

File No.: 30593

27 May 2025

To the Hearing Panel,

RE: HEARING G – REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO S42A REPORT

We write on behalf of our clients in relation to Hearing G – *Growth and Designations* of the Proposed Timaru District Plan.

The following is a list of submitters we represent for Hearing G:

Submitter	Submission Number(s)
Aitken, Johnston and RSM Trust Limited	237.2
Timothy Graeme Blackler	231.1
J R Livestock Limited	241.2, 241.3
North Meadows	190.1
Scott, Warren, Liz, Rebecca and Gabrielle	128.2
Rosa Westgarth and Jan Gibson	227.1, 227.2

Minute 35, dated 13 May 2025, revised the expected release date for the Section 42A (s42A) report from 21 May 2025 to 6 June 2025. However, the deadline for submitting further evidence remains 19 June 2025 (noted as 23 June 2025 on the Council website), and legal submissions are now due on 30 June 2025. This results in a significantly reduced timeframe to review and respond to the s42A report, as shown in the table below:

Milestone	Date	Working Days from s42A Release	Change from Original
s42A Report Release	6 June 2025	—	Delayed from 21 May
Submitter Evidence Due	19 June 2025	9 working days	Reduced from 20 days
Legal Submissions Due	30 June 2025	17 working days	Reduced from 26 days
Hearing G	8–10 July 2025	—	Confirmed

We had anticipated that the timeframe to respond to the s42A report would remain consistent with that originally indicated.

We also wish to advise the Panel, with sadness, that our legal expert, Georgina Hamilton, who was engaged to assist with submissions for Hearing G, has recently passed away. We acknowledge her valuable contribution to this process and extend our respects to her family and colleagues.

As a result of this loss, we are in the process of arranging alternative legal representation. This unforeseen event, combined with the compressed timeframe for preparing evidence, presents considerable challenges.

Given the above, and in the interests of natural justice and a robust decision-making process, we respectfully request that the Panel consider extending the deadline for the submission of further evidence. Alternatively, we seek confirmation as to whether any flexibility or accommodation may be granted regarding that deadline, should the s42A report be delayed or additional time be reasonably required.

We appreciate your consideration and remain committed to assisting the Panel in an efficient and constructive manner.

Yours faithfully

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