



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 31 of the Hearings Panel

Hearings Timetable 2025

16 December 2024

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Introduction

1. The Hearings Panel has received a memorandum from Counsel for the Gore District Council regarding hearings set down for 2025, requesting consolidation of the current hearing timetable, including all current directions for specific chapters and topics.
2. Submitters are encouraged to refer to the memorandum, particularly with regard to the range of matters likely to be considered as part of the final “wrap up” hearing. In addition to referring to the remaining programmed hearings, there is also comment in the memorandum about :
 - (a) the hearing for new draft Natural Character chapter;
 - (b) reconvening the hearing to consider submissions to the Sites and Areas of Significance to Maori chapter; and
 - (c) reconvening the hearing to consider further information on the Earthworks, Energy and Infrastructure chapters, and the National Planning Standards.
3. The issues raised in the memorandum have been considered by the Hearings Panel as outlined below.

Directions

4. The Hearings Panel directs that the Timetable attached in Appendix A be adopted.
5. Several additions have been made to the recommended timetable and dates to ensure there is sufficient time prior to the hearings for Panel members to consider legal submissions from the Council’s legal Counsel and additional evidence and s42A writer. This has necessitated a slight truncation in the time available to Counsel for submitters to lodge their submissions. The Hearings Panel considers the changes reflect a fair balance in providing time for the preparation of submissions and evidence, while also ensuring Hearings Panel members are able to be fully prepared for the hearings.
6. Other hearings may be reconvened if there are matters in dispute between submitters and/or advisers to the Hearings Panel arising from directions given in previous Minutes of the Panel. Relevant submitters will be advised, and the Council’s on-line Hearings Hub will also be updated. Where appropriate public notice will be given.
7. The Hearings Panel also requests that any evidence of the s42A report officer, if required immediately prior to the hearing, focuses primarily on any new evidence not included in the s42A Report and any amendments to recommendations.

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.



Keith Hovell
Hearings Panel Chair

Appendix A - 2025 Hearings Timetable

	Dates
Hearing Stream 9 Natural Features and Landscapes (NFL) Natural Character (NC)	12 February 2025
Natural Features and Landscapes	
Council s42A report	19 December 2024
Submitters' evidence	27 January 2025
Legal submissions on behalf of submitters	4 February 2025
Legal submissions on behalf of Gore DC	10 February 2025
Evidence of s42A report officer (if required)	10 February 2025
Natural Character	
Draft Natural Character chapter circulated (Minute 18)	29 November 2024
Council s42A report (to be provided jointly with s42A report for NFL)	19 December 2024
Submitters' evidence	27 January 2025
Legal submissions on behalf of submitters	4 February 2025
Legal submissions on behalf of Gore DC	10 February 2025
Evidence from s42A report officer (if required)	10 February 2025
Hearing Stream 9a Sites of Significance to Māori (SASM) Ngāi Tahu Cultural Values (NTCV)	18 February 2025
Submitters to confirm wish to attend resumed hearing	13 December 2024
Memorandum of counsel from Hokonui Rūnanga	19 December 2024
Expert evidence from submitters and any legal submissions	28 January 2025
Any supplementary s42A report from Council	4 February 2025
Supplementary and rebuttal evidence and legal submissions on behalf of Hokonui Rūnanga	11 February 2025
Legal submissions on behalf of Gore DC	14 February 2025
Evidence of s42A report officer (if required)	14 February 2025

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	Dates
Hearing Stream 10 Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity (ECO)	24 February 2025
Council s42A report	23 January 2025
Submitters' evidence	7 February 2025
Legal submissions on behalf of submitters	17 February 2025
Legal submissions on behalf of Gore DC	20 February 2025
Evidence of s42A report officer (if required)	20 February 2025
Hearing Stream 11 Natural Hazards (NH) Earthworks further information (EW)	10 March 2025
Natural Hazards (NH)	
Council s42A report	7 February 2025
Submitters' evidence	21 February 2025
Legal submissions on behalf of submitters	3 March 2025
Legal submissions on behalf of Gore DC	6 March 2025
Evidence of s42A report officer (if required)	6 March 2025
Earthworks further information	
Further Earthworks information circulated (Minute 27)	14 January 2025
Submitters' evidence	21 February 2025
Legal submissions on behalf of submitters	3 March 2025
Legal submissions on behalf of Gore DC	6 March 2025
Evidence of s42A report officer (if required)	6 March 2025
Hearing Stream 12 Wrap Up	7 April 2025
Council s42A reports/addenda	7 March 2025
Submitters' evidence	21 March 2025
Legal submissions on behalf of submitters	31 March 2025
Legal submissions on behalf of Gore DC	3 April 2025
Evidence of s42A report officer (if required)	3 April 2025