

Dunedin City Council, 50 The Octagon, Dunedin 9016 PO Box 5045, Moray Place, Dunedin 9058

Website: www.dunedin.govt.nz/2gp

## PROPOSED VARIATION 2 (ADDITIONAL HOUSING CAPACITY) TO THE 2GP MINUTE 4

## **Update on the Hearing Process**

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

To: Submitters

**Date:** 22 August 2021

- 1. Whilst we are currently in lockdown due to the COVID pandemic, and the situation is evolving, I wish to confirm that the Hearing Panel is committed to conducting the first hearing on 13 September 2021, as scheduled. Just to recap, the first hearing will be focused on the Plan provisions, but will not include any changes related to the 3 waters infrastructure.
- 2. The reasons are that the nature of the Variation is such that delays are best avoided if possible, and also I am advised it will now be difficult to re-schedule new hearing dates this side of Christmas.
- 3. Ideally, we will have a face-to-face hearing, and this should be possible provided any lockdown restrictions at the time are no greater than Level 1 or 2.
- 4. Council staff are also currently assessing their capacity to conduct a hearing to be held remotely (e.g. by Zoom/livestreaming) which would seem possible provided we are only constrained at Level 3 or lower, but not in Level 4.
- 5. The parties will be advised of this, initially with a formal Notice of Hearing to be sent out at least 10 working days prior to the hearing. Any updates as to the forum for the hearing will then be advised dependent upon any COVID restrictions in place at the time.
- 6. In the meantime, I can advise that the section 42A Report for hearing 1 has been posted on Council's website and has been sent by e-mail to the parties. The timeframes for expert evidence to be provided is 5 working days prior to the hearing (5 pm, 3 September 2021), as advised in Minute 3.
- 7. If you have any questions regarding this Minute please contact Jenny Lapham or Wendy Collard by email <a href="mailto:gso@dcc.govt.nz">gso@dcc.govt.nz</a> or 477-4000.

Gary Rae, Chairperson

on behalf of the Variation 2 Hearing Panel

22 August 2021

Links