

Before the Hearing Panel
Appointed by the Gore District Council

Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

In the matter of Submissions on the Proposed Gore District Plan

**Legal submissions on behalf of Gore District Council – Hearing Stream 4b,
Residential Zones**

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Introduction

- 1 These legal submissions are made on behalf of the Gore District Council (**Council**) in relation to one matter raised in evidence submitted for Hearing Stream 4b – Residential Zones in the Proposed Plan. Counsel has co-ordinated with the section 42A author and wishes to address just one procedural issue at this stage.

Designation GDC-10 East Gore Water Treatment and Pump Station

- 2 As the panel will be aware, a requirement has been made for a designation over the East Gore Water Treatment and Pump Station, which is scheduled for consideration by the panel as a part of Hearing Stream 5 – General District Wide Matters, Transport and Designations. For the Council it is proposed that matters relating to Designation GDC-10 are best considered during Hearing 5, when all evidence and submissions relating to the treatment plant and this designation have been circulated and have been reviewed by the panel.
- 3 It is Council's view that paragraphs 9-10, 12-13, 17, 20-22 of the evidence provided on behalf of submitter 134, Ms McMillan and Mr Harpur, relates most directly to their views on Designation GDC-10, rather than providing evidence or comments on the operation of the rules and other provisions of the Residential Zones. For this reason it is proposed that these sections of their evidence be reserved for consideration at the next hearing.
- 4 It is accepted that any comments in the submitters' evidence concerning a buffer area around the water treatment plant (paras 14-19, 23-24.3) are relevant and fall for consideration in the present Hearing 4b, noting that these comments are also in agreement with the Reporting Officer's recommendation that any buffer area should be removed (s42A Report, page 50).

Hearing availability for Hearing Streams 4a and 4b

- 5 At this stage counsel for the Council is not required to attend Hearings 4a & 4b, but is on call to be able to assist with any legal or procedural issues via an AVL attendance, and of course is able to address any issues in written reply also.

Dated this 19th day of August 2024



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