

IN THE MATTER AND IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act
1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of Hearing of Submissions and Further
Submissions on the Proposed Gore
District Plan

Minute 44 of the Hearings Panel

S128 Greenbriar Limited

27 June 2025

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this Minute is to request an update of information provided to the Hearings Panel at the hearing held 24 July 2024 to consider submissions lodged by Greenbriar Limited regarding the New Vale mine.
- 1.2 The primary relief sought in the submissions lodged by Greenbriar Limited is the inclusion of a New Vale Mine Special Purpose Zone with the adoption of a Plan chapter in the same format as other chapters in the PDP, namely:
- Overview and Purpose
 - Four objectives
 - Three policies
 - A permitted activity rule, New Vale Mining Activity, (with an associated definition) subject to five conditions which if not met would require consideration as a controlled activity.
 - Three other rules, one of which is a discretionary status for any activity otherwise not listed.
- 1.3 Megan Justice, who gave planning evidence at the hearing on behalf of Greenbriar Limited, stated at paragraph 12 of her written statement:
- Greenbriar are currently seeking resource consent for an expansion to its mining operation at New Vale. This seeks to extend the area where extraction activities can occur, should its customers require coal while transitioning to renewable energy sources. The consent also enables extensive ecological restoration works to occur, which is part of the site rehabilitation works. The resource consent application would enable the mine's current operating life to extend to approximately 2038.
- 1.4 It is the understanding of the Hearings Panel that the resource consent referred to has been approved. The Panel considers that the outcome of that consent and any conditions imposed is relevant to its consideration of the submissions lodged.

2. PANEL DIRECTION

- 2.1 The Hearings Panel directs that a copy of the resource consent decision in response to the application made by Greenbriar Limited be made available to it.
- 2.2 The Panel is not seeking any further legal submissions or other evidence regarding this matter.

Any queries regarding this Minute should be directed to the Planning Department of the Gore District Council, phone (03) 209 0330 or email hearings@goredc.govt.nz.



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