BEFORE THE MANAWATU DISTRICT COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER	of the review of the operative Manawatu District Plan
AND	
IN THE MATTER	of Plan Change 65

MINUTE NO. 2

Dated: 16 October 2020

- [1] Ms Dunn at the Council informed the Panel that Mr James Moar (Submitter #033) requested three to four days to speak to his submission that is against the whole plan change. Ms Dunn asked Mr Moar whether Mr Moar could address all matters within an hour or two. Mr Moar said he could not. Mr Moar did not present written reasons for requesting an unusually long time. Ms Dunn then referred the issue to the Panel.
- [2] The Panel's responsibility is to ensure an efficient and effective hearing under the procedural principles in the Resource Management Act 1991, s 18A(a) ("RMA"). The Panel has the power under the RMA, s 41C to direct that a person present their evidence or submission within a time limit.
- [3] In exercising procedural powers, the Panel must consider the subject matter of the hearing and its significance and how the submitter can assist the Panel in its task consistent with fairness within reasonable parameters. The Panel considered Mr Moar's written submission in opposition.
- [4] The Panel's view is that three to four days is excessive and inappropriate. ThePanel considers that a reasonable period to present the submission is one

hour. That is so, especially, if Mr Moar does not intend to call expert evidence. Mr Moar is welcome to submit to the Panel in writing any material in advance of the hearing that the Panel will read.

[5] Mr Moar is directed to limit his presentation to one hour; that is beyond any other submitters allocation. We ask Ms Dunn to schedule that time accordingly. If Mr Moar wishes to contend that the Panel should give him more time, then he should set out his reasons and present them to us by 20 October 2020. We will consider that request.

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John Maassen Chairperson