

**DIRECTIONS OF THE COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTE 19**  
**Rezoning Requests – Timetable**

- [1] In Minute 7 we set out an amended timetable for the provision of a Section 42A Rezoning Framework Report to be followed by the provision of evidence from submitters requesting rezoning.
- [2] In Minute 9 we vacated the timetable that was set in Minute 7 as a result of the pending (at that time) enactment of the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and other Matters) Amendment Act 2021 and associated changes to the National Policy Statement on Urban Development.
- [3] As you may be aware, the Minister for the Environment has now directed by way of *The Resource Management (Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to the First Tranche of Specified Territorial Authorities) Notice 2022* that Council must notify decisions on the independent hearings panel's recommendations on the Council's Intensification Planning Instrument (IPI) setting in place the Medium Density Residential Standards (MDRS) for Selwyn by 20 August 2023.
- [4] The Council understandably wishes decisions on the PDP and the IPI to be released concurrently. That sets an overall timeframe for the completion of the PDP hearing process, including the hearing of rezoning requests. The Council still considers, and the PDP hearing commissioners agree, that the Rezoning Framework s42A report(s) must align with any recommendations made in the Urban Growth s42A Reply Report.
- [5] Accordingly, timeframes for the exchange of evidence for the Rezoning Requests hearing stream are now directed to be as follows:
- (a) Subject to any recommended amendments identified in the Urban Growth s42A Reply Report, an updated Rezoning Framework s42A Report for Hearing 30 – Rezoning is to be circulated to all submitters no later than **1 July 2022**;
  - (b) Submitters requesting rezoning are to file their expert evidence for the rezoning hearings, including a section 32AA further evaluation report, by **5 August 2022**;
  - (c) Further Submitters supporting or opposing any rezoning request are to file their evidence for the hearings by **2 September 2022**;
  - (d) Council is to prepare and release individual Section 42A Reports for each rezoning hearing no later than **20 working days** prior to the commencement of each hearing;
  - (e) Any rebuttal evidence by the proponents and opponents of the rezoning is to be filed no later than **10 working days** prior to the commencement of the relevant hearing; and
  - (f) Any legal submissions are to be filed no later than **5 working days** prior to commencement of the relevant hearing.
- [6] It should be noted that there will be multiple rezoning hearings and the deadlines in (d) to (f) above relate to the scheduled dates for specific rezoning request hearings which we understand will commence on **23 January 2023**.
- [7] The Council will publish a schedule of the various rezoning request hearings in due course.



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**Independent Commissioner – Chair - on behalf of the DPR Hearing Panel members**

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