

Notice of Hearing – Plan Change 47 (Natural Hazards)

Pursuant to Clause 8B of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991, I hereby give notice that Plan Change 47, which you have made a submission on, will be heard by an independent hearing panel from **Monday 22 April to Wednesday 24 April 2024, commencing at 9:00 am**. The hearing will be held at Upper Hutt Civic Centre, 838-842 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt.

Please contact the hearing administrator at planning@uhcc.govt.nz by 5 April 2024 to advise whether or not you wish to be heard in support of your submission. The Hearing Administrator will prepare a schedule of speaking times and will try to meet individual requests, but it might not be possible to accommodate every request.

In the interest of fairness and efficiency, submitters are asked to provide a realistic estimate of the time needed to present their submissions. Generally, parties should target their presentations to approximately 15 minutes, which includes time for questions from the Panel. If there is a reason why more time is needed, that should be discussed in advance with the Council Hearings administrator, who will then liaise with the Chair of the Hearing Panel as to whether leave will be granted for a longer time to present. If you wish, you may elect someone to speak on your behalf or present a joint case with other submitters. The approach we use is not to provide a specific speaking time but to assign within blocks (e.g. 9-10.30am). We encourage you to make sure you are there at the beginning of the block time.

Please note that the hearing is a public meeting that any person can attend, however only those who have made a submission will have the opportunity to speak.

Please find attached a copy of Minute #1 (which was originally sent on 28 February) issued by the Chair of the Hearing Panel. This Minute outlines the procedures for evidence preparation and circulation prior to the hearing pursuant to section 41B of the Resource Management Act 1991, as well as the conduct of the hearing.

The council evidence report (42a report) will be uploaded to our website along with corresponding appendices by **20 March 2024**. This report outlines recommended amendments to the plan change following the submission process. We will send you an email with the link to let you know once it is available.

The Ministry for the Environment has produced the guide "*Appearing at a Council Plan or Plan Change Hearing*" for anyone who is going to appear at a council hearing. For your information, you can read it at this link: <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/rma/everyday-guide-rma-appearing-council-plan-or-plan-change-hearing>.

If you have any other questions, please contact Hayley Boyd at planning@uhcc.govt.nz. I look forward to hearing from you.

Key dates for the hearing:

The Section 42a report will be made available no later than:	Wednesday 20 March 2024 by 4pm
Procedural matters or matters relating to conflicts of interest to be raised no later than:	Wednesday 20 March 2024 by 4pm

Submitters to notify the hearing administrator they wish to speak no later than:	Friday 5 April 2024 by 4pm
Expert evidence shall be provided to Council no later than:	Friday 5 April 2024 by 4pm
Council may provide a written reply in response to expert evidence no later than:	Friday 12 April 2024 by 4pm
If any party wishes to speak in Te Reo, utilise sign language or use visual aids (such as PowerPoint) please advise Hearing Administrator:	As soon as possible, but before Friday 12 April by 4pm
If a site visit is requested, please advise Hearing Administrator no later than:	Friday 12 April by 4pm
Legal submissions are requested to be provided before:	Wednesday 17 April by 4pm
If any party wishes to attend the hearing remotely, they must ensure a copy of written material is provided to Hearing Administrator no later than:	Thursday 18 April by 4pm