

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act
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IN THE MATTER of hearing submissions and further
submissions on the Proposed
Waikato District Plan

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IN THE MATTER of Hearing 18 – Rural

MINUTE FROM HEARING COMMISSIONERS

8 September 2020

INTRODUCTION

1. Hearing 18 – Rural is scheduled to commence on Tuesday 29 September 2020.
2. Submitters have previously been advised that this hearing would be held in the Waikato District Council Chamber at Ngaruawahia.
3. The decision to hold the hearing in the Council Chamber was made prior to the recent changes to Covid – 19 alert levels, which amongst other things, means that the size of “public gatherings” is restricted, especially as they relate to Auckland and Aucklanders when they travel to other areas.
4. It remains unclear when the current restrictions will be relaxed and what they will contain. There is also a lingering concern for some about attending public gatherings, irrespective of their size and the safety measures put in place.
5. In order to:
 - a. Provide certainty to all submitters, their counsel and consultants, Council staff and their consultants, and the Panel; and
 - b. Be satisfied that all participants are not exposed to risks that they may not feel comfortable about,

the Panel has decided that Hearing 20 - Rural will commence, as planned, on 29 September 2020, **but will occur via Zoom.**

6. Any questions concerning these Directions should be addressed to the Hearings Administrator, Mr Bell.

7. Mr Bell's contact details are as follows:

Email Districtplan@waidc.govt.nz

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P H Mitchell", followed by a period. The signature is written in a cursive style.

P H Mitchell (Chair)

On behalf of the Hearings Panel

8 September 2020