IN THE MATTER of

the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of

hearing of submissions and further submissions on Change 1 to the Tasman Regional Policy Statement and Plan Change 81 to the Tasman Resource Management Plan

MINUTE 3 – EXTENSION OF TIME, NEW TIMETABLE FOR HS3 – HS5 AND RESPONSE TO A & S TALLEY

1 PURPOSE

1. This Minute responds to:
    a. The agreement of the Minister to extend the timeframes
    b. A new timetable for Hearing Stages 3 to 5
    c. Procedural matters raised in legal submissions of A & S Talley for HS1 in respect to our Minute 2, being:
        i. The provision of information and evidence from the Council
        ii. The implication of new legislation and national direction

2 EXTENSION OF TIMEFRAMES

2. On 16 October 2026, the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform, Hon Chris Bishop, agreed to a request from the Council to amend the Direction for the SPP for C1 and PC81 to allow an additional 40 working days for the completion of the SPP. The new completion date is 18 June 2027. A copy of the Minister's letter of agreement is on the Hearings webpage.

3 NEW TIMETABLE FOR HEARING STAGES 3 TO 5

3. As a result of the extension of time and the desire of the SPP Panel to ensure that all parties have adequate time to review information and prepare for hearings, we have vacated the current dates indicated for Hearing Stages 3 to 5 and amended the timetable for Hearing Stages 3 to 5 as follows:

Hearing Stage	**Dates**
3 – PC81 – Urban growth framework • Objectives • Policies • Definitions • Non-site-specific methods • Design matrix • MDRZ standards • Road traffic noise overlay • Deferred zoning framework • Infrastructure framework • General transport provisions • Any district-wide provisions	17 – 19 February 2027 *Venue to be advised*
4 – PC81 - Residential growth areas and rezonings • Richmond • Māpua • Motueka • Wakefield • Brightwater • Tākaka • Outline spatial plans • Site-specific methods • Site-specific transport issues	8 – 11 March 2027 *Venue to be advised*
5 – PC81 - Other • Commercial and industrial growth areas	5 – 7 April 2027 *Venue to be advised*

○ Commercial rezonings ○ Mixed business ○ Light industrial ○ Centres hierarchy • Worker accommodation • Stringer Road Papakāinga • Any residual Papakāinga matters • Outstanding matters	

4. We are aware that with the updated timetable, the s42A Report for HS3 would be due in January 2027. Given we are about to head into the holiday period with many people having limited availability or opportunity to respond to the s42A Report, we direct the Council to release the HS3 s42A Report by no later than 18 December 2026.

5. We have updated Minute 1 accordingly.

4 A & S TALLEY

6. In legal submissions for Hearing Stage 1, Counsel for A & S Talley raised timing issues in respect to our Minute 2, in respect of
    a. The provision of information and evidence from the Council
    b. The implication of new legislation and national direction

7. A copy of the A & S Talley Memorandum is on the Hearings webpage.

8. A & S Talley were concerned that the information and evidence would not be available in time to inform Hearing Stages 1 and 2 and sought that we direct this be provided by Friday 23 October 2026. In respect of the addendum s42A report to address new legislation and national direction, they sought that either this also be provided by Friday 23 October 2026, or that leave be granted for a short extension for the submitter to respond.

9. The Council proactively addressed these two matters in their Memorandum of 21 October 2026, also available on the Hearings webpage. Its position is that providing the information and evidence is a significant task that would not be able to be completed by the submitter's requested date. In respect of the second matter, the Council's position is that they are working at speed to prepare the Addendum.

10. The SPP Panel has sympathy for both parties in respect to the first matter. The options available are that we vacate Hearing Stages 1 and 2 until the information and evidence is available, or that we proceed and provide the opportunity backfill if required. That is, submitters who wish to revisit their legal submissions or evidence on Hearing Stages 1 and 2 having reviewed the Council's information are provided the opportunity to ask for leave to do so in later Hearing stages. The SPP Panel prefer and have decided on the latter. We would also expect the Council to do their best endeavours to make the information and evidence available as soon as is possible to assist submitters and the SPP Panel.

11. On the second matter, the SPP Panel directs that the timetable for Hearing Stage 1 is amended so submitters have one working day prior to Hearing Stage 1 commencing to provide any additional legal submissions. The SPP Panel anticipates that the new legislation and national direction is a matter that will require ongoing consideration through Hearing Stages 3 to 5.

5 UPDATED DIRECTIONS

12. The SPP Panel hereby directs in respect of the SPP timetable that:
    a. the dates for Hearing Stages 3 to 5 be vacated and be replaced with the following dates:
        i. Hearing Stage 3 – 17 to 19 February 2027
        ii. Hearing Stage 4 – 8 – 11 March 2027
        iii. Hearing Stage 5 – 5 – 7 April 2027
    b. The s42A report for Hearing Stage 3 be released no later than Friday 18 December 2026.

13. The SPP Panel directs that the timetable for Hearing Stage 1 is amended so submitters may provide legal submissions on matters other than scope no later than one working day prior to the hearing commencing.

6 ADMINISTRATION

HEARINGS ADMINISTRATOR

14. The Council's Hearings Administrator can be contacted at:

    Phone 035438400

    Email TRMPHearings@tasman.govt.nz

HEARINGS WEBPAGE

15. All relevant information about the hearing can be found on the Council's Hearings webpage.

CORRESPONDENCE

16. Submitters and other hearing participants are reminded that they must not attempt to correspond with or contact the SPP Panel members directly. All correspondence relating to the hearing must be addressed to the Hearings Administrator.

SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

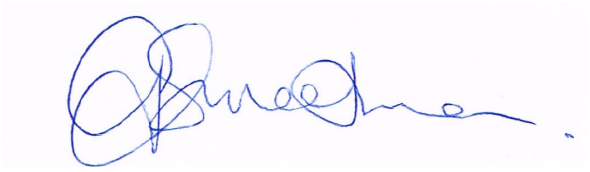
17. All written material (evidence, hearing reports, JWSs and legal submissions) addressed by this Minute must be lodged with the Hearings Administrator in **Microsoft WORD and PDF** format by the stated deadline: email to

    TRMPHearings@tasman.govt.nz

    Or

    Post addressed to Private Bag 4, Richmond Nelson 7050.

18. All written material relevant to the hearings will be posted in PDF format on the Council's Hearings webpage.



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Chair / Tiamana - on behalf of the SPP Panel members

22 October 2026