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Dear Ash ,

**RE: Request to amend the PDP hearing timetable from HS5 onwards**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon this request from the Porirua City Council.

Our understanding is that the request is to amend the PDP hearing timetable due to the passing of the Resource Management (enabling housing supply and other matters) Amendment Act into law on 14 December 2021. This introduces a Medium Density Residential Standard (MDRS) that must be inserted into Residential Zones, and brings forward the implementation of the intensification policies of the NPS-UD (amongst other matters). Tier 1 territorial authorities (including PCC) must notify an Intensification Planning instrument (IPI) on or before 20 August 2022 that includes these provisions, along with consequential and/or supporting provisions.


This change to Residential Zoning requirements has substantial impact on many of the planning requirements for the district and hence must be properly taken into account in the planning proposals currently under consideration as part of the Porirua District Plan Hearings. This applies to all of the planning considerations affecting residential properties across all of the Hearing topics. Hence, if a delay in hearings is to be implemented then it should apply to all hearings currently in progress, not just those related to Hearing Streams 5 and 6.

In particular, matters relating to Amateur Radio are dependent on the heights of residential dwellings that are allowed within Residential Zones. These matters need to be reconsidered in relation to legislative changes enacted on 14 December 2021. There has been insufficient time to properly consider the impacts of these changes on the provision of antenna configurations in Residential Zones; this needs to be discussed as part of Hearing Stream 4. To be fair for all participants, we request that Hearing Stream 4 be delayed on the same grounds as that for the proposed delay for Hearing Streams 5 and 6.

Given the above, it is our contention that if HS5 and HS6 are to be delayed then HS4 should be delayed also, on the same grounds. Alternatively, if HS4 is not to be delayed then it would only be fair to all participants for HS5 and HS6 to also not be delayed. Please consider this matter of fairness carefully when considering the response to the Porirua City Council on the potential for delay of any Hearings.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter to [b42nzart@gmail.com](mailto:b42nzart@gmail.com)

Yours sincerely

  
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