



## **PROPOSED FAR NORTH DISTRICT PLAN**

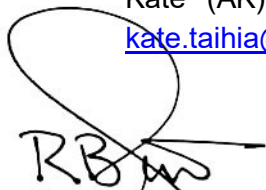
### **MINUTE 4 OF THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS PANEL**

#### **Update to Engineering Standards April 2024**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. In accordance with s34A(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (“RMA”) the Council, has appointed a Hearings Panel of Commissioners comprising five independent-members:
  - Mr Robert Scott (Hearings Panel Chairperson).
  - Mr William (Bill) Smith (Hearings Panel Deputy Chairperson).
  - Mr Alan Watson.
  - Mr Peter Kensington.
  - Mrs Siani Walker (commissioner with tikanga Māori expertise).
2. Each hearings panel may also include up to two elected representatives (comprising of elected councillors Kelly Stratford, Felicity Foy, Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Steve McNally) subject to them having achieved commissioner certification under the Ministry for the Environment “Making Good Decisions” Programme.
3. This minute provides an update on a change to reporting topics for Engineering Standards.
  - The submissions on Engineering Standards are currently allocated to Topic 1, across all zones (FNDC submissions) and Transport (Hearing 12).
  - Council officers have requested some additional time to work with the Resource Consents team and Development Engineers to consider and determine the most appropriate approach in general (including appropriateness of referring to Engineering Standards within the District Plan, and an integrated approach across all PDP chapters).
  - As a result, we will defer all submissions on Engineering Standards to Hearing 8 – Residential Zone as this means the other zones and topics can follow suit in their recommendations. We intend to create a new reporting topic “Engineering Standards Matters”. The hearing schedule will be amended to Hearing 8 Residential and Engineering Standards matters and extend from 3 to 4 days.

4. Attached to this minute is an updated hearing schedule and it is noted that this may be subject to change as the hearings progress. We will endeavour to provide as much notice as possible ahead of any further change to the schedule.
5. Any questions regarding the matters included in this minute should be directed to Alicia Kate (AK) Taihia - Submissions & Hearings Administrator District Plan: [alicia-kate.taihia@fndc.govt.nz](mailto:alicia-kate.taihia@fndc.govt.nz) or (09)4015247.

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Robert Scott

Hearings Panel Chairperson

3 May 2024