

**BEFORE THE MANAWATU DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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IN THE MATTER                      of the review of the operative  
Manawatu District Plan

AND

IN THE MATTER                      of Plan Change 51

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**MINUTE NO. 2**

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Dated: 21 August 2019

- [1] The Panel completed the allocated hearing time for Plan Change 51 at midday on 21 August 2019. A suite of issues arose during the hearing. The Council officers and consultants asked for further time to address those matters and to respond to them.
- [2] Ms Harris, the Council's planner, told us that a realistic timeframe to respond is one month. Ms Harris noted that there needs to be work on the structure plan, the policy and rule provisions and Ms Harris needs to liaise with Horizons Regional Council in relation to flood hazard management and stormwater issues.
- [3] The Panel is content to allow the further time that Ms Harris requested.
- [4] Concerning the process from here, the Panel will receive the Council's reply material and if the Panel considers that it is necessary to resume the hearing then it will issue a hearing notice to that effect. The purpose of that resumed hearing will be to address the new material given by the Council. There may, however, be new matters arising that submitters wish to comment on and we remain open to appropriate requests to address the new material. All submitters should be aware

that the material received from Ms Harris will be immediately placed on the website. They should ,therefore, continue to keep an eye on the website if they wish to follow this process.

- [5] A number of submitters were against the removal of the Feilding Locality Nodal Area proposed by Plan Change 51. The Panel received helpful submissions and evidence concerning that matter. Ms Harris informed us on the second day of the hearing that Ms Harris had reflected on the information presented. Ms Harris told us that she can no longer support that aspect of the Plan Change and will recommend the Feilding Locality Nodal Area remain if it is outside Growth Precinct 4. Ms Harris now considers that that the future of the Feilding Locality Nodal Area outside Precinct 4 should be addressed as part of a wider review of the Rural Zone that is scheduled to be undertaken in 2020.
- [6] The reason the Panel mentions Ms Harris' advice on the Nodal Overlay is because a number of submitters will be interested in that change in position. We have to make our own decision on the Plan Change, However, the fact that the Council's position on this topic has changed - and there is no other evidence in support of that aspect of PC 51 - will be highly persuasive in our assessment when we come to make a decision.
- [7] We thank all those involved in the Plan Change process so far and if there are any questions or issues they should be directed, as always, to Allie Dunn.



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**John Maassen** Chairperson