

PROPOSED FAR NORTH DISTRICT PLAN

MINUTE 29 OF THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS PANEL

PROVISION OF EVIDENCE HEARING 15C AND 15D

1. The purpose of this minute is to provide guidance on the evidence exchange timetable for a select group of Hearing 15C submitters.
 - a. Submitters with rezoning requests on the periphery of Kerikeri or Waipapa who have hearing points allocated to Hearing 15C – Rural (where they have requested a rural zone) and/or
 - b. Submitters who have points allocated to both 15C – Rural and 15D – Rezoning Kerikeri/Waipapa (where they have asked for a combination of rural and urban zones).
2. The reporting officer for Hearing 15C – Rural’s response to submissions in close proximity to the Kerikeri Waipapa Spatial Plan (KKWSP) area will in part rely on economic evidence prepared by Lawrence McIlrath relating to the KKWSP and the impact that upzoning additional rural residential land would have on the ability to achieve the outcomes envisaged by the KKWSP. In addition, the section 42A reports for 15C (to be published on Monday 1 September 2025) will likely refer to the section 42A reports for Hearing 15D, which will cover this issue in more detail and will be released on Monday 8 September 2025 one week after the 15C section 42A reports go online.
3. Due to this one-week gap between Hearings 15C and 15D, submitters wishing to respond in a more in-depth way to the 15D evidence will have less time to do so if they are required to meet the 15C evidence submission deadline.
4. To enable a more efficient and fair process we direct that;
 - a. Planning and economic evidence relating to Hearing 15C – Rural submission points that addresses matters relating to the KKWSP can be submitted in accordance with the Hearing 15D timetable (evidence due Monday 22 September); and
 - b. Submitters with rezoning points allocated to both Hearing 15C – Rural and Hearing 15D can elect to appear at either hearing to present their arguments cohesively.
5. If you have any questions regarding this Minute, please contact the Hearings Administrator Alicia-Kate (AK) Taihia - Submissions & Hearings Administrator District Plan: alicia-kate.taihia@fndc.govt.nz or (09) 4015247.



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