

Hearing 6: Hazardous Substances & Contaminated Land

Questions from the Hearing Panel

As foreshadowed by paragraph 12 of Minute 1, having read the Section 42A Report for the Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Land hearing, the Hearing Panel members have a number of questions that they would appreciate being answered by the Section 42A Report author(s) in writing prior to the hearing commencing.

Paragraph or Plan reference	Question
7.32	<p>CRC seeks the inclusion of an additional policy to formalise the current sharing of information between the Council and CRC in relation to contaminated land.</p> <p>The S42A author rejects this request stating ‘...the relief CRC seeks does not provide any work for users of the PDP beyond itself and the Council, and is more appropriately a procedural matter for the parties. As the methods set out in Policy 17.3.4 of the CRPS states that local authorities should work together to consolidate information on a contaminated land register held by the CRC, I consider that this is already an obligation on the Council.’</p> <p>While we might accept the reasons given by the S42A author that a policy may be unnecessary, does the author agree that if a reference is included in the Plan that confirms an integrated and collaborative approach is occurring between the regional and district council for the management of contaminated land, it would reassure and give confidence to plan users?</p>
8.23	Can you please identify which sections of the Act and Regulations you are referring to.
8.28	The PDP does not appear to contain specific assessment matters – if that is the case would the relevant assessment matters for a resource consent triggered by PDP rules 1- 4 be solely in terms of a consideration of the HAZS objectives and policies.
8.59	You have not discussed impacts on other sensitive environments such as outstanding natural features and landscapes. Can you please comment on the acceptability of this proposed approach in these locations.
8.69	Is there any benefit to the plan users in being able to readily see (i.e. by a Map or a Schedule) where the Major Hazard Facilities are located?
8.58	Is the location of any buried infected material recorded on map overlays for future reference?