

BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL
PROPOSED CHANGE 5 (KAITUNA RIVER)
MINUTE 5 OF THE FRESHWATER HEARINGS PANEL
Request for further submissions/closing submissions

MINUTE 5

1. This Minute briefly responds to a request from legal counsel for Taheke 8C to make further submissions or closing submissions following the closing submissions of Bay of Plenty Regional Council.
2. Minute 1 of the Hearing Panel provided an outline of the panel expectations to hear BOPRC's reply evidence, the parties closing submissions, and BOPRC's closing submissions between Tuesday 8 November and Friday 11 November, most likely to be online.
3. The Panel stated that it may be the case that BOPRC does not lodge expert evidence and seeks to provide closing submissions verbally on the last day of the hearing, following submitters, and/or provide its closing submission in writing. The Panel received evidence from the Council planner and received a written right of reply on the closing hearing day.
4. We consider it normal for Council in these types of policy statement changes to provide closing submissions following the closing submissions of the parties. As such we are not seeking further submissions or closing submissions from the parties including Takeke 8C.
5. At the closing hearing the Panel did indicate that it may request further information from the parties, particularly as it relates to our deliberations that may benefit from calling of further evidence or comments from the parties. Until such time that the hearing has been closed, we may make requests of the parties.

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6. Any correspondence should be lodged by one of the following means:
 - a. By email to Rachel Thaugland, Planning Administrator at Rachel.Thaugland@boprc.govt.nz
 - b. In writing, addressed to Bay of Plenty Regional Council, PO Box 364, Whakatāne 3158, for the attention of the Planning Administrator (Proposed Change 5 – Kaituna River)
 - c. By delivery to 1 Elizabeth Street, Tauranga.

DATED this 11th of November 2022



Antoine Coffin
Freshwater Hearings Panel Chairperson

For and on behalf of Freshwater Hearings Panel members:
Commissioner Andrew von Dadelszen
Commissioner Rawiri Faulkner