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PROPOSED VARIATION 2 (ADDITIONAL HOUSING CAPACITY) TO THE 2GP

MINUTE 17

The new NPS-HPL

From: The Chairperson, Variation 2 (Additional Housing Capacity) Hearing Panel

To: All Submitters and Reporting Officers

Date: 30 September 2022

- 1. The new National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL) comes into effect on 17 October 2022.
- 2. The NPS-HPL is relevant to our process and the Panel's decisions with respect to Variation 2. The Panel is keen for this to be factored into our process without causing undue delay.
- 3. It is our expectation that, as this is new legislation, its key provisions relevant to Variation 2 may possibly be able to be interpreted in a number of ways. Therefore, in anticipation of the NPS-HPL coming into force, we would like to set in motion a two stage process whereby Council staff and submitters can firstly make representations to the Panel on which changes, or sites, are affected by it. The second stage will be to determine what evidence might be required.
- 4. Accordingly, our directions as follows:

Stage 1:

- (a) DCC to provide a legal submission to address which changes (sites) it assesses are affected by the NPS-HPL to all parties by **7 October 2022**, with the ability to request an extension if required;
- (b) Any submitter on Variation 2 may respond to DCC's submission and provide their own submission as to sites affected by the NPS, by **14 October 2022**;
- (c) The Panel will then consider those submissions and make a determination on which sites it considers are affected.

Stage 2:

(d) The Panel will then issue a subsequent minute with an interim finding on how we will consider the NPS-HPL and which sites and which aspects of the NPS-HPL we believe further evidence is required on (and will also outline where there

are any parts that have already been covered in evidence). That minute will set out a time frame for further evidence from:

- (i) the reporting officers (through a supplementary report) to be provided within 1 week; and
- (ii) relevant submitters (i.e. statements and expert evidence in response to the Council reports) also to be provided within 1 week of the DCC reports.
- 5. After considering written evidence the Panel will determine whether it has enough information to make our decisions, and we may wish to reconvene the hearing to ask further questions.
- 6. As noted, this process is designed to minimise any delays in our process caused by the pending implementation of the NPS-HPL, and it therefore requires us to commence the process immediately and to have fairly short timeframes for targeted responses to be made.
- 7. If you have any questions regarding this Minute please phone Jenny Lapham on 477-4000 or 0212296166.

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on behalf of the Variation 2 Hearing Panel

30 September 2022