

IN THE MATTER OF Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER OF Kāpiti Coast District Council Proposed
Plan Change 3

MINUTE 2

PANEL QUESTION ON CULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE

3 JUNE 2026

[1] The hearing of PC 3 commenced on 2 June 2026. When the hearing continues on 4 June the Panel¹ will hear from Dr Mahina-a-rangi Baker. We understand Dr Baker will speak on behalf of WAI1945 claimants (FS4), and will be speaking when the submission of Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust (S3) is heard.

[3] We understand that Dr Baker is also the author of a Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) dated 2015 which was commissioned by the Waikanae Land Company Limited (WLC) from Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust. WLC is a submitter on PC3 (S6, FS3, FS6). The Panel notes that Dr Baker has not pre circulated a statement of evidence before the hearing, so we are not clear as to whether Dr Baker is intending to give expert evidence, or to speak in her personal capacity.

[4] The CIA forms part of the record for PC2 as it is appended to the statement of evidence of Mr Maurice Rowe, a representative of the WLC, given at hearings on PC2. It is also part of the record for PC3 because the Council has relied on materials from PC2 in its s32 evaluation for PC3.² The CIA is also referenced in the further submission from WAI1945 claimants on PC3. WLC is not, as far as we are aware, attending the hearing to give evidence. It would assist the Panel if we could ask Dr Baker questions about the CIA.

[5] The Panel invites comment from the parties when the hearing continues on 4 June 2026 as to whether there are any procedural concerns if we are to ask questions of Dr Baker about the CIA. The Panel is aware that we must have particular regard to the Council's s32 Report

¹ The Kāpiti Coast District Council ("the Council") have appointed Cindy Robinson (Chairperson), Carolyn Wratt and Liz Burge ("the Hearings Panel") to hear submissions and further submissions and make recommendations on the Kāpiti Coast District Council Proposed Plan Change 3 (PC3) pursuant to Section 34A(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). Our delegation includes all related procedural powers to conduct those hearings.

² S32 Evaluation Report, Kārewarewa Urupā, Appendix B Information from PC 2 Relevant to Kārewarewa Urupā, Statement of Evidence of Maurice Bathurst Rowe, 10 March 2023, Exhibit 15

when considering our recommendations³, and submissions and further submissions and the CIA has been raised in these documents.

Dated: 3 June 2026.



C E ROBINSON - CHAIR ON BEHALF OF THE HEARINGS PANEL

³ RMA, s74(1)(c)