

Hutt City Proposed District Plan

Hearing Stream 4 – Other Zones (Hearing Stream 4)

Hearing Summary Statement

Peter McDonald

1. My name is Peter McDonald. I am a Senior Policy Planner in the Policy Planning team at Hutt City Council. I am the reporting officer for the Hospital Zone and Tertiary Education topics, which form part of the Section 42A Report – Other Zones. I understand that my evidence has been taken as read.

Overview of zones

2. The Hospital Zone applies to a 10.2ha contiguous area centred on the Hutt Hospital campus in Boulcott and including adjoining sites. The mapped extent of the zone and the general approach of providing for health care activities and ancillary activities, is generally consistent with that of the Community Health Activity Area in the Operative District Plan (ODP).
3. The Tertiary Education Zone contains the Petone campus of the Whitireia New Zealand and Wellington Institute of Technology (WelTec). The zone generally corresponds to the Tertiary Education Precinct in the ODP, however the PDP departs from the ODP in combining provisions for the WelTec campus in a special purpose zone. The PDP is also more enabling of activities which are ancillary to tertiary education activities.
4. I consider the issues addressed in these zone chapters to be relatively straightforward, and note that they have not attracted a lot of submissions.

My Evidence

5. In the Section 42A Report, I assessed the submissions on each of the respective zones. This includes the late submission from Health NZ (518), which sought wide-ranging and largely non-specific relief, with the main theme of enabling and prioritising the development of the Hutt Hospital. For the most part, in my s42A assessment, I have not recommended accepting the relief requested by Health NZ.
6. I have read the statement tabled by Health NZ, which considers the s42A report misunderstands and mischaracterises their submission.
7. I understand that the key point of difference between myself and the submitter is in their position that it is necessary to delineate specific provision for the Hutt Hospital campus, and that this is required to give effect to the NPS-I.
8. I consider that this point was made in their original submission, and is addressed in the s42A report, specifically paragraphs 202, 203 and 218. The tabled statement provided by Health NZ does not introduce new information to change this assessment.
9. To restate and summarise my position;
 - I agree with the submitter that the NPS-I provides direction for enabling infrastructure, including “additional infrastructure”, which is specifically applicable to the Hutt Hospital, and which is not applicable to other privately operated health care activities which are located in the HOSZ.
 - However, I do not consider that it necessarily follows that alignment with the NPS-I requires provision for Health NZ operated facilities in a way which is delineated or elevated above the provision for other health care activities.
 - I consider that the HOSZ is highly enabling of health care activities including Hutt Hospital and aligns with the NPS-I.
10. I consider there are no significant points of contention for the TEDZ topic.
11. The s42A report has considered a submission from Urban Edge Planning (449) on the urban design policies for the both the HOSZ and TEDZ chapters. The Urban Edge submission has requested similar relief for other zone chapters which have been considered through other hearing streams. I have attempted to align my

recommendations, where appropriate, to the recommendations of the reporting officers for these hearing streams. However, I note that these submissions are still being considered by reporting officers for these streams in their right to reply evidence.

12. I am happy to answer any questions the Hearing Panel may have in relation to my evidence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P McDonald', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Peter McDonald

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