

Before the Independent Hearing Panel
Appointed by the Timaru District Council

Under	Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)
In the matter of	Submissions on the Proposed Timaru District Plan
Between	Various
	Submitters
And	Timaru District Council
	Respondent

Andrew Willis - Hearing H - Across-plan Submissions and Further Matters

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Introduction

- 1 My name is Andrew Willis. I am the director of Planning Matters Limited (a town planning consultancy). I prepared the s42A reports on the Strategic Directions, Contaminated Land, Hazardous Substances, Stormwater, Energy and Infrastructure, Transport, Drinking Water Protection, Natural Hazards, Coastal Environment, and the Financial Contributions chapters. I confirm that I have read all the submissions, further submissions, submitter evidence and relevant technical documents and higher order objectives relevant to those chapters. I have the qualifications and experience set out in my s42A reports.
- 2 The purpose of this statement is to respond to Panel Minute 48 (dated 24 September 2025).

Panel directions – Minute 48

- 3 Minute 48 (paragraph 9) directed that I “...undertake a review of all references to *Regionally Significant Infrastructure in Part 1 Introduction and General Provisions, and specifically the Description of the District Section, and advise any further recommended changes as a result of changes to the definition.*”
- 4 In paragraph 6.10.19 of my s42A report on Energy and Infrastructure, Stormwater and Transport (dated 11 December 2024), I recommended amendments to the definition of Regionally Significant Infrastructure (**RSI**) as follows:

Regionally Significant Infrastructure is:

a. Strategic land transport network, including National Routes, Regional Arterials and District Arterials, ~~and arterial roads~~

[...]

f. The National Grid ~~electricity transmission network~~

[...]

m. The electricity distribution network

n. The Redruth Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility in Timaru¹

- 5 I have reviewed references to RSI in Part 1 Introduction and General Provisions, and specifically the Description of the District section. Having reviewed Part 1, I note that the Infrastructure section (in the Description of the District section) includes a bulleted list of the district's RSI which does not contain the recommended changes to the definition of RSI identified in my s42A report. If the Panel is minded to accept my recommended amendments to the definition of RSI in the definitions chapter, then in my opinion the bulleted list of the district's RSI should also be amended as a consequential amendment within the scope of the original changes.
- 6 There are no other references to RSI that would warrant changes to Part 1.
- 7 In terms of a s32AA assessment, in paragraph 6.10.30 of my s42A report I provided a s32AA assessment in support of my recommended changes to the RSI definition. I consider that this s32AA analysis also applies to the above recommended amendments, which are consequential to the definition change.

Amended provisions

- 8 The amendments proposed in this final reply are set out in double underline and double ~~strike through~~ as follows (changes in red font are as per the Council's previously recommended standardisation changes):

The ~~d~~District contains the following ~~R~~regionally ~~S~~significant ~~I~~infrastructure:

- ~~S~~strategic land transport network, including National Routes and Regional and District and arterials roads;
- Richard Pearce (Timaru) Airport;
- Port of Timaru;
- ~~T~~telecommunication facilities;

¹ The inclusion of the Redruth Landfill was also addressed in a Joint Witness Statement dated 14 April 2025 in response to Panel Minute 24.

- ~~N~~national, regional and local renewable electricity generation activities of any scale;
- ~~T~~the National Grid electricity transmission network;
- ~~S~~sewage collection, treatment and disposal networks;
- ~~C~~community land drainage infrastructure;
- ~~C~~community potable water systems;
- ~~E~~established community-scale irrigation and stockwater infrastructure;
- ~~T~~transport hubs;
- ~~B~~bulk fuel supply infrastructure including terminals, wharf lines and pipelines;
- The electricity distribution network; and
- The Redruth Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility in Timaru.²

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² The scope for these changes is the same as for the RSI definition change, which is provided by TDC [42.1], the Telcos [176.16, 208.16, 209.16 and 210.16], Transpower [159.14], Alpine Energy [55.1] and Enviro NZ [162.2]