

BEFORE THE HEARINGS PANEL

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management
Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of Proposed District Plan for
Waimakariri District Council

MEMORANDUM RESPONDING TO MINUTE 25 OF THE HEARINGS PANEL

DANIEL SMITH (SUBMITTER #10)

6 June 2024

Introduction

1. In Minute 25 the Independent Hearing Panel (the Panel) invited Mr Smith to express his view on the request to excuse Mr Nicholson, Council's landscape expert from appearing at the hearing on the Special Purpose Zone at Rangiora Airfield (Hearing Stream 12F).
2. In addition to the above, one of Mr Smith's witnesses, Mr Grant McLeod is now booked in for surgery at the beginning of July and will likely be away from work for up to six weeks.

Mr Nicholson

3. On behalf of Mr Smith, I can confirm that there is no opposition from the submitter to excusing Mr Nicholson from the forthcoming hearing and it is accepted that Mr Nicholson may respond to any questions from the Panel via a Right of Reply.

Mr McLeod

4. Mr McLeod has provided evidence in relation to Mr Smith's submission on behalf of the Waimakariri District Council in his role as being responsible for the operation of assets for the Rangiora Airfield and the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the Airfield via the Airfield Manager and Safety Officer.
5. Mr McLeod's evidence discusses amongst other things operational aspects of the airfield, servicing upgrades, the Civil Aviation Authority request regarding the airfield and the Council's position, in its role as Airfield operator, in relation to the proposal by Daniel Smith to establish a Special Purpose Airfield zone.
6. The submitter has sought a hearing date of the 22nd of July 2024 at this stage. Due to impending surgery Mr McLeod will no longer be available for that date and unlikely to be available until the mid-late August.
7. There would therefore appear to be three options available should the Panel have questions for Mr McLeod:
 - i. The Panel puts those questions in writing and Mr McLeod responds to those questions prior to going on medical leave. That option would need to be facilitated before the end of June and is therefore of some urgency.
 - ii. Hearing Stream 12F is rescheduled to a later date than currently sought. Likely to be later in August or early September. This is the preferred option, and it is noted that this might resolve the above issue with Mr Nicholson.
 - iii. The Panel hear separately from Mr McLeod at some point after his return to work.
8. Directions on the above are therefore sought.



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On behalf of Daniel Smith