

20 March 2009

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**PROPOSED CHANGE 1 TO THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT  
CHAPTER 12A DEVELOPMENT OF GREATER CHRISTCHURCH INCLUDING  
VARIATIONS 1, 2 ,3 AND 4 – NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given of the hearing which has been scheduled to hear and recommend on the above matter.

The details of the hearing are as follows:

Date of Commencement	20 April 2009
Venue	Rooms 6-7 Convention Centre Kilmore Street CHRISTCHURCH
Commencement Time on 20 April 2009	10.20 a.m.

The venues to be used during the hearing period are as follows:

HEARING DATES	VENUES
20 April – 24 April	Meeting Rooms 6-7 Convention Centre, Christchurch
27 April – 1 May	Meeting Rooms 6-7 Convention Centre, Christchurch
4 May – 6 May	Meeting Rooms 6-7 Convention Centre, Christchurch
7 May – 8 May	Conference Room 1-2 Town Hall, Christchurch
11 May -13 May	Meeting Rooms 6-7 Convention Centre, Christchurch
14 May – 15 May	Conference Room 1-2 Town Hall, Christchurch
18 May – 22 May	Conference Room 1-2 Town Hall, Christchurch
25 May – 29 May	Meeting Rooms 6-7 Convention Centre, Christchurch
2 June – 5 June	Meeting Rooms 6-7 Convention Centre, Christchurch
8 June – 12 June	Conference Room 1-2 Town Hall, Christchurch

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15 June – 17 June	Meeting Rooms 6-7 Convention Centre, Christchurch
18 June – 19 June	Conference Room 1-2 Town Hall, Christchurch
23 June – 26 June	Riverside Centre, 45 Charles St, <b>KAIAPOI</b>
30 June – 3 July	Council Chamber, Waimakariri District Council, High Street, <b>RANGIORA</b>
6 July – 8 July	Meeting Rooms 6-7 Convention Centre, Christchurch
9 July – 10 July	Conference Room 1-2 Town Hall, Christchurch
13 July – 17 July	Council Chamber, Selwyn District Council, Rolleston Drive, <b>ROLLESTON</b>
20 July – 24 July	Boaters Restaurant – Ground Floor Town Hall, Christchurch
27 July – 31 July	Boaters Restaurant – Ground Floor Town Hall, Christchurch
10 August – 14 August	Boaters Restaurant – Ground Floor Town Hall, Christchurch
17 August – 21 August	Conference Room 1-2 Town Hall, Christchurch
24 August – 25 August	Conference Room 1-2 Town Hall, Christchurch
26 August – 28 August	Meeting Rooms 6-7 Convention Centre, Christchurch

Signs will be displayed in the foyer at the Convention Centre / Town Hall on each day confirming the venue.

The table outlining these dates and venues will be placed on our website for your information. Please refer to the hearing schedule (on our website) for commencement times for each day.

All parties will have received a copy of the schedule by now and whilst this is at times subject to an amendment to hearing times ( generally as a result of a request from the legal counsel for a party), all scheduling is completed and an updated copy can be viewed on the council's website.

We are seeking the co-operation of parties during this process and requesting that they be in attendance at least 30 minutes before their scheduled time to present to the commissioners.

I had earlier indicated that some of the hearing would be conducted at other venues other than the Town Hall / Convention Centre.

I now advise that the following dates at venues other than the Town Hall/Convention Centre have been set aside as follows:

Kaiapoi (week 23-26 June 2009)

Riverside Centre  
45 Charles Street  
Kaiapoi

Rolleston (week 13-17 July 2009)

Council Chamber  
Selwyn District Council  
Rolleston Drive  
Rolleston

Rangiora (30 June – 3 July 2009)

Council Chamber  
Waimakariri District Council  
215 High Street  
Rangiora

I also wish to take the opportunity of advising of further matters in relation to the hearing process as follows:

CD Rom of evidence from parties

Please find enclosed the evidence that has been received as of 20 March 2009. Any evidence received after this date will be placed on our website and will be identified as evidence received after 20 March 2009.

Omissions in the Section 42A report

Please find attached a copy of the tables and a graph that were omitted from the evidence of Tony Oliver (Flood issues for Kaiapoi within Volume 5)

Unavailability of commissioners due to other commitments

There may be a need to reschedule some hearing times due to the requirement for our commissioner(s) requirement to attend to environment court hearings. Staff will contact the relevant parties to rearrange scheduling where this may occur.

Preliminary matters on 20-21 April 2009

The commissioners indicated that the 20 and 21 April 2009 would be set aside to deal with any preliminary issues associated with the hearing. The chair of commissioners has requested that any party who wishes to seek an extension of time needs to appear at the hearing at the commencement time of 10.20 a.m. on 20 April 2009 and present short submissions, with specific reasons for the extension of time, to the hearing panel. There is no schedule of appearances at this stage. The chair of commissioners has indicated he will deal with the order on the day.

Provision of legal submissions/evidence not already provided to ECan

Whilst the commissioners recognised that legal submissions cannot be required to be pre-circulated, the chair has indicated that in terms of fairness and reasonableness that they be provided to ECan by 8 April 2009 (five clear working days before the hearing commencement). If there are parties who consider this request to be unreasonable, can they also present a submission on this matter at the preliminary matters stage as referenced above.

### Hard copies of evidence

If any party is bringing in hardcopy papers for the commissioners on the day they are scheduled to appear, can they ensure that at least six copies are provided for the commissioners, staff and news media.

### Cellular phones

Cellular phones shall not be used or switched on during the conduct of the hearing.

### Morning and afternoon Teas

Refreshments (Tea and coffee) will be provided to parties during the morning and afternoon breaks on each day the hearing is in session. Lunch is not provided.

### Third Minute of commissioners

The commissioners issued a third minute in response to some clarification sought by the reporting officers as to their role in the process. The chair of commissioners requested that parties be advised that this is available for inspection on the ECan website [www.ecan.govt.nz/RPSPC1](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/RPSPC1).

### Site Visit

The commissioners will carry out both an aerial based and land based site visits. I wish to thank parties who have made suggestions as to sites the commissioners could possibly visit when they do the drive around. An itinerary will now be prepared.

If you require clarification on any of the points raised in this letter, please email [RPSPC1@ecan.govt.nz](mailto:RPSPC1@ecan.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely



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**CONSENTS HEARINGS OFFICER**

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