

## **HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 9 (PPC9) – TŪTAEKURĪ, AHURIRI, NGARURORO AND KARAMŪ CATCHMENTS** **(TANK)**

#### **MINUTE 13 OF THE INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL**

##### **INTRODUCTION**

1. This is the thirteenth minute of the independent hearing panel for Proposed Plan Change 9. This minute informs submitters and parties to the Proposed Plan Change 9 that the Panel has made its decisions. Documentation of those decisions will be issued next week.


##### **BACKGROUND**

2. On 27 June 2022, Hon David Parker Minister for the Environment approved an extension for decisions to be made on PPC9. The Regional Council gave public notice of that extension approval on 2 July 2022.
3. The Minister's approval stated "*Decisions on PC9 to the Hawke's Bay Regional Plan must be made on or before 31 August 2022.*"
4. The Panel has completed its deliberations of the extensive materials before us and this Minute (Minute 13) confirms that the Panel has made its decisions "on or before 31 August 2022" as approved by the Minister's extension.
5. We, the Hearings Panel noted in our Minute 11, 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 there are a large number of complex submission points.
6. Now that the Panel has made its decisions, the Panel is working with council staff to check accuracy of numbering, cross-references and document formatting. Further, as a consequence of the decisions made by the Panel, each of the 6000+ individual submission points are to be categorised as 'accepted,' 'accepted in part' or 'rejected.' These tasks require care and diligence for all documents associated with the Panel's decisions to be coherent and consistent. We expect these final checks to take staff several days and would be completed by 9<sup>th</sup> September, if not sooner.

##### **CONTACT**

7. 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](mailto:etank@hbrc.govt.nz). Administration staff will confer with the Commissioners as necessary.

Thank you, ngā mihi.



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Chair of Plan Change 9 Hearings Panel  
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