

17 February 2009

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Dear Submitter

PROPOSED CHANGE NO.1 (INCLUDING VARIATIONS 1-4) TO THE REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT: HEARINGS PROCESS INFORMATION

This letter is to remind submitters of the hearings timetable as set out in the letters sent to parties in December 2008 and January 2009. Key dates are:

- Parties requested to submit evidence and legal submissions 2 March 2009
- ECan to reproduce composite CD of evidence and mail to parties 16 March 2009
- Hearings to commence 20 April 2009

PROVISION OF EVIDENCE AND LEGAL SUBMISSIONS FOR HEARINGS

Please provide any material in written **OR** electronic (pdf) format to enable the production and dissemination of a composite CD of evidence to be circulated to submitters. This will also be made available online at www.ecan.govt.nz/rpspc1.

The receipt of all electronic evidence and legal submissions will be acknowledged by return email.

Attached is an 'evidence cover sheet' which should be completed and attached to the front of your correspondence to enable clear identification of the evidence and submission to which it refers upon receipt by ECan. An electronic copy of this form is available on the website www.ecan.govt.nz/rpspc1.

The email address to be used for electronic evidence and/or legal submissions is mailroom@ecan.govt.nz

HEARING SCHEDULE

A hearings schedule has now been produced which allocates times to each submitter and further submitter. This schedule is in accord with the process approved by the Commissioners in their minute dated 19th December 2008. This takes into account those requests for additional time set out in that minute and provisionally those since received by the Regional Council.

The full Hearings Schedule is attached (current as at 17 Feb 2009) and is also available on the website www.ecan.govt.nz/rpspc1

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Any updates and changes to the schedule will be available on the website version. However specific dates and times will not be changed without prior consultation with the individual affected submitter(s).

Your submission(s) are scheduled to be heard:

Submission No..... Further Submission No.....

Date..... Time..... Total hearing time.....(minutes)

Note.....

Please note that the 'total hearing time' incorporates time for both your presentation AND questions from the Commissioners.

Further information on the venues etc will be sent to submitters by mid-March.

If you are unable to attend at the allotted time please email rpspc1@ecan.govt.nz or call Tina on (03) 371 7170 as soon as possible and we will be in contact to seek to arrange an alternative time, however alternative times are limited.

If you no longer want to be heard, please also make contact so we can remove you from the schedule.

MINUTE FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

I attach for your information a further minute from the commissioners which has been issued as a result of a concern raised in regard to supplementary evidence. This matter was raised by a legal counsel acting for a number of submitters.

The commissioners, in directing on this issue have also addressed some other procedural matters they wanting to advise parties for their information.

Yours sincerely



Donald Fraser
Consents Hearings Officer

Encl:

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- Hearing Schedule for Proposed Change No.1 (including Variations 1-4)
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