

IN THE MATTER OF Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER OF The hearing of submissions in relation to
the Proposed Timaru District Plan

**MINUTE 9 DIRECTIONS REGARDING MEMORANDUM OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF
CONSERVATION**

DATED 24 JUNE 2024

1. INTRODUCTION

[1] The Timaru District Council ("the Council") appointed Cindy Robinson (Chairperson), Ros Day-Cleavin, Councillor Stacey Scott, Jane Whyte, Megan McKay, and Raewyn Solomon ("the panel") to hear submissions and further submissions, and evidence to make decisions on the Timaru Proposed District Plan ("the Proposed Plan") pursuant to Section 34A(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991 ("RMA"). Our delegation includes all related procedural powers to conduct those hearings.

[3] In Minute 6 we set out a timetable for the provision of evidence for each hearing. Hearing B for B1 – Rural Zones and B2 – Urban Zones is scheduled to commence on Monday 22nd July 2024 and conclude on Friday 26th July 2024 (or part thereof, subject to the number of submitters being heard).

[4] Submitter expert evidence is due on 5 July 2024.

2. MEMORANDUM OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION

[5] By way of a Memorandum dated 17 June 2024¹ Counsel for the Director-General of Conservation Tumuaki Ahurei sought that the panel issue directions regarding the Director-

¹ Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of the Director-General of Conservation Tumuaki Ahurei, 14 June 2024.

General's further submissions to submissions seeking a gravel extraction overlay².The Director General is requesting that the panel issue further directions to GJH Rooney, Rooney Group Limited, Rooney Farms Limited, Rooney Earthmoving Limited, Timaru Development Limited (the submitter group) to withdraw their submission points or to direct them to provide evidence early.

[6] The panel has considered the request and we do not consider it necessary to invite the submitter group to depart from the directions set out in Minute 6.

[7] We acknowledge the Director-General's effort to engage with the submitters to seek clarification on their proposed overlay prior to evidence exchange. It is up to the submitter group to determine what, if any, evidence it presents to the panel in due course. In the event that the submitter group do engage experts to prepare evidence we remind all parties of the obligations set out in paragraph [35] of Minute 6.

[8] In the event that the Director General identifies a need to deviate from any timetable requirement as a result of the submitter group's evidence once it is filed, they may seek further directions under paragraph [49] of Minute 6.

3. DIRECTIONS

[9] The direction sought by Counsel for the Director-General of Conservation is not granted and the directions in Minute 6 stand.

Dated this 24 June 2024



C E ROBINSON - CHAIR ON BEHALF OF THE HEARINGS PANEL

² GJH Rooney (191.5), Rooney Group Limited (249.5), Rooney Farms Limited (250.5), Rooney Earthmoving Limited (251.5), Timaru Development Limited (252.5).