

Before the Hearing Panel
Appointed by the Timaru District Council

Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

In the matter of the Proposed Timaru District Plan

**Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of Timaru District Council – Hearing
H – Response to Minute 38**

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May it please the Hearing Panel:

Introduction

- 1 This memorandum is filed by counsel for the Timaru District Council (**Council**) in relation to directions by the Panel recorded in Minute 38 in relation to the online map comparison tool and section 42A author attendance at Hearing H.

Online map comparison tool

- 2 The Panel has directed that:¹

Council publishes an online GIS map viewer at the same time as the s42A author final reply, which includes a comparison tool to illustrate all map changes between the notified maps and the recommended maps.

- 3 Final author replies are due at the same time as the section 42A report for Hearing H,² i.e., 4 August 2025.
- 4 This timeframe would allow five weeks to produce an online mapping tool enabling comparison between the PDP as notified and recommendations of section 42A officers.
- 5 Council staff have advised counsel that while that process has commenced, the Council is not in a position to produce and test the amended maps within the next five weeks. They have advised that over 70 mapping changes are required to be made by two in-house GIS staff, who are currently at capacity, followed by testing with the section 42A authors, who are also required to prepare final replies in that timeframe.
- 6 Council's GIS team are currently investigating the scope and feasibility of a comparison tool, including possible features such as layer control and property search functions.
- 7 Council staff have advised that:
 - (a) a series of images illustrating recommended map changes could be provided on 4 August; and

¹ Minute 38, at [5].

² Minute 38, at [4](a).

- (b) an online comparison tool could be made available at the time of publishing the Hearing I section 42A report, i.e., 2 September 2025.

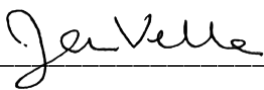
8 The Council therefore respectfully requests:

- (a) an amendment to the time frame for preparing this tool to **2 September 2025**;
- (b) if it would assist the Panel, a direction requiring images illustrating recommended map changes to be filed on **4 August 2025**; and
- (c) provision be made at Hearing G for a discussion as to further clarification on the scope and feasibility of the online comparison tool.

Attendance at Hearing H

- 9 The Panel has also directed that Hearing H address the final replies of section 42A authors. The Council's strong preference is for all section 42A authors (other than Ms White) to attend Hearing H online for cost and efficiency reasons. The Council seeks confirmation that the Panel accepts this approach.
- 10 The Council is grateful for the Panel's attention to these matters.

Dated this 30 June 2025



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