

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Resource Management Act 1991 (*RMA*)

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of Plan Change 10 to the Wairarapa Combined  
District Plan

### **DIRECTIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER – DIRECTION 3**

1. Pursuant to section 34A of the RMA, South Wairarapa District Council (the Council) has appointed me as an Independent Hearing Commissioner to hear and determine submissions to Plan Change 10 to the Wairarapa Combined District Plan.
2. Plan Change 10 seeks to ensure that the Register of Notable Trees in Appendix 1.4 of the District Plan is up to date and relevant for the district. Updates account for trees that no longer exist, trees that need to be added to the list, as well as new expert thinking about what makes a tree notable.
3. The hearing has been set down for two days on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.
4. I have issued two previous Directions, regarding the exchange of evidence and the potential for a pre-hearing meeting between the Greytown Tree Advisory Group, the Council Planner and Council Arborist and if feasible a representative of NZ Notable Trees.
5. Each of my previous Directions made reference to the Council producing an addendum to their S42A report:
6. Direction 1

*7(d) That should the Council wish to provide an updated set of plan provisions (with tracked changes) as an addendum to the Section 42A report, this will be provided for all parties at the start of the hearing on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019, and the Council reporting officer will run through these changes at that time.*

7. Direction 2

*12(c) Council shall prepare an addendum to their S42A report which presents relevant information retrieved from the Council archive and other information required to support this. This shall be posted on Council's website as soon as possible but in any event, no later than 5pm, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019.*

8. Pursuant to Sections 42A, 42B and 42C of the RMA, the purpose of this Direction (Direction 3) is to confirm that:
- (a) Each of the S42A Report Addendums is an independent document, and therefore each is subject to its own timescale, as set out in each Addendum.
  - (b) That I expect any updated set of plan provisions (with tracked changes) presented at the hearing by the Council in response to Direction 1 paragraph 7(d) to be accompanied by a written justification for the proposed changes including references/responses to expert evidence, the pre-hearing meeting and anything material in the archives/ database search.

Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should be directed to Lou Brown, Planner, South Wairarapa District Council, [lou.brown@swdc.govt.nz](mailto:lou.brown@swdc.govt.nz)



Richard Knott

Commissioner

13<sup>th</sup> November 2019