

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

AND

IN THE MATTER of the **PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL COASTAL PLAN.**

DIRECTION (4) FROM THE HEARING PANEL

AMENDED DATE FOR ANY REBUTTAL EVIDENCE AND PROVISION FOR ADDENDUM SECTION 42A REPORTS.

1. The Hearing Panel issued Direction 1 – **HEARING PROCESS, DATES AND EVIDENCE EXCHANGE** on the 27 June 2024. It directed, among other things, that any rebuttal evidence be provided no later than **midday, Thursday 19 December 2024**. No explicit provision was made for the Council to prepare Addendum Section 42A Reports.
2. The Hearing Panel has reflected on the date for rebuttal evidence. Given the expert conferencing schedule (late November to early December 2024); the Christmas ‘close down’ period; and that the hearings do not commence until 17 February 2025, the Hearing Panel has decided to extend the rebuttal evidence date for submitters. We have also made explicit provision for Addendum Section 42A Reports to be prepared.
3. The purpose of this Direction is therefore to:
 - Provide a revised rebuttal evidence date for submitters;
 - Provide for the Council to prepare Addendum Section 42A Reports.
4. Accordingly, the Hearing Panel directs as follows:
 - (a) That Direction 1 applies other than as follows:
 - (b) The Council may provide Addendum Section 42A Reports. These are to be based on the evidence provided in accordance with Direction 1, the outcome of any relevant expert conferencing sessions (contained in the Joint Witnesses Statement(s)), or to address matters in the initial Section 42A reports such as errors, omissions and/or clarifications. Any Addendum Section 42A Reports are to be provided to the Hearings Administrator (at the email address below), no later than **midday, Friday 24 January 2025**. They will then be made available to parties on-line no later than **5.00pm, Friday 24 January 2025**.
 - (c) Any rebuttal evidence from submitters is to be emailed to the Hearings Administrator (at the email address below), no later than **midday, Wednesday 5 February 2025**. It will then be made available to parties on-line no later than **5.00pm, Wednesday 5 February 2025**.

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5. Any enquiries regarding this Direction, or related matters, should be directed to the Council's Hearings Administrator, Mr Rice, at steve@riceres.co.nz or 021 1912346.



Greg Hill Chairperson
19 November 2024