

**PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 72 TO THE OPERATIVE  
SELWYN DISTRICT PLAN**

**DIRECTIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER**

**MINUTE 1**

**INTRODUCTION**

[1] Pursuant to section 34(A)(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), Selwyn District Council has delegated to me as an Independent Commissioner the functions of hearing the submissions on Proposed Plan Change 72 to the Selwyn District Plan.

[2] The following directions and requests relate to the hearing.

**HEARING ADMINISTRATOR**

[3] The Council has appointed a Hearings Administrator who is:

Grace Hadfield

[submissions@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@selwyn.govt.nz)

03 347 2800

**HEARING DATES AND TIMES**

[4] Plan Change 72 is a Private Plan Change Request by the Trices Road Rezoning Group which proposes changing the zone provisions for a 28.7 ha site located on the south edge of Prebbleton to enable its development for residential activities.

- The hearing has been set down for Monday 31 January 2022 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

[5] The hearing will be held at the Selwyn Health Hub, Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston, which is directly opposite the Selwyn District Council headquarters.

[6] The hearing will commence at 9am each day. The hearing will generally conclude at 5.00pm each day, except for the last day when the hearing will conclude at 400pm.

[7] Breaks during the day will be as follows:

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| ▪ Morning tea   | 10.30 to 10.45am |
| ▪ Lunch         | 12.30 to 1.30pm  |
| ▪ Afternoon tea | 3.00 to 3.15pm   |

- [8] The Hearing Administrator will be in contact with submitters to arrange an order of appearance and an allocation of speaking time.
- [9] At the start of the hearing there will be an opportunity for submitters to raise any procedural matters. Thereafter the order for each topic will be as follows:
- The Plan Change Proponent being the Trices Road Rezoning Group.
  - Submitters in support
  - Submitters in opposition
  - Council s42A report authors
  - Proponent Reply.
- [10] Individual submitters who are members of the public wishing to be heard (and who are not calling witnesses to support their case) will generally each be allocated **15 minutes** to speak to their submissions unless a longer time slot is specifically requested.
- [11] Submitters raising the same or similar matters of concern are encouraged to group together and make joint presentations at the hearing.

#### **PRE-CIRCULATION OF MATERIAL**

- [12] A section 42A report will be made available on or before **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021**, allowing the proponent and submitters to have regard to its contents when preparing their evidence. These reports will assess the proposed plan change and submissions and make recommendations to the hearing.
- [13] Pursuant to section 41B, Trices Road Rezoning Group is directed to provide its written statements of evidence to the Hearings Administrator no later than 4.00 pm on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.
- [14] Submitters who intend to call expert evidence in support of their submissions are directed to provide a written statement of that evidence to the Hearings Administrator no later than 4.00pm on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022**.
- [15] It is also requested that any legal submissions on behalf of the proponent, submitters and Council are provided to the Hearings Administrator by 4.00 pm on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.
- [16] All pre-circulated material will be taken as read at the hearing. All experts are, therefore, directed to highlight key points of their evidence and areas of disagreement with other experts at the hearing.
- [17] If Submitters intend to provide written evidence themselves, or have non-expert people appear on their behalf, then they are directed to bring with them to the hearing 20 copies of that material or provide it to the Hearings Administrator no later than 4.00pm on **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.
- [18] Should any submitter wish to speak in Te Reo, utilise Sign Language, or utilise visual aids (PowerPoint, etc) they are requested to liaise directly with the Hearings Administrator prior to **Friday, 21 January 2022** regarding their needs.

**EXPERT CONFERENCING**

[19] Expert witnesses presenting technical expert evidence may be requested to participate in expert conferencing matters relevant to their specific areas of expertise and to produce a Joint Witness Statement on that topic. This will be confirmed by way of a further Minute at a later date or at the hearing itself.

[20] All expert witnesses, in both preparing and presenting their evidence as well as when attending expert conferencing, are expected to comply with the Environment Court Consolidated Practice Note 2014 – Expert Witness Code of Conduct available at the following website.

<http://environmentcourt.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/2014-ENVC-practice-notes.pdf>

**SITE VISITS**

[21] A preliminary site visit will be undertaken ahead of the hearing commencing. It is also likely that I will make a further site visit ahead of closing the hearing.

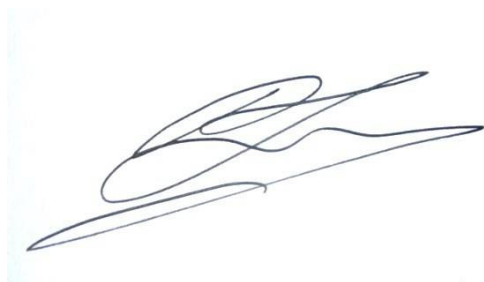
**SERVICE ON THE COUNCIL**

[22] All material addressed by this Minute must be lodged with the Hearings Administrator by either:

- Preferably email to Grace Hadfield at [submissions@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@selwyn.govt.nz); or
- Post addressed to Grace Hadfield, Selwyn District Council, 2, Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston; or
- Hand delivery to Grace Hadfield, Selwyn District Council, 2, Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston.

All material received will be available as soon as reasonably possible to all parties from the Selwyn District Council website at the following link:

<https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/pc72>

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Thomas', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Paul Thomas

**Independent Commissioner**

Dated: 1 December 2021