

WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

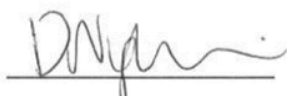
PROPOSED CHANGE 1 TO THE WELLINGTON REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT

MINUTE 7

REQUEST TO INCREASE REPRESENTATION OF MEMBERS ON P1S1 PANEL

1. This Minute has been issued by the Part 1 Schedule 1 (P1S1) Panel chair on behalf of the P1S1 Panel.
2. Minute 5 set out the proposed approach to the 'allocation of provisions' issue which has been raised by various parties in their submissions and in Hearing Stream 1.
3. In the event that provisions are allocated from the Freshwater Hearing Panel (FHP) process to the P1S1 process, the P1S1 Panel considers it appropriate for the Panel to have broader expertise, particular on science issues for the climate change and biodiversity topics in PC1.
4. Therefore, we ask that Regional Council officers recommend to the Council that Commissioner Gillian Wratt, who is currently appointed to the FHP, also be appointed to hear, deliberate and make recommendations on P1S1 provisions. We consider that this appointment would expand the expertise and breadth of the P1S1 panel and is efficient in the circumstances as Commissioner Wratt has already heard submissions in Hearing Streams 1 and 2 and will continue to hear and attend the remaining hearing streams. We also request an amendment to the Terms of Reference for the P1S1 Panel to provide for a 4 member Panel.
5. Commissioner Wratt and Chair Thompson (Chair of the FHP) consent to the appointment. No other members of the Hearing Panels have raised any issues.
6. We ask that the Council consider this request and issue a decision regarding the appointment of Commissioner Wratt to the P1S1 Panel (in addition to her current appointment to the FHP Panel) prior to Hearing Stream 3 commencing in late August 2023.

Dated: 19 July 2023



Dhilum Nightingale
Chair
Part 1, Schedule 1 Hearing Panel