

PROPOSED FAR NORTH DISTRICT PLAN

MINUTE 31 OF THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS PANEL

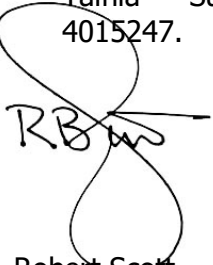
AMENDMENT TO THE EXCHANGE TIMETABLE FOR REPORTING ON HEARING 15D

1. The purpose of this minute is to provide an update on the exchange timetable for reporting on hearing 15D – Urban Rezoning Requests for land within the Kerikeri-Waipapa Spatial Plan Study Area.
2. [Minute 25](#) requires the s 42A report for hearing 15D to be online by Monday 8 September 2025, with rebuttal evidence due by Monday 22 September 2025.
3. The Hearings Panel received a [Memorandum of Counsel](#) from Kiwi Fresh Orange Limited on 29 August 2025 along with additional evidence with two substantial traffic modelling reports. These were provided to Council and the Hearings Panel more than 10 weeks after the date submitter evidence was required (being 16 June 2025) and approximately 1 week before the s 42A report and associated evidence is due online.
4. This has caused a delay in preparing transport evidence which in turn has delayed finalisation of the s42A report. This delay is compounded more broadly by:
 - a. The complexity of the matters being assessed including their interdependency
 - b. The significant amount of expert evidence required
5. The Council have requested a 2-day extension for the s 42A report and associated evidence, acknowledging they will endeavour to complete this sooner if possible. In the interests of fairness, Council would also suggest that the timetable for submitter rebuttal evidence be extended by a commensurate 2 days. The requested timetable is set out below:
 - a. Section 42A and associated evidence is **moved from Monday 8 September 2025 to Wednesday 10 September 2025**
 - b. Submitter rebuttal evidence is **moved from Monday 22 September 2024 to Wednesday 24 September 2025.**
 - c. We propose that legal submissions remain the same i.e. 3 October 2025.
6. The hearing panel confirm that the following dates apply for Hearing 15D:

Key Hearing Process	Due Date
Council's Evidence and s42a Reports	Wednesday 10 September, 2025
Rebuttal Evidence	Wednesday 24 September, 2025
Appearance confirmation due	Wednesday 24 September, 2025

Indicative hearing timetable online	Monday 29 September, 2025
Legal Submissions	Friday 3 October, 2025

7. It is noted that this will impact on the timeframes amended as part of [Minute 29](#), which will in effect be further extended by the same number of days. This has been confirmed with the reporting officers for 15C and approved by them.
8. 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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