



**Notification of the Addendum to the Summary of Decisions Requested (Summary of Submissions) on the Proposed Timaru District Plan and commencement of further submission period**

*Schedule 1 Clause 7 of the Resource Management Act 1991*

**Date of public notice:** 17 July 2025

Timaru District Council gives public notice that an Addendum to the Summary of Decisions Requested (the Addendum) on the Proposed Timaru District Plan (PDP) is now available and further submissions, in the prescribed form, can now be lodged as provided in Clauses 7 and 8 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). The District Plan is required by the RMA to manage land use (how we use the land) and subdivision in the District. It contains objectives, policies, rules and standards to address issues and must achieve the RMA's goal of sustainable management.

**Addendum to the Summary of Decisions Requested (Summary of Submissions)**

On 4 March 2024, the Timaru District Council publicly notified a Summary of Decisions Requested (Summary of Submissions) on the Proposed District Plan (PDP) and invited further submissions. The Summary of Submissions identified that Environment Canterbury [183.28] requested that the PDP planning maps be amended to encompass a wider area potentially subject to flood hazard risk. No proposed revised map was supplied.

A summary of that submission is set out below:

| Submitter   | Sub No. | Section/ Appendix | Sub-section       | Provision | Submission Point Summary   | Relief/ Decision Sought Summary   |
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| Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury / ECan) | 183.28  | Planning Maps     | Flood Hazard Risk |           | Considers that the areas identified as potentially subject to flooding are too narrow. Revised mapping is recommended. | Amend the planning maps to encompass a wider area potentially subject to flood hazard risk. |

## **Panel directions**

The Timaru District Council has appointed an independent Hearing Panel to hear submissions on the PDP. A number of hearings have been scheduled for the purposes of hearing submissions, commencing in May 2024.

Environment Canterbury provided a proposed updated Flood Assessment Area Overlay map for Hearing F (Natural Hazards), which was held on 30 April – 1 May 2025. That map seeks to expand the extent of the Flood Assessment Area Overlay in some areas and reduce its extent in other areas. If Environment Canterbury's proposal is accepted by the Hearing Panel, it may affect landowners who were not affected by the notified version. Land in the overlay may be affected by specific rules in the Natural Hazards Chapter of the PDP.

The Hearing Panel has indicated it is appropriate that the Plan include the updated flooding information. However, the Panel is concerned that landowners in the revised areas may not have reasonably foreseen that they would be impacted by Environment Canterbury's proposal. The Panel therefore directed the Timaru District Council to publicly notify the updated flooding information for further submissions, so those affected can have their say.

## **Updated Flood Assessment Area Overlay map and further information**

All relevant information (including Environment Canterbury's original submission, the summary of submissions, relevant section 42A reports, evidence, memoranda of counsel, Hearing Panel minutes and updated Flood Assessment Area Overlay map) can be found at [www.timaru.govt.nz/FloodMap](http://www.timaru.govt.nz/FloodMap). A property search feature is available on the website to help identify affected properties.

## **Further submissions invited**

Timaru District Council invites further submissions relating to the revised Flood Assessment Area Overlay map. A further submission is a submission made in support of, or opposition to, another person's submission (made under clauses 5 and 6). It provides an opportunity to assess the effect an original submission may have on you, and to have your views considered alongside the original submission. The further submission must be in accordance with Form 6 of the Resource Management (Forms, Fees, and Procedure) Regulations 2003.

## **Who can make further submissions**

The following persons may make a further submission in support of or in opposition to a submission:

- Any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest;
- Any person who has an interest in the plan greater than the interest that the general public has; or
- Timaru District Council.

## **How to make a further submission:**

There are two ways you can make a further submission:

1. By downloading and filling out our further submission form from the Council website [www.timaru.govt.nz/pdpfs](http://www.timaru.govt.nz/pdpfs). Once completed, email to [pdp@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:pdp@timdc.govt.nz)
2. By collecting a further submission form from one of our offices or libraries, and either:

- Delivering it to Council offices in Timaru, Geraldine and Temuka; or
- Posting it to Timaru District Council, PO Box 522, Timaru 7410.

**Important Note:** A copy of the further submission must also be sent to the original submitter (in this case, Environment Canterbury) no later than 5 working days after lodging the further submission with the Timaru District Council (Clause 8A, Schedule 1).

Written further submissions must be submitted on the Council submission form, or on Form 6 of the Resource Management Act 1991. Your submission must state whether you want to present your views at the Council hearing (Hearing I, currently scheduled for 2 October 2025).

Please note all submissions and further submissions are public information and will be publicly available.

**The submission period starts on Thursday 17 July 2025 and closes on Friday 1 August 2025 at 5pm.**

### **What happens next?**

Once we have received all further submissions, they will be considered at a hearing. The further submissions will be considered in an Officer Report, which will make recommendations on the submissions received.

Anyone who has made a further submission will have the right to attend the hearing and present their submission should they wish to do so. Hearing dates will be notified to those wishing to attend 20 days in advance.

### **More information**

Additional information and guidance on further submissions and the process for public participation with respect to the Addendum is available at [www.timaru.govt.nz/pdpfs](http://www.timaru.govt.nz/pdpfs).

### **Contact us**

If you have any questions about the PDP, please contact us at 03 687 7200 or [pdp@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:pdp@timdc.govt.nz).