

## **TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE:**

#### **PLAN CHANGE 42: GENERAL RURAL AND RURAL LIFESTYLE ENVIRONMENTS**

#### **MINUTE 10 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 **Plan Change 42**, being the **Rural Lifestyle Environments** of the District Plan.

#### **Background**

2. In **Minute 6** (dated Thursday 27 July 2023) we provided directions in relation to Mr Steve Hawkins (Submitter 74) and in response to his representatives memorandum dated 25 July 2023.
3. That Minute directed a legal opinion from the Council's legal counsel and conferencing between the Submitters planning expert and the Council's reporting officer. The legal opinion and the outcome of the conferencing (in the form of a Joint Witness Statement) was required to be filed by 1pm 14 August 2023. That has occurred and we thank the parties for accommodating that request within time frame specified.

#### **Minute purpose**

4. At paragraph 12 of Minute 6 we granted leave for the Council's reporting officer to submit a supplementary statement addressing the "planning policy impediment" matter referenced in paragraph 11 of Minute 6. However, the Minute unhelpfully did not specify a date that that supplementary statement was to be filed. We apologise for that – this Minute is to rectify that error.

#### **Directions**

5. In light of the purpose of this Minute detailed above, we direct that the Council's reporting officer supplementary statement addressing the planning policy impediment matter be filed with the Hearing Administrator no later than **1pm 16 August 2023**.
6. We acknowledge that the due date for filing the supplementary statement will not be a full 5 working days before the commencement of the hearing for PC42 which is scheduled to begin on Monday 21 August 2023. However, in this situation we consider that it would be useful to have it in advance of the hearing. We will allow hearing participants the opportunity to address the supplementary statement in their allotted slot at the hearing.

#### **Next steps**

7. The timeframe for the supplementary statement is set out above. Any questions of clarification should be made to the Hearings Administrator as soon as possible. The Panel will provide subsequent Minutes on any further

updates in relation to the hearing's proceedings in due course.

8. 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** Monday 14 August 2023



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DJ McMahon

Chair - Independent Hearings Panel

For and on behalf of:

Commissioner Elizabeth Burge  
Councillor Kevin Taylor