

**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of Plan Change 14 to the Waipā District Plan

**HEARING DIRECTION #2 FROM THE HEARING PANEL**

1. Pursuant to section 34A of the RMA, Waipā District Council (the Council) has appointed independent hearing commissioner Dave Serjeant as the sole member and chairperson of the Hearing Panel for PC33. The Hearing Panel's function is to hear the application and submissions and make a decision on the Plan Change proposal. It is also to deal with any procedural matters.
2. Direction #1 set a timetable for the receipt and exchange of reports, evidence, statements and legal submissions. Counsel for the Hautapu Landowners' Group and the Kama Trust filed a joint memorandum dated 24 September 2025 which identified an error in the timetable in that omitted any opportunity for the Applicant to file evidence in support of the proposed Private Plan Change it had requested from the Waipā District Council.
3. The purpose of Direction #2 is to vacate the previous timetable and establish a new one as set out below.

**Directions**

4. The Council S42A hearing report is to be provided to the Council's Hearings Advisor no later than midday on **Friday 03 October 2025** and shall be made available to all parties and on the Council's website no later than 5.00pm the same day.
5. The Applicant's evidence in chief is to be provided to the Council's Hearings Advisor no later than midday on **Monday 13 October 2025** and shall be made available to all parties and on the Council's website no later than 5:00pm on the same day.
6. Any submitter who intends to call expert evidence at the hearing is to provide that evidence to the Council's Hearings Advisor no later than midday **Thursday 23 October 2025** and shall be made available to the parties and on the Council's website no later than 5.00pm the same day.
7. Any rebuttal evidence from the Applicant is to be provided to the Council's Hearings Advisor no later than midday **Tuesday 28 October 2025** and shall be made available to the parties and on the Council's website no later than 5.00pm the same day.
8. The Hearing Panel would appreciate any submitters' written lay or non-expert statements to be provided to the Council's Hearings Advisor no later than midday **Wednesday 29**

**October 2025** and shall be made available to the parties and on the Council's website no later than 5.00pm the same day.

9. The Hearing Panel also encourages parties to pre-circulate any opening legal submissions in advance of the hearing.
10. The purpose of these Directions is to provide the opportunity for the Hearing Panel and the other parties to have read and considered any legal submissions, evidence or statements in advance of the hearing to assist in understanding the case being presented. All the above material will have been pre-read before the hearing. Witnesses should prepare a short executive summary (which may be by PowerPoint or similar graphic) highlighting their key points, for oral presentation at the hearing.
11. The hearing will commence on at 9.30am, **Thursday 30 October 2025** and has been set down for 1 day.
12. Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should be directed to the Council's Hearings Advisor by email at [districtplan@waipadc.govt.nz](mailto:districtplan@waipadc.govt.nz).

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Serjeant', is positioned above the typed name.

Dave Serjeant, Chairperson  
Monday 29 September 2025