

HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL
PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 9 (PPC9) – TŪTAEKURĪ, AHURIRI, NGARURORO AND KARAMŪ
CATCHMENTS (TANK)

MINUTE 11 OF THE INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL

INTRODUCTION

1. This is the eleventh minute of the independent hearing panel for Proposed Plan Change 9. This minute informs submitters and parties to the Proposed Plan Change 9 that an extension has been sought and approved by the Ministry for the Environment.
2. A decision on Proposed Plan Change 9 is expected to be notified by 31 August 2022.

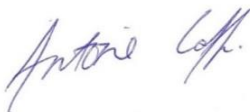
BACKGROUND

3. An application under the First Schedule, Clause 10A of the Resource Management Act (1991) for an extension of timeframes for the release of decisions on the Proposed Plan Change 9 was made by Hawkes Bay Regional Council.
4. The application was made at the request of the Plan Change 9 Hearings Panel for an extension period of 4 months. The extension was necessary to complete the decision-making, and to ensure appropriate time for deliberations and the release of decisions.
5. The Hearings Panel noted that the Proposed Plan Change is very complicated with integrated parts to other sections of the operative Regional Resource Management Plan and other recent Plan Changes. Due to the scale and complexity of the PC9 change there are a large number of complex submission points. The hearing panel has received more than 2,000 pages of evidence along with extensive legal submissions, and the sheer weight of evidence and submissions requires time consuming and laborious consideration. The hearing panel has also suffered from absences due to Covid 19, both in contracting Covid 19 and in periods of isolation.

CONTACT

6. The administrative contact for the plan change is at Hawke's Bay Regional Council. All hearing and administrative matters should be directed to etank@hbrc.govt.nz. Administration staff will confer with the Commissioners as necessary.

Thank you, ngā mihi.



Antoine Coffin
Chair of Plan Change 9 Hearings Panel
Date: 30 June 2022