

**PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL**  
**PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE G: AOKAUTERE URBAN GROWTH**  
**MINUTE 8 OF INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL**

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1. This is the eighth procedural Minute (Minute 8) issued in relation to submissions on proposed Plan Change G Aokautere (PC G) notified by the Council.
2. This Minute follows up Minutes 6 and 7 and is in response to a request from Palmerston North City Council (**PNCC**), seeking additional time to respond to evidence and supporting information supplied by submitter 45 – PN Industrial & Residential Developments Ltd (**PNIRD**).

**Background**

3. Minute 6 extended the timeframe for PNCC's response to the abovementioned evidence and supporting information from 22 December 2023 to 2 February 2024.
4. Minute 7 addressed a subsequent Memorandum of Counsel for PNCC seeking further direction regarding the nature of that written response. Having considered the matters raised in the PNCC memorandum, Minute 7 invited PNIRD to file further evidence on roading connections, and, assuming that that invitation was taken up, directed the Council to respond to that evidence as part of their overall response. The Panel signaled that the 2 February 2024 response date applying to PNCC would likely remain in place unless PNIRD advised that it would be unable to file evidence by 24 January 2024.
5. In the event, PNIRD was able to submit the relevant material on 18 and 24 January 2024 and we thank the submitter for its efforts in this regard.

**Current situation and timeframe**

6. Based on the Council's review of that evidence and supporting information, PNCC's Counsel has requested (via email) additional time to co-ordinate and prepare its response. PNCC has requested an additional ten working days, accounting for Waitangi Day, which has the effect of extending the due date for the Council's response to 19 February 2024.
7. In the interest of ensuring that the Panel has all the relevant evidence and information before it for the purposes of deliberations, we accept the Council's request.

### Next steps

8. The Council is directed to prepare and submit its response on the above matters **by close of business, Monday, 19 February 2024, at the latest.**
9. Any enquiries regarding this direction or any related matters should be directed to the Hearing Administrator, Susana Figlioli, by email at [susana.figlioli@pncc.govt.nz](mailto:susana.figlioli@pncc.govt.nz)

**DATED** this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2024



DJ McMahon, Chair

On behalf of the members of the Hearing Panel