

**HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 9 (PPC9) – TŪTAEKURĪ, AHURIRI, NGARURORO AND**  
**KARAMŪ CATCHMENTS (TANK)**

**MINUTE 2 OF THE INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This is the second minute of the independent hearing panel. It sets out expectations regarding the hearing process.
2. In this minute, we make references to 'submitters' and their 'submissions.' For avoidance of doubt, those references include both the original submissions and the subsequent further submissions.

**EVIDENCE**

3. Submitters bringing supporting evidence to the hearing are required to provide 10 hard copies of their evidence on the day they attend.
4. Original submissions, further submissions, and pre-circulated expert evidence will be taken as read. Submitters will not be expected to read this material aloud at the hearing.
5. The Council Officer's section 42A report and all expert evidence will be taken as read. These documents will not need to be read aloud at the hearing.
6. Expert witnesses need to provide a short summary (up to 3 pages A4, at least 11 pt font size) of their evidence (bullet points are acceptable). Experts may be asked to read their summary statements aloud.
7. Submitters will similarly be asked to highlight key points of their submissions for the benefit of the Commissioners.
8. Legal submissions may be read at the hearing, or they may be spoken to. We would appreciate receiving any such submissions at least 24 hours before they are due to be read.
9. Cross-examination will not be permitted. Questions of clarification may be put through the chair (in writing); and the Chair will decide whether they are to be answered by a witness.

**EXPERT CAUCUSSING/CONFERENCEING**

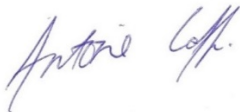
10. The Panel has not required expert caucusing before the hearing due to the large number of issues raised in submissions and the limited time for caucusing and conferencing between receipt of the regional council expert evidence and the start of the hearing. The Panel may however require expert caucusing during the hearing process.

11. All expert witnesses, in both preparing and presenting their evidence as well as when attending expert conferencing, are expected to comply with the Environment Court Consolidated Practice Note 2014 – Expert Witness Code of Conduct available at the following website:

<https://environmentcourt.govt.nz/about/practice-note/>

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

12. The Commissioners intend to undertake site visits at some stage before or during the hearing to familiarise themselves with the catchments. Participants are requested to inform the Hearings Administrator by 4.00pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 of any areas of interest that they would wish the Commissioners to consider including within their site visits.
13. The administrative contact for the plan change is Maggie Brown at Hawke's Bay Regional Council. All hearing and administrative matters should be directed to Maggie at [etank@hbrc.govt.nz](mailto:etank@hbrc.govt.nz) or on 027 214 9871. She will confer with the Commissioners as necessary.



Antoine Coffin

Chair of Plan Change 9 Hearings Panel

Date: 8 April 2021