



## PROPOSED FAR NORTH DISTRICT PLAN

### MINUTE 6 OF THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS PANEL

#### Revised Hearing Schedule

#### 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) who have achieved commissioner certification under the Ministry for the Environment “Making Good Decisions” Programme.
3. This minute provides an update to the hearing schedule for the district plan hearings, following an internal review of hearing topics and submission points, and an effort to ensure a more efficient process and more cost-effective use of time and resources.
4. Hearings 6 and 7 will be merged into a 4-day hearing to be held the week of Monday 21 October. The hearing panel will include Bill Smith (Chair), Alan Watson and Felicity Foy. The topics to be covered in the consolidated Hearing 6-7 are Earthworks, Mineral Extraction, Genetically Modified Organisms, Light, Noise, Signs and Temporary Activities.
5. Attached to this minute is an updated hearing schedule. It is noted that the hearing schedule may be subject to further changes as the hearings progress. We will endeavour to provide as much notice as possible ahead of any further change to the schedule.

6. 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.

Handwritten signature of William (Bill) Smith, consisting of the letters 'WS' followed by a stylized flourish.

William (Bill) Smith

Hearings Panel Deputy Chairperson

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