

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

MINUTE 6 OF THE INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL

INTRODUCTION

1. This is the sixth minute of the independent hearing panel. It relates to the Appendix 11 of the Section 42A report. Appendix 11 is a memorandum that summarises hydrological information relevant to proposed Plan Change 9.
2. The hearing panel has received a memo from Hawkes Bay Regional Council dated 9 June 2021 regarding Appendix 11 to the section 42A report. The memo informs the panel that there are 'errors and factually inaccurate information' contained in Appendix 11. This information has been deleted/amended by the Council.
3. We are under the understanding that there have been no changes or amendments to the underlying reports that Appendix 11 summarises and there are no associated changes to the section 42A report or Addendum report.
4. We are of the view that the information (now deleted or amended) may have been relied on by submitters in their deciding whether to appear, their preparation of evidence and further submissions to the hearings panel.
5. The changes to Appendix 11 are substantial. This matter is disappointing as it may delay the hearings process and may inconvenience a number of submitters.
6. We are undertaking several courses of action. These include:
 - a. Sharing the memo sent to the panel which includes the track change version provided to the panel. It also includes a 'Council' review of potentially affected submissions.
 - b. Sharing a clean copy of Appendix 11 (with track changes removed) to assist with readability.
 - c. Setting out a process for further submissions on the matters related to the Appendix 11 of the section 42A Report.


7. We are inviting submitters (whether they have attended the hearing or not), to make further submissions on the amended Appendix 11, with some conditions (below):
 - a. The submissions must be within the scope of their original submission(s).
 - b. The submissions must be relevant to the water quantity matters summarised in the Appendix 11 and any pertinent consequential matters.
 - c. Any changes to submitters evidence or supplementary evidence received by the hearing panel (for week 1, 2 and 3).
 - d. We believe it may be necessary to hear these submissions and supplementary evidence at a reconvened hearing, the date of which is yet to be determined.

8. These submissions must be received by the panel by **1pm, Friday 2nd July, 2021.**

CONTACT

9. The administrative contact for the plan change is Maggie Brown at Hawke's Bay Regional Council. All hearing and administrative matters should be directed to Maggie at etank@hbrc.govt.nz or on 027 214 9871. She will confer with the Commissioners as necessary.

Thank you, ngā mihi.



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Chair of Plan Change 9 Hearings Panel

Date: 11 May 2021