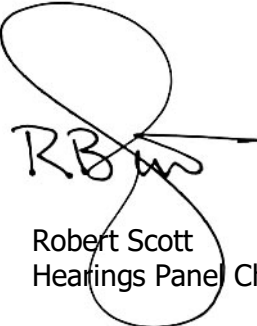


PROPOSED FAR NORTH DISTRICT PLAN

MINUTE 15 OF THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS PANEL

UPDATE TO HEARING 9 – RURAL, HORTICULTURE & HORTICULTURE PROCESSING

1. An addendum has been prepared by the reporting officer for Hearing 9 of the Proposed Far North District Plan in respect to the section 42A report for the Rural Residential Zone. This addendum can be found [here](#) and addresses a submission point that was incorrectly assigned.
2. Sarah Shaw, Barrister, has raised a matter to the Panel regarding subdivision site sizes being considered as part of the 'rural' suite of S42A reports. In their view this approach is confusing, with the subdivision chapter being heard in October 2025. They are concerned that submitters may not be aware that these matters are being considered in the rural stream of hearings.
3. While we accept that there is potential for some submitters to be confused, we note that the Rural matters S32 report addresses rural subdivision site sizes and the 'submission coding' of submission on site sizes have been allocated to the relevant 'zone' hearing streams as a consistent approach to considering relevant matters affecting a zone holistically.
4. It is our view that the approach to consider subdivision site sizes with zone provisions is appropriate. All parties that made a submission on the relevant site sizes for each of the zones will have received notice of the hearing and of the availability of the S42A reports. In addition, this minute will also serve as a reminder to submitters that the matters identified by Ms Shaw are addressed as part of this hearing stream. As such, no changes to the reporting is directed at this time.
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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