

Before the Hearing Panel
Appointed by the Timaru District Council

Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)
In the matter of submissions on the Proposed Timaru District Plan

Statement of evidence of Aaron Ross Hakkaart

17 April 2025

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Introduction

- 1 My full name is Aaron Ross Hakkaart. My planning qualifications and experience are set out in my earlier statement of evidence on the proposed Timaru Proposed District Plan (PDP) dated 22 April 2024.
- 2 I am giving this evidence in my role as Planning Manager – District Plan Review at Timaru District Council (TDC). In this role, I manage and progress the review of the PDP.

Scope of evidence

- 3 The purpose of this evidence is to respond to the question posed to me in Minute 24, issued by the Hearing Panel on the PDP. The specific question asked is:¹

The Panel requests information regarding the TDC resource consent charging policy under s36 of the RMA, in particular its policy with regard to Cultural Impact Assessments.

- 4 To inform my response I have discussed the question with Mr Hamish Barrell, Planning Manager – Consents, Compliance and Strategy at TDC.

Response

- 5 Timaru District Council's Fees and Charges 2024/25 under 'Resource Management Fees'² lists "Consultants/ Legal Advice (incl Aoraki Environmental Consultancy)", as being charged at cost.
- 6 Mr Barrell has confirmed that where an application is lodged that requires comments in relation to mana whenua values, Council will seek feedback from Aoraki Environmental Consultancy (AEC). Mr Barrell also confirms that it is common practice for applicants to have already consulted AEC prior to lodgement in which case comments from AEC are already attached to the application received by the Council. Normally, if cultural comments are received from an applicant on mana whenua values from a party other than AEC, such comments are passed onto AEC for review.
- 7 In instances where Council seeks feedback from AEC as part of a consent application, Council will recover the actual cost from the applicant as part of the fees for the consent. Where a full cultural impact assessment is deemed necessary but

¹ Minute 24, at [15(a)].

² <https://www.timaru.govt.nz/council/publications/fees-and-charges/planning>

is not provided, Council can request or commission this information pursuant to s92 of the Act.

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