

## Minute #6 of Hearing Panel DIRECTION FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

### 1. Introduction

The purpose of this minute is to respond to the advice provided in that joint statement, and to record a further direction for the provision of additional information.

### 2. Release of Decisions on Change 1 to the WRPS

We understand that the decisions of GWRC on Change 1 to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement (WRPS) are to be released today, with the period for appeals starting. Among other changes, Change 1 will amend the policies on waterways and ecosystems, as well as respond to climate change. In many parts of the WRPS, the changes are quite comprehensive.

Under Section 74(2)(a)(i), regard shall be had to a proposed regional policy statement in the preparation of a change to a District Plan. As we advised in Minute #5, as the release of the decisions on Change 1 to the WRPS has occurred before the release of our report on PC58, we are therefore obliged to consider any changes to the Regional Policy Statement of relevance to this plan change.

Accordingly, we direct that the Requestor and the Council's planning advisers could please, either jointly or separately, on the consistency of the PC58 with the decisions under Change #1 to the WRPS, and the weight that should be provided on these decisions.

This response is to be provided by close of business on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024**.

### 3. Correspondence

Any correspondence should be directed through the Hearing Administrator, Saritha Shetty, via email: [Saritha.Shetty@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Saritha.Shetty@huttcity.govt.nz).



**Robert Schofield**

Hearing Panel Chair

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024