

PDP UPDATE

Keeping you informed on progress - Edition 11, November 2015

Introduction

In this eleventh edition of our regular newsletter we give a brief summary of what has happened since our last newsletter in September.

We have been engaging on the Submitter Engagement Version of the Proposed District Plan.

This has been the basis for us to discuss further with you, the submitters, in the “Stakeholder Engagement and Workshops” period.

We are entering the final stages of engagement and hearings are due to begin in February, when commissioners will meet to agree the logistics and arrangements for the substantive hearings which will start in April.

In preparation for the next stage of the PDP Process, the final composition has been decided for the Hearings Panel which will make decisions on submissions.

Hearings Commissioners Appointed

The Council has chosen Deputy Mayor Mike Cardiff and Councillor Diane Amundsen, chair of the Regulatory Management Committee, to join the panel along with Miria Pomare as iwi commissioner.

Councillor Penny Gaylor, who took the chair for the selection of elected member commissioners, says having a full panel in place is an important milestone in the PDP process and followed robust, carefully-considered debate.

“Progressing the PDP is one of the most important things the Council will do this triennium and getting the right commissioners in place is vital. Councillors Cardiff and Amundsen have a wealth of experience as commissioners that will add real value to the work of the panel,” Councillor Gaylor says.

Miria Pomare is an experienced decision maker and has considerable experience in local government issues, having held various iwi representative roles and previously acting as an Independent Hearings Commissioner for resource management applications.

Ms Pomare has a sound knowledge of Māori cultural issues having worked in the field of Treaty of Waitangi claims for more than a decade and through her involvement in iwi activities.

She is affiliated to Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Ngāti Mutunga, Rangomaiwahine and Rongowhakaata. She is a director of the Te Wāi Māori Trust and board member of Te Papa.

Ms Pomare has completed the Ministry for the Environment’s Making Good Decisions course.

*Right: Independent chairperson, former
Kāpiti Borough Councillor
Alistair Aburn*



Below:

*Independent commissioner, Wellington urban
planner David McMahon, iwi commissioner
Miria Pomare, Mike Cardiff and Diane
Ammundsen*



Councillor Gaylor says it is important that the panel includes a commissioner with proven expertise in matters of interest to iwi that the PDP covers.

The appointment of three commissioners follows a decision by the Council last December to appoint an independent chairperson, former Kāpiti Borough Councillor Alistair Aburn, and an independent commissioner, Wellington urban planner David McMahon.

Both are very experienced hearing commissioners.

Next Steps

As the PDP process moves from its last stages of engagement through to hearings – a formal legal process governed by the Resource Management Act – so the communications with you, the submitters, will also change.

For the last year these PDP Updates have kept you up to date with all the major milestones as the Council moved through to the launch of the Submitter Engagement Version and subsequent engagement.

We are planning one further PDP Update before Christmas but once the hearings process starts, it will be for the hearings commissioners to begin communicating with you.

We hope to bring you more detail on the commissioners' plans for ongoing communication in our final PDP Update.

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<http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/Your-Council/Planning/District-Plan-Review/DPR-FAQs>

FAQs on the SEV can be found at:

<http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/Your-Council/Planning/District-Plan-Review/xxx/sev-frequently-asked-questions>