

BEFORE THE SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER OF Proposed Plan Change 74 being a request by Hughes Development Limited to rezone approximately 20 hectares of current rural land in West Melton to residential land

**MINUTE NO 8 OF COMMISSIONER DAVID CALDWELL
REGARDING HEARING DATE**

Dated 2 June 2023

1. In my Minute of 22 May 2023 I noted my earlier directions which requested Mr Gordon liaise with his team and identify any earlier hearing dates that may be suitable for a reconvening of the hearing. I again asked Mr Gordon to identify any potential hearing dates and advise whether there are any other issues which he wished to raise. I directed that Mr Gordon provide that memorandum by 4.00pm on Friday 26 May 2023.
2. On 30 May 2023 I was provided with a Memorandum of Counsel dated 30 May 2023. That Memorandum outlines a number of requests that have been made for further information related to the demand and supply at West Melton.
3. Mr Gordon criticised what he considered to be Council's approach. I do not make any comment on those matters, and I consider it would be entirely inappropriate to do so.
4. Ultimately Mr Gordon repeated his request for deferral of the hearing to the week commencing 4 September 2023. He has not identified any potential earlier hearing dates.
5. To avoid further toing and froing, I will accede to the Applicant's request. I direct that the matter be set down for hearing early in the week commencing 4 September 2023.
6. In Minute No 3 dated 28 March 2023 I agreed that conferencing between the economic experts may be helpful and directed that they do so.
7. I further identified that conferencing of planning experts would likely be of assistance and that that would need to follow the conferencing of the economic experts. Again I directed that conferencing occurs. Those directions stand.
8. In paragraph 13 of that Minute I made directions in relation to any necessary additional evidence as follows:

... I direct that any necessary additional evidence be provided as follows:

- (a) *Any additions or alterations to the s42A Report, 15 working days before the reconvened hearing;*
 - (b) *Any additions or amendments to the Applicant's evidence (to address the new economic evidence) is to be filed 10 working days prior to the reconvened hearing;*
 - (c) *Any amended expert evidence by the submitters (Mr Langman) to be filed 5 working days prior to the reconvened hearing.*
9. Those directions stand in terms of timing. I anticipate that the additions, alterations or amendments may go beyond the matters strictly related to new economic evidence as there may be consequential changes.

10. I wish to make it clear that I do not want to see the hearing of this matter delayed further. It was publicly notified on 4 May 2022 and needs to be progressed.
11. If there are any issues arising from this Minute, they are to be raised, in writing, through submissions@selwyn.govt.nz.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Caldwell', is positioned above a horizontal line.

David Caldwell
Hearing Commissioner

Dated: 2 June 2023