including sub-catchment planning;
 - C9. Farm Environment Plans (the Schedule 1); and
 - C10. Miscellaneous (forestry, wetlands and lakes, other miscellaneous, consequential changes) and any other matters not heard as part of Blocks 1 and 2.

2. The hearings will commence on **5 August 2019** and are planned to conclude on the **16 September 2019**. It is also noted that the Panel will hold a hearing on the **18 July 2019** to hear the Joint Witness Statement in relation the expert conferencing on Table 3.11.1. A separate minute will be issued in respect of this.

3. The Hearing Panel directs the following:
 - The Council's section 42A report on these hearing topics will be available on the Council's website not later than **14 June 2019**. It will only cover the hearing topics set out above.
 - Evidence on these topics is due with the Council's Hearing Coordinator not later than **5 July 2019**.
 - Any rebuttal evidence is due with the Council's Hearing Coordinator not later than **19 July 2019**.

Note 1- The evidence exchange dates set out in this Minute are more 'generous' than that those set out in the "Hearing Procedures and Directions" document (dated 5 November 2018). This is due to the nature of the hearing topics. **For the avoidance of doubt**, the dates for lodgement of evidence specified in paragraph 3 above **supersede** the timings directed in the Hearings Procedures and Directions document in relation to this block of hearings.

Notwithstanding this, you should refer to that document as it sets out a range of matters, including the required evidence format.

Note 2 – As set out in the Hearing Procedures and Directions document, the Hearing Panel requested any opening legal submissions be pre-circulated in advance of the submitter's hearing session (preferably at least three (3) working days prior to the hearing session). We again request this as the Hearing Panel and submitters will be assisted if the legal submissions can be pre-read.

Note 3 - All evidence and legal submissions are to be filed with the Hearing Coordinator, Mr Rice, at steve@riceres.co.nz (this has a 20mb mail box).

4. The Hearing Coordinator will attempt to coordinate those submitters wishing to present on those topics. This will require submitters to contact the Hearing Coordinator as soon as possible to advise if you wish to be heard and the amount of time required.



Greg Hill

Chair of the Hearing Panel

30 May 2019