



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 22 of the Hearings Panel

**Additional Information Required
Signs Chapter**

3 October 2024

MINUTE OF THE HEARINGS PANEL

- 1 The hearing to consider submissions to the Signs chapter of the Proposed District Plan was held on 17 September 2024. The Hearings Panel received a Section 42A Report from Victoria Woodbridge, together with written material and oral presentations from various submitters.
- 2 The Hearings Panel directs a further report be co-ordinated by Victoria Woodbridge responding to the matters in paragraph 3 below.
- 3 The matters on which feedback is sought are as follows:

- (a) At paragraph 117, pages 26 – 27, of the S42A Report, an addition is recommended to the Overview as follows:

Signs located within, or partly within, the State Highway will require the permission of the New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi as road controlling authority regardless of the provisions in this District Plan. This does not apply to any sign constructed, maintained and displayed behind the kerbline of any State highway in an area where a 50 kilometre per hour, or lesser, speed limit applies, which are regulated by the territorial authority.

The Hearings Panel is aware that on Hokonui Drive, there is no kerb along part of the state highway within the 50 kph speed limit area. The length is greater on the eastern side of the highway, and a footpath extends along the entire length of the 50 kph zone on the western side.

The Hearings Panel seeks advice on whether a rewording of the recommended change to the Overview is required.

- (b) At paragraph 25, page 4, of the supplementary evidence of Victoria Woodbridge, it is recommended that “Sign Table 2 Minimum distances between signs on sites adjoining the state highway” be amended as requested by New Zealand Transport Agency, as follows:

SIGN-Table 2 Minimum distances between signs on sites adjoining the state highway	
Posted Speed Limit (km/hr)	Minimum ~~Visibility Distances~~ Spacing (m)
<u>50</u>	<u>80</u>
<u>60</u>	<u>~~105~~ 55</u>
<u>70</u>	<u>~~130~~ 60</u>
<u>80</u>	<u>~~175~~ 70</u>
<u>100</u>	<u>~~250~~ 80</u>

The Hearings Panel queries whether the 80 metres Minimum Spacing Distance is correct for the 50 kph category.

- (c) At paragraph 35, pages 5 and 6, of the supplementary evidence of Victoria Woodbridge, an addition is recommended to rule Sign-R7 excluding digital signs fronting a state highway from the permitted activity status.

Discussion took place at the hearing between the Hearings Panel, Helen Dempster representing New Zealand Transport Agency and Victoria Woodbridge regarding the approach used in other District Plans managing digital signs inside the windows of buildings. The Hearings Panel requests that Victoria Woodbridge confers with Helen Dempster with a view of providing an amended rule in this regard.

In the event there is no agreement reached, the Hearings Panel is to be advised of the divergent views.

- 4 The Hearings Panel directs that a report including the matters referred to above be submitted to the Council's Regulatory Administrator, Lindsey Crazy Wolf no later than **31 October 2024**.
- 5 Any issues or queries regarding this Minute, should be directed to the Council's Regulatory Administrator, Lindsey Crazy Wolf, phone (03) 2090330 or email lcrazywolf@goredc.govt.nz.



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Chair, District Plan Hearing Panel
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