

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of Submissions and Further Submissions
on the Proposed Hutt City District Plan

Minute 16

**Proposed District Plan – Hearing Stream 5 – Requests for modelling
Revised Dates for Directions**

9 September 2026

Introduction

1. The purpose of this Minute is to provide an update from the Panel in respect to the directions we issued on the topic of updated flood modelling, and the associated process to be followed, as set out in Minute 14¹.
2. In particular this minute sets out revised dates associated with the directions issued in Minute 14.

Context for the Panel's original request for updated modelling

3. As noted in Minute 14, HCC's reporting Planner, Mr Davis, recommended that the model used to generate the flood hazard maps in the PDP be updated with lower allowances for rainfall and sea level rise associated with climate change². He advised that the Panel should hear all evidence at the hearing before deciding whether or not to seek the model to be re-run with the revised settings.
4. The Panel had reached a preliminary view based on the additional evidence³ before us at that time, that there is sufficient justification to re-run the model with revised parameters for climate change, as requested by Mr Davis.
5. However, the Panel reiterated then, and do so again, that we reserve our final position on the appropriateness of any new resultant flood overlay maps generated by the remodeling exercise recommended by Mr Davis. On that basis, we formally recorded our request for HCC to re-run the flood models as recommended by Mr Davis and set out the process to be followed by relevant parties below.
6. In **Minute 14**, we proposed a sequential approach to the remodeling exercise with the following general steps:

Stage A

- a. HCC and GWRC planning and modelling staff meet with a view of recommending all relevant parameters for the model re-run – to be provided in a brief memorandum to Ms Shetty **by 3pm on Friday 4 September**;

¹ Minute 14, dated 24 August 2026

² From Page 173 of his Section 42A Report.

³ Right of Reply Legal Evidence of Stephen Quinn dated 7 September 2026

Stage B

- b. all submitters with a relevant submission relating to the flood hazard overlays, effects of climate change, or related provisions in the PDP may provide written comments on the recommended parameters for the Panel's consideration – to be provided to Ms Shetty **by 3pm on Friday 11 September**; and

Stage C

- c. the Panel will confirm final parameters to be applied to remodeling by **Friday 18 September**.
7. A recent delay to Stage A above has caused the panel to revisit the timeframes set out in Minute 14. In particular, in terms of **Stage A**. above, the Panel has recently been advised that HCC and GWRC planning and modelling staff have had difficulty complying with the original 4 September timeline to meet with a view of recommending all relevant parameters for the model re-run. The earliest that they can respond to that request is now 23 September 2026.
8. Given the importance of having an agreed set of parameters for the model re-run, the Panel has agreed to that extension. Therefore we set **23 September 2026** as the due date for the HCC and GWRC to report back to the Panel.
9. Consequently, the sequential response to the HCC/GWRC agreed parameters by all submitters with a relevant submission relating to the flood hazard overlays, effects of climate change, or related provisions in the PDP is also extended from the original due date of Friday 11 September. The new date for their response is **30 September 2026**.
10. Once we have the responses from all parties, the Panel will confirm the final parameters to be applied to remodeling by **7 October 2026**.

Closing remarks and further communication

11. The Panel apologises for the delay to the original timetable, but appreciates the attention to this matter already given by the parties, and notes that we will greatly benefit from the further scrutiny we have sought to be applied as set out above.

12. Parties can expect further communications from us on this matter over the coming weeks, particularly in relation to **Minute 15** whereby initial responses are also currently due by various parties by 23 September. In the meantime, if any preliminary matters are arising from this Minute, please address those to Ms Shetty in the first instance.



DJ McMahon - Independent Commissioner

Deputy Chair

For, and on behalf of, the Hutt City Proposed District Plan Hearing Panel for Hearing Stream 5

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