

IN THE MATTER of

the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of

**Hearing of submissions, further
submissions and variations on the
Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan**

MINUTE 60 –Decision Process

INTRODUCTION

1. The Hearing Panel has been asked to provide an update on the process of delivering their recommended decisions to the Tai o Poutini Plan Committee.

DECISION PROCESS

2. The hearing process itself has drawn to an end with the last hearing on Variation 2 being heard in the week beginning the 17th of March 2025. However, the hearings will formally close when the Panel issues its final recommendation report.
3. The hearing of submissions has taken longer than initially predicted as detailed in Minute 2 and subsequently in Minute 27. This is due to the delays in the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity hearing being heard and the introduction into the hearing schedule of the Variation 2 (including Coastal Hazards) hearing. We signaled those changes in the hearing schedule through Minutes 33 and 41.
4. Drafting of decisions has been ongoing for some time, but some matters cross over between hearings and Chapters, some of which had yet to be heard at the time of initial drafting. Such matters form part of the integration process between Plan Chapters which is necessary to resolve before decisions are completed. The final recommendation decision will be one single plan wide recommendation.
5. The process of the Hearing Panel is to now provide draft decisions, as they are completed, to the TTPP staff over the next few months to enable them to check for any errors and to identify any integration issues the Panel has not identified, including any mapping changes. This is an important task to ensure that the TTPP is coherent and integrated. Then the final recommendation report covering the entire plan will be issued.
6. The intention of the Hearing Panel is to have the final recommend decision for the entire Plan delivered by mid-August 2025.



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Independent Commissioner – Chair - on behalf of the Hearing Panel members

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