

**BEFORE THE HEARINGS PANEL
FOR THE PROPOSED TIMARU DISTRICT PLAN**

UNDER the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

IN THE MATTER of the Proposed Timaru District Plan

AND

IN THE MATTER of Strategic Directions and Urban Form and
Development Chapters (Hearing A)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF DEIDRE FRANCIS ON BEHALF
OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Strategic Directions and Urban Form and Development Chapters

9 May 2024

Introduction

1. Tēnā koutou katoa, ko Deidre Francis tōku ingoa, my name is Deidre Francis. I am appearing before the Hearings Panel today on behalf of the Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury).
2. Thank you for the opportunity to present to you today.

Correction to evidence

3. First, I have one correction to my evidence:
4. On page 13 of my evidence, paragraph 60, I refer to the Timaru District Council Growth Strategy Review. I have said this review recommended densities be a requirement of developing the proposed GRZ greenfield areas in the proposed Timaru District Plan. The footnote refers to section 9.3.1 of their report. While that section discusses minimum density, the recommendation to require a minimum density standard in the District Plan is in section 5 on page 10 of their report. You will find it under “Amendments to Draft District Plan” (d).

Summary Statement

5. My submission supports most of the recommendations made by Mr Willis in his s42A report. There are only two main recommendations from my evidence I would like to highlight.
 - a. I have made recommendations for additions to the Future Development Area Chapter to:
 - i. Better align the Introduction and Objectives of that chapter with its policies around rural lifestyle development. I believe this will also better align the Strategic Direction, Urban Form and Development and Future Development Area chapters.
 - b. I have also made a recommendation to include a minimum density policy for urban areas in the Future Development Area Chapter:
 - i. I believe this will better align the Strategic Direction, Urban Form and Development and Future Development Area chapters, as well as giving effect to the NPS-UD requirement for well-functioning environments and reducing pressure on highly productive land.
6. I am happy to answer any questions about my evidence.
7. No reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.