

UNDER the Resource Management Act
1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of a request by
Welhom Developments Limited to
Masterton District Council for a private
plan change to the Combined Wairarapa
District Plan

**Masterton District Council
Hearing of Private Plan Change Request by Welhom Developments Limited
State Highway 2, Lansdowne, Masterton**

**Minute #3 of Independent Hearing Panel
Dated: 3 March 2023**

Introduction

1. This Minute is being sent to you because you are either the Requestor, a submitter or a Council reporting officer to the above private plan change proposal.
2. This minute covers the following matters:
 - a. Memorandum of Counsel from Welhom Developments Limited regarding Hearing Minute 2; and
 - b. Request from Greater Wellington Regional Council for officers to be able to appear remotely.

Memorandum of Counsel from Welhom Developments Limited

3. On Thursday 2nd March, the Chairperson received the attached memorandum of counsel from Russell McVeagh, counsel for Welhom Developments Limited, via the Hearings Administrator. The memorandum of counsel relates to directions issued in Hearing Minute 2 and states:

Welhom accepts the provision of new soils evidence from the Council but respectfully seeks the following changes to the timetabling directions at paragraph 7 of Minute 2:

- (a) paragraph (d) is amended to require Mr Millner's report and evidence to be provided by **9:00am on 6 March**;*
- (b) paragraph (f) is amended to require Mr Allen's rebuttal evidence by **9:00am on 9 March**;*
and
- (c) paragraph (g) is amended to have the two soils experts to be heard on the **morning of 9 March (prior to 11:00am)**.*

4. I note that, as Mr Millner is only visiting the site today and has to travel to do so, clause (a) of the requested changes to timetabling directions will not allow sufficient time within working days for review of Mr Millner's report and evidence. Therefore, clause (a) of the requested changes is rejected and the deadline for submission of Mr Millner's report and evidence remains **noon Monday 6 March**.

5. Clauses (b) and (c) of the requested changes to timetabling directions are accepted. Mr Allen's rebuttal evidence is now due at **9:00am on Thursday 9 March** and the two soils experts, being Mr Allen and Mr Millner, will be heard on the **morning of Thursday 9 March before 11:00am**.

Request from Greater Wellington Regional Council for officers to appear remotely

6. On Friday 3rd March the Hearing Panel received the following correspondence from Mika Zollner of Greater Wellington Regional Council via the Hearings Administrator:

As discussed, it sounds like we are likely to be speaking at the hearing on 10 March. I will be there in person, but we would appreciate it if we could please have the option for my colleagues to dial in.

7. I note that the Hearing Panel has already approved a request for Waka Kotahi experts to appear remotely.
8. The request for officers from Greater Wellington Regional Council to present remotely is likewise approved.

DATED this 3rd day of March 2023



Stephen Daysh
Chair – Independent Hearings Panel

For and on behalf of:
Commissioner: Stephen Daysh
Commissioner: David McMahon