

From: [Catherine Deeley](#)
To: [Julie Straka](#)
Subject: Re: Plan Change 48 - feedback on legal memoranda
Date: Monday, 19 August 2019 1:58:05 PM

Dear Julie

Regarding your email, I have some comments regarding this issue.

I'm disappointed that the applicant's request to submit new information and have an extension is even being considered. He is a person who thinks he has the right to speak for an entire community he is not even part of, and now wants to strong arm the commission in the same way, showing no respect for the commission and the hearing process, otherwise he would have been fully prepared when the hearing started, as we were.

Why is he trying to produce new information at this stage when he has had longer than anyone to prepare for this hearing process. Surely everything pertinent should have been presented already at the hearing. If this is allowed, then in fairness we should be allowed more time to prepare a rebuttal. We all made the biggest efforts to be prepared for the hearing process, and all parties have had their chance to make their cases. He should not be allowed at this stage to have the time to look for, research, prepare and present more information; is the hearing going to proceed indefinitely? The lives and way of life of the people of Oakura hang in the balance here, while he takes his time to drag things out even longer, proving that he does not have our interests at heart.

Why is he even allowed the opportunity to extend the time frame? We were not given the opportunity or courtesy when the hearing was held during the school holidays, a great inconvenience when many people were away and not able to speak in person at the hearing; the same should be applied to the applicant's request.

The commission should make their decision based on the information they have already been presented with and put an end to this.

Best regards

Catherine Deeley

On 16 August 2019 at 14:16 Julie Straka <julie.straka@npdc.govt.nz> wrote:

Dear Hearing Parties

Prior to the Commissioner adjourning the hearing on Friday 26 July, the Commissioner requested the applicant's counsel provide a memorandum, outlining the suggested further process as the applicant sees it. This was provided on 31 July 2019. This was forwarded to the commissioner the same day.

My understanding was that all parties received a copy of that memorandum as per the commissioner's request. It has been clarified that that did not occur – it was instead sent only to the legal counsel representing some submitters. The legal counsel for those submitters then chose to respond with a memorandum. The applicant's legal counsel then forwarded a subsequent memorandum. All three memoranda are now available on the Council's website.

As per the direction given at the hearing, the Commissioner and the Commissioner's assistant are now considering the memoranda forwarded before issuing a direction on the forward process.

As only some parties were provided with the applicant's initial memoranda, the Commissioner is providing an opportunity for all submitters to provide feedback. Feedback must be forwarded to julie.straka@npdc.govt.nz by noon on Friday 23 August.

The Commissioner will issue his determination on the forward process after 23 August.

Regards

Julie

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