

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE I: INCREASING HOUSING SUPPLY AND CHOICE

MINUTE 4 OF INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL

1. This Minute follows up from the hearing held on PCI on 1 and 2 September 2025.
2. As a reminder, the hearing was adjourned after hearing from the Council and submitters. The purpose of the adjournment was to enable some facilitated expert conferencing. The purpose of this Minute is to enquire of the parties as to progress.

Expert Conferencing Update

3. At the conclusion of the PCI hearing, counsel for PNCC and Kāinga Ora discussed flexible timeframes with the Panel for further conferencing on economic modelling and stormwater matters. They proposed either presenting conferencing results or reporting on progress within three weeks of the hearing. Accordingly, and via the Hearings Administrator, I sought an update from counsel for the PNCC counsel, who has reported as follows:
 1. *Initial discussions have taken place between Stacey Andrews and Tim Heath regarding the economic modelling methodology. PNCC will undertake the modelling in-house, which is expected to take five weeks, with results due in early November to coincide with Ms Jenkins' return.*
 2. *There have been preliminary exchanges on stormwater matters. Council is currently working with PNCC's modellers to provide the necessary information, but discussions have not yet advanced significantly. It may be several weeks before proposed provisions are ready for more targeted engagement.*
 3. *Given that coordination with Ms Jenkins will be needed for both workstreams—and she does not return until the week following Labour Weekend—a more substantive update is likely to be possible by mid-November.*

Next Steps

4. In light of the above, my timetabling direction is to require a further progress update by **14 November 2025**.
5. In the meantime, all correspondence should be via the Hearing Administrator.

DATED this 29th day of September 2025



DJ McMahon

Chair - Independent Hearings Panel

On behalf of the Hearing Panel