

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Resource  
Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of Submissions and Further  
Submissions on the  
Proposed Wellington City  
District Plan

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**Minute 15:**

**Design Guides**

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1. During the course of the Stream 2 hearing, the Hearing Panel identified that the structure and content of the Residential Design Guide required further work. The experts who have given evidence on the Residential Design Guide in Stream 2 (Dr Zamani for Council, Mr Rae for Kāinga Ora, Mr McIndoe for McIndoe Urban, and Mr Owen for Willis Bond) have arranged to conference on 21 April. The Hearing Panel expects those experts will assist in identifying the work that needs to be done, but considers it unrealistic to expect that the experts will be able to do more in a single conferencing session than agree an appropriate structure and, in broad terms, the nature of the amendments required to the Residential Design Guide.
2. The Hearing Panel has therefore determined that the best course of action is if the Residential Design Guide is the subject of further work by the Council in the light of the outcome of the urban designers' joint conferencing, with periodic feedback loops to those experts and to the Panel, and further conferencing as required, in order that the revised Residential Design Guide (and any related amendments to Plan provisions) are able to be addressed in the Section 42A Report for the ISPP wrap-up hearing scheduled to commence on 19 September. Depending on how that process is progressing following the initial Joint Witness Conference, the Panel may make further directions as required.
3. The position is complicated by the fact that the Centres and Mixed Use Design Guides overlap with the Residential Design Guide and therefore need to be considered as part of the same process.
4. To facilitate that process, submissions on the Centres and Mixed Use Design Guides will not be heard as part of Stream 4 as originally intended, but will rather be heard in the ISPP wrap-up hearing, as above. If any submitter with an interest in the Centres and Mixed Use Design Guide wishes to have an expert involved in the process we have described above, they are requested to contact the Hearings Coordinator with advice of the name and contact details of that expert by Wednesday 19 April.
5. There are a number of other Design Guides that form part of the Plan. If any submitter considers that there is sufficient overlap either in structure or content of those Design Guides with the Centres and Mixed Use Design Guide and the Residential Design Guide, they are invited to file a

memorandum identifying same by Wednesday 19 April in order that the Hearing Panel can consider whether it should make directions in relation to those Design Guides also.

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**Trevor Robinson**  
**Chair**

**For the Wellington City Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel**  
Dated: 11 April 2023