

Hearing

of the

Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel

Variation 1 - Natural Character

Date	25-26 February 2016
Time	09:00
Venue	Thames War Memorial Civic Centre Cnr Mary and Queen Streets Thames

Members

Chairperson	M Farnsworth
Members	T Fox I Munro

Sam Napia
Group Manager
GOVERNANCE, PLANNING AND STRATEGIC

Members of Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel



Mark Farnsworth
Chairperson



Tony Fox
Panel Member



Ian Munro
Panel Member

Full order paper and appendices are available on the TCDC website:
www.tcdc.govt.nz/Council/Meetings-and-Minutes/Committees

Proposed District Plan Hearing Advice Notes for Submitters

LOCATION

Thames War Memorial Civic Centre

Cnr Mary and Queen Street, Thames.

There will be some public seating available at the back of the room for submitters and members of the public to view the hearing.

THE DISTRICT PLAN HEARINGS PANEL

The Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel ('the Panel') is comprised of two external commissioners (the Chairman, Mark Farnsworth and Ian Munro) and one elected councillor (Tony Fox) who have been appointed to the Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel by Council. This panel was formed to:

- Consider all submissions received on the Proposed Thames-Coromandel District Plan, including verbal presentations and written evidence from submitters wishing to be heard, and
- Make recommendations to the Council to accept or reject submissions and whether the Plan provisions are retained or amended from the submissions received.

Further information on the Panel members is available on Council's website at: www.tcdc.govt.nz/dpr

PROCEEDINGS

On the day of your presentation...

1. Turn up 15 minutes early in case the hearings are ahead of schedule, and to give time for the hearings administrator to organise any hand-outs or presentations.
2. Let the hearings administrator know that you've arrived.
3. If you have hand-outs or new evidence that was not in your original submission, bring along **seven copies** and give them to the hearings administrator along with any USB data stick.
4. Wait in the public seating area. When it is your turn to present your submission, the Chairman will invite you to come forward to the speaker's table.
5. You are very welcome to stay and listen to other submitters give their presentations.
6. If submitters turn up at a hearing and have not arranged a time slot with the hearings administrator, they will be allowed to speak if time is available, otherwise they will have to come to another hearing day.

PRESENTATIONS

1. The Hearing Panel will listen to you with an open mind. They will be friendly and encourage you to have your say, so they can make good decisions. The hearings will not be highly formal.
2. Only submitters, their representatives/support people and any of their expert witnesses can speak at the hearing. The Hearings Panel Chairman may exercise his discretion for other people to speak at the hearing if appropriate.
3. You may use diagrams, research, reports, experts, lawyers etc. You are welcome to use audio-visual presentations e.g. PowerPoint, pictures, video. Just bring it on a USB data stick and give it to the hearings administrator when you arrive. If you have hand-outs, please email an electronic version of those hand-outs to the hearings administrator before the hearing, or bring it on a USB data stick at the hearing, or provide **seven copies** at the hearing.
4. Do not read your written submission aloud. The Hearings Panel has already read it. Focus on the key messages you want the Panel to hear, and the changes you want to the District Plan.
5. Address the Panel. Don't be tempted to accuse or question other submitters or staff.
6. Your presentation must stay within the scope of the points you raised in your original submission, or the submission points in your further submission. You are able to make new arguments and present new evidence on these points.

7. Council staff have pre-circulated a report giving their analysis and recommendations on the submission points for the hearing topics of the day. These recommendations are not binding; they are a planner's analysis to help with hearings deliberations. This report will be taken as read, so feel free to say whether you agree or disagree with staff recommendations, or if they could be improved.
8. If you are part of a group, avoid repeating what others have said before you. The Panel will make recommendations to the Council based on the merit of submissions, not on the number of submissions.
9. If you refer to the Council staff report, submission summary or other submissions, please give the reference so the Panel can quickly cross-reference it in their deliberations.
10. The Panel members may ask you questions about your presentation. You cannot ask questions to the Panel, Council staff, or other submitters.
11. Please stick to your allocated timeslot. If you run over time, the Chairman may instruct you to finish your presentation so other presenters are not delayed or disadvantaged. On the other hand, there is no pressure to speak for the full 10 minutes if you make your point in less time.
12. If you have a mobile phone with you - please either mute the phone or turn it off.

Table of Contents

Item	Business	Page No.
1	Conduct of Hearing	4
1.1	Apologies	4
1.2	Conflict of Interest	4
1.3	Minutes for Confirmation	4
2	Hearings of Proposed District Plan Variation 1 - Natural Character	5

1 Conduct of Hearing

1.1 Apologies

The Chairperson invites notice from members of:

1. Leave of absence for future meetings of the Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel or
2. Apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

1.2 Conflict of Interest

The Chairperson invites notice from members of:

1. Any interests that may create a conflict with their role as an elected member relating to the agenda item(s) for the meeting; and
2. Any interests in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as provided for in the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968.

1.3 Minutes for Confirmation

There are no minutes for confirmation.

2 Hearings of Proposed District Plan Variation 1 - Natural Character

TO Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel
FROM Leigh Robcke - District Plan Manager
DATE 4 February 2016
SUBJECT **Section 42A Hearing Report and Section 32AA Further Evaluation Report - Proposed District Plan Variation 1 - Natural Character**

1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Hearings Panel to assist in making recommended decisions in respect of submissions and further submissions received on:

- Proposed District Plan Variation 1 - Natural Character

2 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel:

1. Receives the report.
2. Confirms that it has considered all submissions and further submissions made to Variation 1 - Natural Character.
3. Receives and considers any additional information or evidence tabled at the hearings by submitters.
4. Makes recommended decisions on all relief sought in the submissions and further submissions received, and notes its reasons for the decisions.
5. Instructs staff to make changes from recommended decisions to Variation 1 - Natural Character and take a recommended Decisions version of the Proposed District Plan and Variation 1 - Natural Character to Council in 2016.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A *Staff Report - Variation 1 Natural Character*
Appendix 1 *Track Changes - Section 7A.1 Background*
Appendix 2 *Track Changes - Section 32A Natural Character Overlay*
Appendix 3 *Track Changes - Section 38 Subdivision*
Appendix 4 *Maps - Revised boundaries*
Appendix 5 *Submitters and Further Submitters list*