

**DIRECTIONS OF THE HEARINGS PANEL
MINUTE 2**

- [1] Having read the Section 42A Officers Report for for Proposed Change 60, the independent Chair has several questions for Ms Huirua as attached.
- [2] It would be appreciated if Ms Huirua could respond to these questions in writing, either before or at the commencement of the hearing scheduled for Wednesday 18 October 2023.
- [3] The Hearing Panel may of course have further questions that will be posed verbally to Ms Huirua at the hearing.



Rob van Voorthuysen
Independent Commissioner – Chair

QUESTIONS:**In response to Horticulture NZ**

In light of NPS-HPL Policy 9, is there any downside to adding a further matter of discretion to the Rural Lifestyle subdivision rule SUB-R2.6, with wording such as:

- c. The management of reverse sensitivity effects on land-based primary production activities undertaken on highly productive land.

In response to Horizons RC

In relation to recommended NFL-PT-S3, it may be difficult to provide photographic evidence of intended tree works. Would it be appropriate to instead word NFL-PT-S3 as follows:

NFL-PT-S3

- a. An arborist's description of any intended destruction, removal, pruning or maintenance of any protected tree shall be submitted to Council a minimum of 10 days prior to any such works commencing; and
- b. Photographic evidence of the completed works shall be submitted to Council within 10 days of the completion of the works.

Possible consequential amendment (RMA Schedule 1 clause 10(2)(b))

Standard NFL-PT-S1.1 refers to "Minimum Industry Standards". In your "Officer Comment" number 3 under the Horizons RC submission summary, you refer to The New Zealand Arboricultural Association's Minimum Industry Standards.

The Arboricultural Association's webpage (<https://www.nzarb.org.nz/safety-and-guidelines>) advises that the following Guideline documents produced by the Association are currently under review; Trees on Development Sites, Tree Protection Fencing, and Amenity Tree Pruning Guide.

It goes on to advise that in the absence of NZ specific standards, the New Zealand Arboricultural Association supports and recommends the use of several applicable international standards.

Consequently, would it provide clarity and assist users of the District Plan if NFL-PT-S1.1 was amended as follows (or similar wording):

All works will comply with Minimum Industry Standards, including Tree Care Guidelines produced, supported or recommended by the New Zealand Arboricultural Association, for:

- a. ...