

**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

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**MINUTE 27 DIRECTIONS IN RELATION TO REQUEST FROM SUBMITTER 223 FOR AN  
OPPORTUNITY FOR SUPPLEMENTARY EVIDENCE – HEARING G**

**DATED 12 March 2025**

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**1. BACKGROUND**

[2] The Hearing Panel<sup>1</sup> issued directions to the Council and submitters in relation to the exchange of evidence for Hearing G (hearing procedures).<sup>2</sup> The Council has provided preliminary s42A Reports, and the submitters have filed initial information to support their requests for rezoning.

[3] The Council is now in the process of completing their substantive s42A Reports, and submitters will then have an opportunity to provide expert evidence and legal submissions (if any) in advance of the hearing as directed by the hearing procedures.

[4] Submitters Rosa Westgarth and Jan Gibson (submitter 227) subsequently requested an extension of time following the receipt of further information from the Council relating to draft Development Area Plan (DAP) for Future Development Areas (FDAs) 1, 2 and 4 (DAP information).<sup>3</sup> The request was granted. Since then, the Panel received a Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of the Pages Trust and Russell Trust (submitter 203) noting that the information that submitter 227 has requested may also be relevant to their submission 223.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Minute 6 at [23], now Hearing G. Timetable subsequently amended in Minute 13.

<sup>3</sup> Minute 23.

Submitter 223 requests an opportunity to review that information and if necessary, provide further supplementary information to the Council.<sup>4</sup>

[5] The Panel approves the request, and further notes that there may be other submitters also affected.


[6] The Panel notes that all submitters still have the opportunity to provide evidence at the hearings, however we accept that it would be efficient if the DAP information was circulated to all relevant submitters as soon as possible, and that those submitters can if they wish, provide a response to the Council before submitter expert evidence is due. This would enable the Council time to consider the response and if necessary update their recommendations prior to the submitter filing their evidence for the hearing.

[7] On that basis we invite the Council to identify any other submitters within FDA 1, 2 and 4 and serve this Minute, and the DAP information for FDA 1, 2 and 4 to those submitters as well.

## **2. DIRECTIONS**

[8] As soon as the Council has provided submitters within FDA 1, 2 and 4 with the DAP information, submitters may provide supplementary information to the Council within two weeks (10 working days) of the receipt of the DAP information. For the avoidance of doubt, this direction does not prevent submitters from commenting on the DAP information at the hearing (or in expert evidence filed in advance of the hearing).

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025



C E ROBINSON - CHAIR ON BEHALF OF THE HEARINGS PANEL

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<sup>4</sup> Memorandum of Counsel for Submitter 223, 4 March 2025.