

Gore District Plan Review

Minute from the District Plan Hearing Panel

Date: 15 February 2024

Subject: Status to Lodge Further Submissions

Southland Federated Farmers of NZ has sought clarification as to the scope of persons able to lodge a further submission.

Clause 8(1) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 lists those persons able to make a further submission supporting or opposing submissions lodged to the Proposed District Plan. This states:

8 Certain persons may make further submissions

- (1) The following persons may make a further submission, in the prescribed form, on a proposed policy statement or plan to the relevant local authority:
- (a) any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest; and
 - (b) any person that has an interest in the proposed policy statement or plan greater than the interest that the general public has; and
 - (c) the local authority itself.

It is the view of the Panel that paragraph (a) “any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest” would include organisations such as Southland Federated Farmers of NZ.

The Panel also considers that paragraph (b) “any person that has an interest greater than the general public has” would include:

- Any person who made an original submission.
- Where an original submission has a direct impact on a property or resources of a person. For example, where an initial submission seeks a change in zoning to the person’s property or close to a person’s property.
- Where a submission seeks a change to a rule that impacts a property or associated resources, such as a building setback, height etc.

The Hearing Panel would be open to consider specific circumstances beyond those listed. However, the onus would be on the further submitter to demonstrate standing. If need be, a procedural hearing will be held to clarify the status of any further submissions lodged.

Any issues or queries associated with the processing and consideration of the submissions lodged to the Proposed District Plan, including this Minute, should be directed to the Council's Regulatory Administrator, Lindsey Crazy Wolf, phone (03) 2090330 or email lcrazywolf@goredc.govt.nz.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Keith Hovell', is positioned above the printed name.

Keith Hovell
Chair, District Plan Hearing Panel
Under delegated authority