

Otago Regional Council
Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021
(excluding parts determined to be a freshwater planning instrument)

ARRANGEMENTS FOR HEARING WEEKS 1 & 2 AND REMOTE PARTICIPATION ACCESS

[Minute 4]

INTRODUCTION

1. In response to the Directions in the Notice of Hearing a number of parties have advised of their various availabilities to attend on particular days, advised of the need for additional time to present their cases, and that they wish to utilise the remote presentation facility. This Minute responds to those various requests.

HEARING SCHEDULE

2. Based upon a review of the requests received in response to the directions in paragraphs 4 and 12 of the Notice of Hearing, and a review of the topics covered by evidence filed with the Council, a hearing schedule has been compiled for Weeks 1 and 2 of the Hearing. That schedule, inclusive of the assumptions made in compiling it, is attached to this Minute.
3. Submitters, counsel and witnesses are reminded that the Panel will have pre-read all evidence filed. Consequently, witnesses do not need to present a summary. They should instead focus their time on highlighting any points they wish to emphasise. That will ensure the Panel has full opportunity to ask any questions of clarification they may have.
4. This is the order of proceedings that will be followed by the Hearing Panel during these first two hearing weeks.
5. Further hearing schedules will be prepared and advised to parties over the coming week or so. Our expectation is that parties will be advised not less than 2 weeks prior to the week in which any particular topic is programmed (as per the Notice of Hearing) for hearing. Our thinking is that this approach to scheduling the hearings will allow us to respond to any time over-runs or other unforeseen circumstances without upsetting the overall programme.

LIVESTREAMING OF PROCEEDINGS

6. All sessions of the hearing will be livestreamed on Council's YouTube channel.
7. Access to the livestream will be available from a link on the following webpage www.orc.govt.nz/rps21hearing
8. The recording of proceedings will be available for on-demand viewing later in the day after the hearing has adjourned for that particular day.

9. On-demand viewing will also be accessed through the web link above. Each recording will be identified in the record title. The videos will also be available on the ORC YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@otagoregionalcouncilofficial/videos>)

REMOTE ACCESS FOR PRESENTATIONS

10. For those parties who have advised that they would like remote access for the presentation of part or all of their case, a Zoom invite and link, along with instructions for each time you are going to avail yourself of this facility, will be sent to you shortly.

Ron Crosby for and on behalf of the Panel

Dated 18 January 2023