

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE:**

**PLAN CHANGE 43: TAUPŌ INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENTS**  
**PLAN CHANGE 42: GENERAL RURAL AND RURAL LIFESTYLE ENVIRONMENTS**  
**PC40 TAUPO TOWN CENTRE**

**MINUTE 11 OF THE INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL**

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1. This Minute is being sent to you because you are either a submitter or a Council reporting officer to **PC42 General Rural and Rural Lifestyle Environments** and **PC43 Taupō Industrial Environments** to the District Plan. It may also be relevant to submitters to **PC40 Taupo Town Centre**.

**Minute Purpose**

2. There are two matters to this Minute:
  - a) First, this Minute is to confirm that we have received a **joint legal statement** from James Winchester (Councils Counsel) and Joanna Beresford (Mega Food Services Counsel) regarding the potential scope matter and fairness/natural justice matters in response to our **Minute 9 (dated 13 August 2023)**; and
  - b) Secondly, in response to our Minutes 6 and 10 (dated 27 July 2023 and 14 August 2023 respectively) we expect to receive the Council's reporting officers **supplementary statement** by 1pm today (16 August 2023) addressing the "planning policy impediment" in relation to Mr Hawkins (Submitter 74) matter referenced in paragraph 11 of **Minute 6**.
3. The joint legal statement referred to in paragraph a) above has been loaded onto the Councils website. The supplementary statement discussed in b) above will be loaded onto the website when received later today.

**Next steps**

4. The Panel will provide subsequent Minutes on any further updates in relation to the hearing's proceedings in due course.
5. As a heads up, the Panel is meeting with the Hearings Administrator later today/tomorrow morning to assess the timetable for **PC42** hearings set down for the first three days of next week. At first glance it seems that the time estimated by persons attending and the time required to reasonably present in support of, and take questions on, the briefs of evidence already pre-circulated may be mismatched, with the distinct possibility that the time nominated by submitters has been underestimated.
6. If this is the case this may have a flow on effect to the hearing of submitters on **PC43** Taupō Industrial Environments and **PC40** Taupo Town Centre which

are currently set down for Thursday 24 and Friday 25 August respectively. No decisions have been made yet by the Panel on scheduling and our aim is to try and adhere to the schedule wherever possible, but if there are changes to the hearing schedule for PC40, PC42 and PC43, then submitters will be given advance notice of such.

7. Any submitter enquiries relating to the proposed plan changes and the hearing should be directed to the Hearing Administrators Hilary Samuel or Haydee Wood and can be contacted at [districtplan@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:districtplan@taupo.govt.nz).

**DATED** Wednesday 16 August 2023



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DJ McMahon

Chair - Independent Hearings Panel

For and on behalf of:

Commissioner Elizabeth Burge

Councillor Kevin Taylor