

IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991
AND
IN THE MATTER OF Proposed Private Plan Change 2 to
the Hamilton City Operative District
Plan: Te Awa Lakes Private Plan
Change

**SECTION 41C RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991 - MINUTE #9 - HEARINGS
COMMISSIONERS**

1. Under section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), Hamilton City Council has delegated to David Hill (Chair), Alan Watson and Shane Solomon, independent hearings commissioners, the hearing and decision on proposed Private Plan Change 2 – Te Awa Lakes (PC2).
2. PC2 was lodged on 11 September 2017, publicly notified on 1 November 2017, submissions closed on 29 November 2017 and further submissions closed on 2 February 2018. The application was suspended by request dated 18 April 2018 and recommenced on 17 May 2019.
3. On 17 October 2019 we advised that we would provide further direction on the matter of hearing procedure concerning whether it might be necessary to adjourn the hearing having heard the strategic and industrial land-related matters, and before we heard the more site-specific matters, in order to ensure that we fully understood those matters before proceeding further.
4. Having now had the opportunity to review Mr Eccles section 42A RMA report, Mr O'Dwyer's evidence, and the respective Joint Witness Statements (among other material) we have concluded that the need for that course of action is now less likely than we earlier indicated. We say this, of course, without prejudice to any party's position or evidence that we have yet to receive and test.
5. We therefore instruct Mr Rice to proceed to arrange the hearing on the basis that, to the extent practicable:
 - (a) Opening legal submissions and evidence on the strategic and industrial land-related topics are heard in Week 1 commencing on 25 November 2019; and
 - (b) Submissions, representations and evidence on all other matters are heard in Week 2 commencing 2 December 2019.
6. We also note our strong preference to sit on only 4 days of each week – particularly Week 1 so that we have the opportunity to reflect further on that material before proceeding to other matters.
7. Any and all correspondence relating to this Minute should be sent through Mr Steve Rice, Hearing Administrator: steve@riceres.co.nz .



David Hill (Chairperson)
Independent Hearings Commissioner Panel

24 October 2019