

**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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**HEARING G – DIRECTIONS TO GROWTH HEARING SUBMITTERS REGARDING  
EXTENSION OF TIME FOR EVIDENCE AND LEGAL SUBMISSIONS**

**MINUTE 37**

**DATED 29 MAY 2025**

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**Introduction**

[1] Hearing G is scheduled for 8-10 July 2025. The Hearing Panel<sup>1</sup> in Minute 35 extended the release date of the Council's s42A Report from 21 May 2025 to 6 June 2025 and all legal submissions to 30 June 2025. The Panel made no changes to the timeline for submitter evidence but invited requests for extensions of time.<sup>2</sup>

[2] The Hearing Panel is in receipt of a letter on behalf of a group of submitters represented by Davis Ogilvie (Aoraki) Limited requesting clarification of dates for the filing of expert evidence, and a request for consideration of an extension of time in relation to the filing of evidence and legal submissions due to extenuating circumstances.<sup>3</sup>

[3] The Hearings Panel received correspondence from Ms Wharfe on behalf of submitter 160, noting potential issues as a consequence of the later availability of the s42A Report.<sup>4</sup>

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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, Megen 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> The Panel note the discrepancy between the date for submitter evidence in Minute 13 and that published on the website.

<sup>3</sup> Letter from Davis Ogilvie (Aoraki) Limited on behalf of Submitters 237, 231, 241, 190, 128 and 227, 27 May 2025.

<sup>4</sup> Letter from the Agribusiness Group Limited to the Hearings Panel, 21 May 2025.

[4] The Panel records with sadness the passing of Ms Georgina Hamilton and express our condolences to the family, friends, colleagues and clients of Ms Georgina Hamilton. We acknowledge the contribution of Ms Hamilton to the hearings to date.

[5] Considering the correspondence received, the Panel amends the date for the filing of expert evidence and legal submissions for all Growth hearing submitters.

[6] For the avoidance of doubt, these directions do not apply to the Designations and Financial Contributions submissions for which the standard directions in Minute 6 continue to apply.

### **Amended directions**

[7] Directions in Minutes 13 and 35 are amended as follows:

- (a) The Council is to provide submitters with a list of names of the expert witnesses, and their field of expertise, which will form part of the s42A Report by **5pm on 30 May 2025**.
- (b) Submitter expert evidence is to be filed by **3pm on 27 June 2025**. Wherever possible submitters are encouraged to file their expert evidence before the due date to facilitate the Panel prereading of evidence prior to the hearing.
- (c) Submitter legal submissions are to be filed by **5pm on the day preceding the submitters scheduled attendance**. Any submitter wishing to file legal submissions but not attend the hearing shall do so before the commencement of the hearing.
- (d) The summary statement from the Council s42A Report Author is to be filed by **5pm on 4 July 2025**.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025



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C E ROBINSON - CHAIR ON BEHALF OF THE HEARINGS PANEL