



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 24-1 of the Hearings Panel

**Additional Information Required
Noise Chapter**

22 November 2024

MINUTE OF THE HEARINGS PANEL

- 1 The hearing to consider submissions to the Noise chapter of the Proposed District Plan was held on 14 October 2024. The Hearings Panel received a Section 42A Report from Victoria Woodbridge, together with written material and oral presentations from various submitters.
- 2 On 31 October 2024 the Hearings Panel issued a Minute requesting receipt of additional information on several issues by 21 November 2024. With one exception, that information has been received.
- 3 At paragraph 6 of the 14 October 2024 Minute, Victoria Woodbridge was directed to liaise with two noise experts, Jon Styles on behalf of the Council and Tony Michelle representing the NZ Helicopter Assn, to develop a rule that differentiates, and exempts, use of areas for "infrequent" helicopter activity, from areas that experience "frequent" activity (including areas set aside for passenger pick-up and drop-off whether regular or irregular, and areas used as a base by the helicopter operator). The Hearings Panel has yet to reach a view on an appropriate outcome to the submissions to this rule and an agreed response to this request may provide a further option for consideration.
- 4 Victoria Woodbridge has advised that additional time is required to finalise advice back to the Hearings Panel. On the basis that an extension of time could result in a more positive response, the Hearings Panel agrees to extend the date for submitting a report to the Hearings Panel until Thursday **28 November 2024**.
- 5 Consequentially, if the NZ Helicopter Assn disagrees with the content of the report, then the Hearings Panel is to be advised of this in writing, with reasons, by Thursday **5 December 2024**.
- 6 The Hearings Panel will be deliberating on this issue on 6 December 2024.
- 7 Any responses or queries regarding this Minute, should be directed to the Planning Department of the Gore District Council, phone (03) 2090330 or email to hearings@goredc.govt.nz.



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Chair, District Plan Hearing Panel
Under delegated authority