
DIRECTIONS OF THE HEARINGS PANEL
MINUTE 2
PLAN CHANGE 2 – HOUSING AND CODE OF PRACTICE

1 INTRODUCTION

- [1] The Council has advised the Hearings Panel that a submission from Mr Clarke was received after the close of the submission period.
- [2] The Council has provided information regarding the timing of the submission and the circumstances of its late lodgement.
- [3] This Minute addresses whether the late submission should be accepted.

2 DECISION

- [4] The Resource Management Act 1991 prescribes timeframes for the lodging of submissions. However, the Hearings Panel may waive those timeframes under section 37A of the Act.
- [5] Having considered the circumstances of the late submission, including the limited delay, the Hearings Panel is satisfied that it is appropriate to accept the submission.
- [6] The Hearings Panel is also satisfied that accepting the submission will not result in any prejudice to other parties or delay the hearing process.
- [7] Accordingly, the Hearings Panel directs that Mr Clarke's late submission is accepted and is to be included in the hearing process.

3 FURTHER MATTERS

- [8] For completeness, the Hearings Panel reminds all submitters that it can only consider material that is properly before it through the hearing process, including:
 - (a) submissions and further submissions lodged in accordance with the Act;
 - (b) evidence filed in accordance with the hearing timetable; and
 - (c) matters raised at the hearing.
- [9] Any material provided outside of that process cannot be taken into account by the Hearings Panel.



Megen McKay

Independent Commissioner – Chair - on behalf of the ICC Plan Change 2 Hearing Panel

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