

**IN THE MATTER of  
the Resource Management Act 1991**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER of  
hearing of submissions and further  
submissions on the Proposed  
Waimakariri District Plan**

**AND**

**of hearing of submissions and further  
submissions on Variations 1 and 2 to the  
Proposed Waimakariri District Plan**

**MINUTE 26 – DEFERRAL OF HEARING  
STREAM 12C – REZONING - LARGE LOT  
RESIDENTIAL AND LARGE LOT  
RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY**

## DEFERRAL OF HEARING FOR HEARING STREAM 12C

1. The purpose of this Minute is to advise the Council and submitters to Hearing Stream 12C of the Hearing Panel's decision to defer the hearing until another date, to be determined.
2. Having read through the Council's s42A report, the Hearing Panel has a significant number of questions for the reporting officer, which include some fundamental legal questions as to the weight and relevance of national policy statements, the Regional Policy Statement and non-statutory documents, and the scope of some of the recommendations.
3. We believe that in the interests of natural justice and fair process that it is best that the hearing be deferred to provide time for the reporting officer to seek necessary advice and prepare either an updated report or an addendum to the s42A report that submitters are then able to review in advance of providing their evidence and appearing at the hearing. We realise that this may impact on submitters who have already commenced preparing their evidence for the hearing. However, we consider that the deferral will provide all participants with a better understanding of the matters before us and enable us to make better informed recommendations.
4. Accordingly, we have deferred the hearing. We anticipate being able to send out our list of questions to the reporting officer by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024, which will be made available to relevant submitters to Hearing Stream 12C.
5. We hereby request that the Council provides the Hearings Panel with an indication of when Hearing Stream 12C may be rescheduled to and how this may impact other hearing streams (Hearing Streams 12E, 12F, 7 and 7A). Any parties to any of these Hearing Streams who may have particular constraints on their availability are requested to contact the Hearing Administrator to assist in the rescheduling.
6. Hearing Stream 12D will still proceed as scheduled, commencing on 1 July 2024.

## CORRESPONDENCE

7. Submitters and other hearing participants must not attempt to correspond with or contact the Hearings Panel members directly. All correspondence relating to the hearing must be addressed to the Hearings Administrator on 0800 965 468 or [Audrey.benbrook@wmk.govt.nz](mailto:Audrey.benbrook@wmk.govt.nz).



Gina Sweetman  
Independent Commissioner – Chair - on behalf of the Hearings Panel members  
30 May 2024