

IN THE MATTER OF

The Resource Management Act 1991 (**the Act**)

and

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Application RMA/2020/2852 by **Canterbury Museum Trust Board** in relation to the redevelopment of the Canterbury Museum and Robert McDougall Gallery at 9 & 11 Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch

MINUTE 1 OF HEARING COMMISSIONER
Dated 18 May 2021

1. I have been appointed and given delegated authority by the Christchurch City Council (**Council**) as Independent Hearings Commissioner to hear and decide the application by Canterbury Museum Trust Board for the redevelopment of the Canterbury Museum and Robert McDougall Gallery – RMA/2020/2852.
2. A Hearing Notice has been issued and the hearing has been set down to commence on 9 June 2021. The purpose of this Minute is to expand and clarify some of the actions which are to be undertaken in preparation for the hearing.
3. The Council has prepared and distributed the Officer's Report pursuant to s42A of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**the Act**). That was distributed on 17 May 2021.
4. The Notice of Hearing records that the Applicant must provide the Council with all briefs of evidence at least 10 working days beforehand, being **by 5pm on Tuesday 25 May 2021**. That will be circulated by Council.
5. The Notice also records that submitters who intend to call expert evidence must send their briefs of evidence to both the Council and the Applicant at least 5 working days before the hearing – that is, **by 5pm on Tuesday 1 June 2021**. For clarity, expert evidence is evidence prepared by qualified persons on technical subjects such as traffic engineering, landscape assessment, urban design, geotechnical engineering, and any other relevant specialisations, prepared in accordance with the Environment Court's Practice Note 2014 for Expert Witnesses.
6. I intend to read all expert evidence in advance of the hearing, and I will not require it to be read in full at the hearing. I direct that all experts prepare a summary of their evidence to be read at the hearing. To be of benefit, the summary should focus on the key assumptions, methodology conclusions and the reasons for those conclusions. It would be particularly helpful if areas of disagreement with the Reporting Officers can be identified.
7. Evidence from submitters who are not experts may be presented orally or in writing at the hearing and is not required to be prepared and distributed in advance.
8. Legal submissions on behalf of all parties are to be in writing, and need not be submitted in advance. They can be presented in full at the hearing.

Commissioner's Interests

9. As is to be expected on a publicly notified application which has attracted a significant number of submissions, I have identified that I know or have worked with a number of participants in the process. This is entirely to be expected, given that I have been involved in resource management in Christchurch and elsewhere for many years.

10. I know the submitter Mr Timothy Seay. I worked for him, and sailed with him from time to time, when I was a law student at the University of Canterbury. I have not spoken to him, to the best of my recollection, since 1989.
11. I know the submitter Mr William Dwyer and I was in partnership with him at Lane Neave prior to my leaving that firm in March 2014.
12. I know the submitter Chelsea Halliwell as her children attend the same primary school as mine, and we live in the same area. Ms Halliwell is an acquaintance only.
13. I know Leeann Watson who has lodged a submission on behalf of the Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce. We were on the Christchurch Boys High School Board of Trustees for a period. I am no longer a trustee on that Board.
14. I have not discussed this application with any of those identified above. I do not consider there is any actual, potential, or perceived conflict which arises. I disclose the above in the interests of transparency.
15. Any correspondence relating to this Minute must be raised through Council at resourceconsentapplications@ccc.govt.nz.



David Caldwell

Independent Hearing Commissioner

Dated: 18 May 2021