

IN THE MATTER OF

the Resource Management Act
1991

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

Plan Change 79 – Deferred Zoning
to the Tasman Resource
Management Plan under Schedule
1 of the Resource Management
Act 1991

MINUTE 4 OF THE HEARING PANEL APPOINTED BY TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Introduction

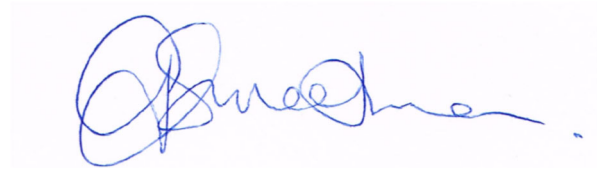
1. The hearing of Plan Change 79 – Deferred Zoning (PC79) to the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) was held on Monday 23 June 2025.
2. On 27 June 2025, we issued Minute 3, directing expert planner conferencing occurs according to a set timeframe.
3. We also requested Counsel for Appleby 88 and the Council address matters relating to access from the State Highway. This information has now been provided, and it is our expectation that this matter will be addressed through the planner conferencing on topic 3.

Clarification points for expert planner conferencing

4. Ms Armstrong forwarded us an email from Mr Butler from the Council on 2 July 2025, which contained the following queries regarding expert planner conferencing:
 - (a) Can Dr Clement be made available to the planners for any technical questions, given the topic is technical and both planners have accepted his evidence?
 - (b) Can Mr Butler also attend conferencing with Ms Honey on topics 2 and 3, as while Ms Honey is the lead reporting officer, they did work on these topics together?
 - (c) Is the reference in paragraph 11 to “where experts disagree, a brief commentary on specific points of agreement” meant to be “disagreement”?
5. In respect of these queries:
 - (a) Yes, the planners can ask Dr Clement any relevant technical questions to assist them in their conferencing. It would be helpful for the Panel for any such questions and answers to be recorded as an Appendix to the planners’ joint witness statement.
 - (b) Yes, Mr Butler can also attend conferencing on topics 2 and 3. We expect the two Council planners positions to be identified separately in the joint witness statements, in accordance with the Environment Court’s Code of Conduct.
 - (c) Yes, the reference should be to disagreement.

Communication and questions

6. Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should be directed to the Hearing Administrator, Narissa Armstrong (narissa.armstrong@tasman.govt.nz). No party is to directly contact any member of the Hearings Panel.

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Gina Sweetman
Chairperson, on behalf of the Hearings Panel
3 July 2025