
**SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT & CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCILS
PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE FOR THE WAIRARAPA INTERNATIONAL
DARK SKY RESERVE – OUTDOOR ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING**

MINUTE 3 OF COMMISSIONER

Introduction

1. Further to the direction in my previous minute of 5 May, the parties have had an opportunity to review Ms Donaldson's memo from 4 May and Ms Donaldson has since issued her s42A RMA Report.
2. The general function of this Minute is to confirm the completion of the plan change 'hearing' process.

Matter to be determined without hearing

3. In my previous minute, I asked submitters to review Ms Donaldson's 4 May memo to appraise themselves of all changes to the plan change she would be recommending as a result of discussions with other submitters.
4. Submitters were to advise by 12 May if any matters were arising from that review such that they wished to proceed to a hearing. No submitters responded at that time or subsequently.
5. I am accordingly satisfied that all submitters have indicated they do not wish to be heard or have withdrawn a previously expressed desire to be heard. The matter will be determined without a hearing as a result¹.

Completing the process from here

6. Last week, Ms Donaldson circulated her s42A Report. That included a late correction to address an amendment agreed with Genesis Energy that was inadvertently omitted in a previous iteration of Ms Donaldson's report.
7. I have reviewed Ms Donaldson's report and determined that I have all information needed to deliver my recommendation to the Councils.
8. I completed my deliberations on Friday 21 May and will be delivering my recommendation report to the Councils in the coming days. It will then be for the Councils to consider my recommendation and to make a decision on the plan change from there.

¹ Pursuant to RMA, Schedule 1, Clause 8C

9. I'd like to take the opportunity again to signal my gratitude for the laudable efforts of the parties to narrow issues in contention and reach consensus. Your collective effects are of great assistance to me and to the efficient processing of the plan change.
10. If any parties have any general questions about the above, please email Mr Russell O'Leary in the first instance at russell.oleary@swdc.govt.nz.

DATED this 24th day of May 2021



J C Jones
Independent RMA Hearings Commissioner