

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of Hearing of Submissions
and Further Submissions
on the Proposed Porirua
District Plan

Minute 46 – Stream 2 SNA Issues

1. We have received a request from Mr Graeme Walker (Samantha Montgomery Limited) seeking leave to present a response to Mr Goldwater's revised assessment of indigenous vegetation on his property at 3A Solway Place
2. Mr Walker states that Wildlands' initial assessment had been undertaken without the benefit of an onsite inspection, and the effect of a 'proper' assessment only being undertaken and provided with the Council's Reply was that Mr Walker was deprived of the opportunity to respond.
3. We think that Mr Walker's reasoning is a little overstated. Wildlands' assessment, as presented with the Section 42A Report, was based on viewing the site from roadside vantage points. Their subsequent onsite review reduces the area identified as an SNA on the property, but not in a way as to suggest to us (on its own) that the initial assessment was fatally flawed. By contrast, that process might be seen as one of progressive refinement to reach a better outcome.
4. That said, we are prepared to give Mr Walker the opportunity to provide a further written response to Mr Goldwater's revised assessment. That assessment should be with the Hearing Administrator not later than 1pm on Friday, 12 August.

Dated 4 August 2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Robinson', with a large, stylized flourish extending downwards.

**Trevor Robinson
Chair
For the Proposed Porirua District Plan Hearings Panel**