



SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

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Given the public interest in the Waihinga Centre and the number of requests to speak to Council during public participation on the 24 February, councillors have indicated that they will suspend Appendix F Public Forum, F1 of Meeting Standing Orders at the meeting and resolve to extend the time allowed for public participation 'up to 60 minutes'. As the intention of suspending and then amending the standing order is to allow more delegates to be heard, public participants are informed that other provisions in F1 will be enforced. That is, speakers will be allowed 3 minutes total time in front of Council; we recommend 2 minutes to present your views and 1 minute for councillors to obtain information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

Anyone wishing to address Council on the 24th on a matter that falls within the terms of reference of the meeting is asked to contact the Committee Secretary to register your interest: Suzanne Clark, 306-9611 xtn 858 or Suzanne.clark@swdc.govt.nz by 10am, 22 February 2016.

A list of public participants and order of speakers will be available to the Mayor and councillors at the meeting.

Standing Orders, Appendix F Public Forum is attached.

APPENDIX F PUBLIC FORUM

(Informative)

F1 Public forum

A1 | A period of up to 30 minutes, or such other time as the local authority may determine, will be set aside for a public forum at the commencement of meetings of the local authority, committee and subcommittee meetings which are open to the public. Each speaker during the public forum section of a meeting, may speak for three minutes.

F2 Time extension

Standing orders may be suspended on a vote of not less than 75 % of those present, to extend the period of public participation or the period any speaker is allowed to speak.

F3 Subjects of public forum

In respect of local authority, committee and subcommittee meetings, the public forum is to be confined to those items falling within the terms of reference of that meeting, provided the matter is not sub-judice.

NOTE – The public forum procedure does not apply in respect of any hearing, including the hearing of submissions where the local authority, committee or subcommittee sits in a quasi-judicial capacity.

F4 Questions of speakers during public forum

With the permission of the chairperson, members may ask questions of speakers during the period reserved for public forum. If permitted by the chairperson, questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.