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Hi Julie. I am very disappointed that the applicant has applied for an extension to this process . I feel that this has created an uneven playing field if you like . We had to put our submissions in by the end of last year based on his proposal at the time . Now right up to the hearing taking place I felt there was so much information still coming in from the applicants side of things . Now given that he had all this time to put a proposal together with his crew of experts he had years to get it right and well looks like he has stumbled . Now he has requested an extension for his reply, what is he trying to achieve here by stalling does he think the parties objecting will disappear or some new evidence will suddenly appear or is there some ulterior motive . It doesn't seem fair to all the people that submitted and spoke at the hearing have to endure this process his right of reply being drawn out so long. I guess there is a reason that this process has to proceed in a timely fashion and it seems he doesn't have to follow this timeline and I am yet to see a valid reason for this from the applicant just a request to do so . This is so wrong and its all coming from the applicants end.

I hope that going forward the commissioners and NPDC take this into account when making there decisions from here on in. Now I am picking here that if there is an appeal this will be become a major point .  
Regards Stephen Wood.

**From:** [Julie Straka](#)  
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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 commissioners 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](mailto: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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