

**DIRECTIONS OF THE COMMISSIONERS****MINUTE 9****Rezoning Requests – Evidence Timetable**

- [1] We have received a Memorandum from counsel for Kāinga Ora (DPR-414) (dated 22 November 2021) seeking to alter the timetable for the exchange of evidence for Hearing 30: Rezoning Requests.
- [2] As set out in Kāinga Ora's Memorandum, the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Bill proposes to amend the RMA to bring forward and strengthen the implementation of the NPSUD by introducing Medium Density Residential Standards (MDRS) to enable greater housing variety and choice. The Bill provides a new Intensification Streamlined Planning Process (ISPP) to more quickly implement the NPSUD. The Bill also includes transitional provisions which require Tier 1 territorial authorities, which includes Selwyn District Council, to withdraw proposed district plans, in whole or in part, where the proposed plan:
- Proposes changes to, or the creation of, relevant residential zones that do not incorporate the MDRS; and
  - A hearing has not completed by 20 February 2022.
- [3] We understand that the Bill is expected to be passed on 16 December 2021.
- [4] We have been advised that based on the current wording of the Bill, the Council anticipates that it will be required to withdraw the Residential and Subdivision Chapters of the PDP (submissions on these Chapters will not be heard by 20 February 2022) and re-notify these provisions to align with the updated legislation through the ISPP.
- [5] Given the implications of these changes for submissions seeking to rezone land through the PDP, we agree with counsel for Kāinga Ora that the current timetable that requires evidence to be lodged by 4 February 2022 by submitters requesting rezoning does not provide sufficient time for all parties to respond to the consequences of the Bill once it is enacted. We are also mindful that the hearing date for the commencement of the Rezoning Requests submissions is likely to be further extended to better align with the ISPP, given the significant overlap with the Residential and Subdivision provisions.
- [6] **Accordingly, the evidence exchange timetable (including any update to the Rezoning Framework s42A Report) for Hearing 30: Rezoning Requests, as set out in the Minute 7, is vacated until further notice.**



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

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