

IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991
AND
IN THE MATTER OF Hamilton City Council's PC9 -
 Historic Heritage and Natural
 Environments

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991
DIRECTION #5
INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL

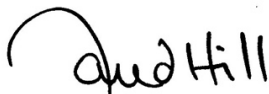
PURPOSE

1. The purpose of Direction #5 is to address the request by counsel for the Council for directions structuring the forthcoming PC9 hearing.

DIRECTION

2. By Memorandum dated 20 April 2023, counsel for the Council has sought directions regarding the segmenting of sub-topics (Notable Trees, Significant Natural Areas, and Historic Heritage Areas) for the PC9 session 1 hearings scheduled to commence on 22 May 2023.
3. A proposed schedule is included in the Memorandum as follows:
 - (a) Topic 1: Notable Trees
 - a. Council will present on Monday 22 May 2023;
 - b. Submitter time slots will be available in the afternoon of 22 May and in the morning of 23 May 2023.
 - (b) Topic 2: Significant Natural Areas
 - a. Council will present on Wednesday 24 May 2023;
 - b. Submitter time slots will be available in the afternoon of 24 May and in the morning of 25 May 2023, with 26 May 2023 reserved for site visits and presentations from submitters that are unavailable on the aforementioned dates to present on Topics 1 or 2 (if any).
 - (c) Topic 3: Historic Heritage Areas
 - a. Council will present on Monday 29 May 2023
 - b. Submitter time slots will be available in the afternoon of 29 May, on 30-31 May 2023, and in the morning of 1 June, with 2 June 2023 reserved for site visits and presentations from submitters that are unavailable on the aforementioned dates to present on Topic 3 (if any).

- (d) Council's reply and closing will be on Thursday, 1 June 2023 (or following any remaining submitter presentations on 2 June 2023 or on the reserve days if required).
 - (e) The dates 5-7 June 2023 are reserved for additional hearing time or site visits, if required.
4. The Memorandum also seeks directions to the effect that:
- (a) Any submitter that wishes to present at the hearing must notify Mr Rice of their wish to present by email to steve@riceres.co.nz by Wednesday, 26 April 2023; and
 - (b) Any submitter that presents at the hearing will be allocated a 10 minute time slot unless an extension request is notified to Mr Rice by Wednesday, 26 April 2023 and is granted by the Panel.
5. The Panel has considered that request, agrees that structuring the hearing in the manner proposed in paragraph 3 will both assist the Panel and also provide a more efficient process for all parties, and adopts the same.
6. The Panel also accepts that, in the interest of conducting an appropriate and fair hearing, the direction sought in paragraph 4 relating to submitter attendance advice and default time allocation is justified. However, the Panel considers that in light of Anzac Day falling next Tuesday, additional time should be allowed for submitters to respond.
7. The Panel directs:
- (a) that the structure and timeline outlined in paragraph 3 of this Direction (and as more detailed in paragraph 4 of the Memorandum) be implemented for the PC 9 session 1 hearing commencing 22 May 2023; and
 - (b) that submitters notify Mr Rice of their wish to present at the hearing and any request for an extension to the 10 minute slot by no later than 1pm on Friday 28 April 2023.
8. All parties are to be advised accordingly.
9. Any queries or correspondence related to this Direction should be sent through to the Hearing Coordinator, Steve Rice at: steve@riceres.co.nz.



David Hill (Chairperson)
Independent Hearing Panel

20 April 2023