

Under the Resource Management Act 1991

In the matter of Resource consent applications by the Māpua Community Boat Ramp Trust made to the Tasman District Council to construct and operate a boat ramp and associated facilities.

MINUTE 1: DIRECTIONS OF HEARING COMMISSIONERS

Introduction

1. We have been appointed by the Tasman District Council (TDC) under section 34A of the Resource Management Act (RMA) to hear and decide resource consent applications by the Māpua Community Boat Ramp Trust to construct and operate a boat ramp and associated facilities. The application details and reports can be found on TDC's website at <https://www.tasman.govt.nz/my-property/resource-consents-and-subdivision/current-publicly-notified-resource-consent-applications/applications-awaiting-hearings/mapua-community-boat-ramp-trust/>.
2. We are issuing the guidance and directions below to ensure that the hearing is conducted in an efficient and informative manner.

The hearing

3. The hearing is scheduled to commence on Monday 25 November 2024, with the details as provided previously by Council officers. The order of appearance will generally be:
 - a) Applicant.
 - b) Submitters in support.
 - c) Submitters neutral.
 - d) Submitters in opposition.
 - e) Council's reporting officers.
 - f) Applicant's right of reply (either given at the hearing or in writing thereafter).
4. The applicant's evidence will be heard on 25 November, and submitters will be heard on Tuesday 26 November and Wednesday 27 November. Two reserve days are available on 9 December and 10 December, should these be needed. We do not anticipate hearing from submitters on these days but, if needed, they will be used for the Council officers' presentations and the applicant's right-of-reply.

Request for Summary of Outstanding Issues

5. The Council's reporting officers are requested to provide by 3 pm on Wednesday 20 November, a summary list of outstanding issues between their report dated 24 October 2024, and the applicant's expert evidence provide don 4 November 2024. This request is for a list of outstanding issues, not for rebuttal commentary or evidence.

Requirements for those presenting at the hearing

General hearings procedure

6. All submissions and evidence will have been pre-read by the Panel and will be taken as read at the hearing. Accordingly, pursuant to section 41C(1)(b) of the RMA, the applicant and submitters are directed that all such material will not be read aloud at the hearing.
7. At the hearing the applicant's experts may table and read aloud supplementary or rebuttal evidence responding to any expert evidence lodged by submitters. The Panel anticipates that any such evidence will be concise.
8. Where submitters are aware of other submitters with overlapping issues, to reduce repetition we encourage that they consider grouping together or limiting their presentations to specific matters that do not overlap.
9. All people appearing at the hearing will be allowed to verbally and briefly highlight key points from their submissions or evidence for the benefit of the Panel. The Panel will then ask any questions they may have.
10. Any submitters who prepare a brief statement to support their submission, and who haven't provided this to the Hearings Administrator electronically, should bring ten (10) hard copies to the hearing.

Legal counsel representation

11. If the applicant or any submitter proposes to have legal counsel present legal submissions, they are requested to provide those submissions in writing to the Hearings Administrator no later than 5 pm on Thursday 21 November 2024.

Time constraints

12. Given that all evidence and submissions received prior to the hearing will have been pre-read by the Panel, the times allocated for speaking will be confined as follows (plus any time needed for questions from the Panel), unless special reasons are advanced by way of a written request for extra time which has been approved by the Panel:
 - a. Submitters and other lay witnesses – 10 minutes
 - b. Legal counsel and expert witnesses – 30 minutes
13. Any requests as to extended hearing times must be made by request in writing through the Principal Planner Resource Consents by 5 pm on Wednesday 13 November 2024 and must be supported by reasons as to why extra time is requested.

Timetable for presentations

14. Submitters will be heard on Tuesday 26 November and Wednesday 27 November 2024.
15. The Principal Planner Resource Consents will be circulating a DRAFT hearing schedule to all submitters who have confirmed to date that they still want to be heard. Please inform the Principal Planner Resource Consents of any time constraints you may have on those days by 5 pm on Monday 18 November 2024.
16. An indicative timetable for submitters will be circulated on Thursday 21 November 2024.

Presenting at the hearing and remote viewing

17. Submitters can present to the Panel either in person or online via Zoom. Please inform the Principal Planner Resource Consents should you wish to present online no later than 5 pm on Thursday 21 November 2024.
18. The hearing will also be livestreamed using Zoom and a link will be provided to all submitters prior to the hearing commencing.
19. Due to a seating limit of 50 people, we encourage you to watch the livestream from home if you are able, rather than attending the hearing as an observer.

Support and supporting information

20. Should any submitter wish to speak in Te Reo Māori or sign language, or use visual aids (for example, PowerPoint presentations) they are requested to liaise directly with the Principal Planner Resource Consents regarding their needs as soon as possible but prior to Friday 15 November 2024.
21. All electronic presentations are to be provided to the Hearings Administrator no later than 5 pm on Thursday 21 November 2024. Council staff will provide submitters with an upload link for this.

Site visit

22. The Panel will undertake a site visit after the completion of the hearing on Monday 25 November 2024.

Council contact details

23. All communications addressed by this Minute are to be made through the Principal Planner Resource Consents, email phil.doole@tasman.govt.nz or phone 03 543 8487.

8 November 2024.



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