

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 12 DIRECTIONS TO COUNCIL AND SUBMITTERS IN RELATION TO
BLANDSWOOD**

DATED 17 JULY 2024

1. INTRODUCTION

[1] The Timaru District Council ("the Council") has appointed the hearing panel¹ ("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").²

[2] The purpose of Minute 12 is to respond to submissions from Counsel for the Council³, and the Department of Conservation⁴ in relation to the zoning of Blandswood, scheduled for Hearing B. The Council requests that the hearing of this matter be stood down to allow further discussions between the 22 Blandswood submitters and the Council.

[3] By way of background, Panel Minute 10 addressed matters relating the scope of submissions and the scheduling of this matter. Following our Minute 10 the s42A Report Author Mr Maclennan made corrections to his s42A Report and filed a further statement, along with a memorandum from Counsel for the Council on scope issues.⁵ Counsel for the Council has since advised the Panel that the Council has arranged a meeting with the affected submitters, which took place on 5 July 2024. An outcome of the meeting is that Mr Maclennan is to draft a set of provisions to better address the concerns of submitters and further discussion would then take place with a view to reaching an agreed position.⁶

¹ Cindy Robinson (Chairperson), Ros Day-Cleavin, Councillor Stacey Scott, Jane Whyte, Megen McKay, and Raewyn Solomon

² Our delegation includes all related procedural powers to conduct those hearings.

³ Legal Submissions on behalf of the Council, 12 July 2024, Hearing Stream B.

⁴ Memorandum of Counsel for the Department of Conservation, 16 July 2024, Hearing Stream B.

⁵ Statement of Evidence, Maclennan, 1 July 2024 and Memorandum of Counsel for the Council, 1 July 2024 in response to Minute 10.

⁶ Legal Submissions on behalf of the Council, 12 July 2024, Hearing Stream B.

[4] Counsel for the Council proposed a way forward which would effectively stand the hearing of the Blandswood rezoning down to allow the parties time to discuss options, and to report back to the Panel after the hearing as part of the s42A Report author reply.

[5] The Department of Conservation is supportive of that approach.

2. DIRECTIONS

[6] The Panel agrees in principle with the approach outlined by Counsel for the Council, but notes that in the time available prior to the hearing we have not had the opportunity to hear from all 22 Blandswood submitters. We ask the Council to ensure that they communicate directly with those submitters. If any of the Blandswood submitters who had intended to present at the hearing next week still wish to attend Hearing B next week they are still welcome to do so. The Panel will discuss with Council the time table for the reply and related matters at the hearing next week, including any reply to matters raised in Hearing A, should that be necessary.

Dated this 17 July 2024



C E ROBINSON - CHAIR ON BEHALF OF THE HEARINGS PANEL