

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL
PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE G: AOKAUTERE URBAN GROWTH
MINUTE 9 OF INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL

1. This is the ninth procedural Minute (Minute 9) issued in relation to submissions on proposed Plan Change G Aokautere (PC G) notified by the Council.
2. This Minute follows up Minute 8 and is in response to a further request from Palmerston North City Council (**PNCC**), seeking additional time to respond to evidence and supporting information relating supplied by submitter 45 – PN Industrial & Residential Developments Ltd (**PNIRD**).

Background

3. Minute 8 extended the timeframe for PNCC's response to the abovementioned evidence and supporting information from 2 February 2024 to 19 February 2024.
4. PNCC's Counsel has since advised (via email dated 13 February 2024) that, unfortunately, the Council's urban design witness, Mr Andrew Burns, has suffered an accident that he needs time to recover from.
5. PNCC's Counsel further advises that Mr Burns effectively holds the 'pen' on a considerable number of amendments to the PC G provisions that the Council is proposing to address in its response (including to the PNIRD evidence and information), and that, as such, his outputs are relied on by other experts to assist them in making recommendations. Further, that Mr Burns is also in the process of preparing a statement to inform planning recommendations on elements of the structure plan.
6. On this basis, PNCC has requested an additional two weeks to co-ordinate and prepare its response. This would have the effect of extending the due date for the Council's response to 4 March 2024. Ahead of that, PNCC proposes to provide an update to the Panel on 23 February 2024 as to Mr Burns' recovery.
7. In the interests of ensuring that the Panel has all the relevant evidence and information before it for the purposes of deliberations, we are minded to accept the Council's request.
8. We wish Mr Burns a speedy and full recovery.

Next steps

9. The Council is directed to prepare and submit its response on the above matters **by close of business, Monday, 4 March, 2024, at the latest.**
10. 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

DATED this 14th day of February 2024



DJ McMahon, Chair

On behalf of the members of the Hearing Panel