
DIRECTIONS OF THE COMMISSIONERS**MINUTE 8****Rezoning Requests – Horticulture New Zealand**

- [1] By way of a Memorandum dated 15 October 2021 Horticulture New Zealand (HNZ) requested that its submission points seeking that Specific Control Areas 8 - 18 in the General Rural Zone be reclassified as Rural Lifestyle Zone not be heard as part of the Rezoning Requests hearings stream and instead be heard as part of the General Rural Zone Hearing currently scheduled for March 2022.
- [2] HNZ contended that their submissions points¹ did not seek changes to the zoning of any land – rather the renaming of the areas to be consistent with the National Planning Standards and to better reflect that the areas are Rural Lifestyle as opposed to General Rural.
- [3] However, the PDP does not currently contain a Rural Lifestyle Zone and the HNZ submission did not contain any details as to what package of provisions would be contained within this new zone.
- [4] We consider that retaining the HNZ submission points in the Rezoning Requests hearing stream will enable HNZ to provide evidence in support of their rezoning requests ahead of the Council officers making a recommendation on the HNZ submission points in their Section 42A Report(s).
- [5] We understand that as it currently stands, there is unlikely to be sufficient information available in the HNZ submission for the Council officers to support the relief sought.
- [6] Accordingly, the HNZ request is declined.



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

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¹ Submission points 353.139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 184, 187, 192 and 301.