

Selwyn District Council
Under the Resource Management Act 1991

IN THE MATTER OF proposed Change 59
(West Melton) to the Selwyn District Plan.

COMMISSIONER'S MINUTE
Directions for pre-circulation of evidence

I have been appointed to consider a privately requested Plan Change (Number 59, West Melton) to the Selwyn District Plan.

The hearing has been set down for 9 February 2021, beginning at 9.00am, and is to be held at the West Melton Community Centre.

The purpose of this Minute is to address the pre-circulation of evidence prior to the hearing.

The pre-circulation of expert evidence produces the following benefits:

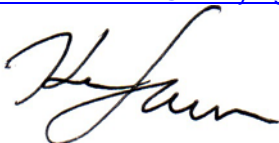
- Reduces the length and potential cost of a hearing by reducing the need to have all evidence read, and helps focus attention on the matters in contention and conflicting opinions;
- Helps the Commissioner better prepare for the hearing and assume a more inquisitory role;
- Enables the reporting officer to consider the evidence of expert witnesses before the hearing and to seek further opinion from other staff if necessary.

Expert evidence is considered to be evidence from independently qualified persons such as landscape architects, traffic engineers, and planners. Submitters who do not intend to call expert evidence do not have to comply with this timeframe and will be able to present their own evidence at the hearing.

For the above reasons, and pursuant to section 41B of the Resource Management Act 1991, **it is directed that evidence be pre-provided in accordance with the following timetable:**

- The Council will circulate the section 42A Officers' reports to all parties no later than Friday 15 January 2021, allowing 15 full working days before the hearing;
- The Applicant must provide briefs of evidence to the Council in electronic form by no later than Friday 22 January 2021, allowing 10 full working days before the hearing; and
- Any person who has made a submission and is intending to call expert evidence must provide briefs of evidence to the Council in an electronic form by no later than Friday 29 January 2021.

Briefs of evidence are to be addressed to Tina Van der Velde
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Ken Lawn
Commissioner
10 December 2020