

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of Hearing Submissions and Further Submissions on the Proposed Waikato District
Plan (Stage I)

**MEMORANDUM BY COUNCIL TO HEARING COMMISSIONERS RELATING TO THE RELEASE
OF THE ZONING FRAMEWORK REPORT
8 October 2020**

May it please the Hearing Commissioners:

1. The Hearing Panel's Directions of 12 May 2020 set out the information exchange process for the Zoning Extent Hearing (Hearing 25) and the reasons and benefits for the first report being Council's Framework s42A Report.
2. Paragraph 12(a) of these Directions set the due date for the Framework s42A Report as 80 working days prior to the commencement of the Zoning Extent hearing. Paragraph 13 of the Directions outlined that the due date for the Council's Framework s42A Report, and the other reports both from submitters and from the council, can be updated with the actual dates identified once the hearing dates for the Zoning Extent hearing has been confirmed.
3. In order to provide increased certainty to submitters, Council staff emailed submitters on 24 August 2020 indicating that the rezoning hearings would begin on 22 February 2021. Working backwards from that, in accordance with your 12 May Directions, the Framework s42A Report would need to be published on 8 October 2020.
4. The complexity of the Framework s42A Report and the importance of getting it accurate has resulted in a delay in having it ready for publishing on the Council website.
5. The purpose of this memo is to be transparent to both the Panel and submitters that the start date of the Zone Extent hearing will shift from 22 February 2021 to 16 March 2021.
6. This will mean a consequential shift in the date for processes leading up to the hearing:
 - (a) The Council is to prepare and release the Framework s42A Report on 2 November 2020;
 - (b) The submitters requesting rezoning are to file their evidence for the hearing, including a section 32AA assessment, no later than 30 November 2020;
 - (c) The submitters opposing any rezoning request are to file their evidence for the hearing no later than 11 January 2021;
 - (d) The Council is to prepare and release all individual section 42A reports for the hearing no later than 16 February 2021;
 - (e) Any rebuttal evidence by the proponents and opponents of the rezoning is to be filed no later than 2 March 2021;
 - (f) The Council is to prepare Reply section 42A reports to address matters arising in the evidence of the parties, no later than 9 March 2021;
 - (g) Any legal submissions and a written summary of the evidence ("highlights package") are to be filed no later than 11 March 2021;
 - (h) The hearing would start 16 March 2021.

Dated at Ngaruawahia this 8th day of October 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a horizontal line.

Carolyn Wratt
Principal Planner