

Draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan Hearing Procedures

Background

In 2022, the Greater Christchurch Partnership - a voluntary coalition of local government, mana whenua and government agencies - and the Crown established an Urban Growth Partnership for Greater Christchurch – the Whakawhanake Kāinga Komiti (the Komiti). The first priority of the Komiti is to develop the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan.

The Draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan provides a blueprint for how population and business growth will be accommodated in Greater Christchurch into the future. The Draft Spatial Plan was open for submissions from 19 June to 23 July 2023. We received over 350 submissions.

The next steps are:

- **July to September 2023** - Submissions are collated and a Report produced for the Draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan Hearing Panel (the Panel).
- **October to November 2023** - The Panel considers all submissions, holds a Hearing and produces a Recommendation Report for the Komiti.
- **December 2023** - The Komiti considers endorsement and recommendation to Partners of the Hearing Panel Recommendations Report.
- **Early 2024** - Partners consider adoption of the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan.

You can find out more at <https://greaterchristchurch.org.nz/>.

The Panel

The Komiti established a Hearing Panel to consider all submissions and hear submitters that want to speak about their submission. The Panel will then deliberate and report back to the Komiti with recommendations. The Panel members are:

- Stephen Daysh (Independent Chair)
- Robbie Brine (Waimakariri District Council)
- Grant Edge (Environment Canterbury)
- Gail Gordon (Mana Whenua)
- Victoria Henstock (Christchurch City Council)
- Nicole Reid (Selwyn District Council)
- Kate Styles (Central Government Representative, Ministry of Housing & Urban Development).

The Panel's role is to act in a fair and transparent manner in hearing and considering submissions and making its recommendations. It will be inclusive and acknowledge the broad range of interests of submitters and facilitate a process that provides all parties the opportunity to be heard, whether presenting oral or written submissions. The Chair will ensure that the Hearing is conducted in a respectful and courteous manner and this will be a requirement for all participants.

A register of interests for the Panel will be prepared and placed on the website outlining any potential conflicts of interests and how these will be managed.

Hearings

Anyone who has submitted on the Draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan can speak to the Panel about their submission. The Hearing Secretariat will be the key contact point for liaison with submitters who asked to speak to the Panel and will be in touch in due course. If you want to speak to the Panel, but did not tell us this in your submission, please let us know. Contact details are below.

The Panel will read and consider all submissions, including those by submitters who choose not to come and speak.

Hearing days will be:

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| Thursday, 26 October 2023 | Christchurch City Council |
| Friday, 27 October 2023 | Waimakariri District Council (morning) |
| Friday, 27 October 2023 | Christchurch City Council (afternoon) |
| Monday, 30 October 2023 | Selwyn District Council |
| Thursday, 2 November 2023 | Christchurch City Council |
| Friday, 3 November 2023 | Christchurch City Council |
| Saturday, 4 November 2023 | To be confirmed |

Additional days may be added as required.

The health, safety and wellbeing of submitters, staff and the Panel is a priority at the Hearing. Abusive or disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated. Anyone attending a hearing day must respect the views of others and allow submitters to speak without interruption. The Panel Chair will stop the Hearing if people present are disruptive and may ask those people to leave.

The [Christchurch City Council Standing Orders](#) will apply to the conduct of the Hearing.

Submissions

The Chair has the discretion to accept late submissions.

The Chair has already agreed to accept an expanded submission from Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board. The Board was initially advised it could not make a submission. This advice has been reversed but the Board did not then have time to make a full submission. Therefore, from a 'Natural Justice' perspective the Chair has allowed the Board to expand its written submission.

Presenting to the Panel

Individual submitters will have 10 minutes to speak to the Hearing Panel. Organisations will have 15 minutes. These times include any questions from the Panel.

As the Panel will have read submissions in advance, it is not necessary to read them out loud at the Hearing. Speakers should, instead, highlight and expand on their key points. We suggest that submitters read the Report to the Panel before preparing what to say. The report will be available approximately two weeks before the Hearing commences.

Submitters speaking at the Hearing are welcome to bring a support person/s.

Submitters may provide presentations and supporting documents to the Panel. However, these should not introduce new topics not raised by their original submission. PowerPoint/presentation facilities will be available. Electronic copies of any presentations and additional supporting documents will need to be provided by noon two working days prior to the relevant hearing day. Contact details are below.

Privacy and records

Any information provided to the Panel will be part of the public record. Submissions, presentations and supporting documents will be circulated and published on the Greater Christchurch Partnership website. If this information involves any information about an identifiable individual, submitters must have received that person's permission to share that information.

Subject to the technical equipment available at the venues, audio and or visual recordings may be made of the Hearing to assist with the Panel's deliberations. These recordings may be made publicly available and retained for future use.

Remote attendance, accessibility and facilities

If any submitter would like to present via audio visual link, or need special assistance to attend a hearing day, please let the secretariat know as early as possible so we can try to accommodate your requirements. Contact details are below.

Deliberations and recommendation

Throughout the hearing process, the Panel may ask questions of Officers to assist them with their deliberations. These questions and Officer responses will be included in the recommendation report.¹

If the Panel is unable to reach a unanimous view, its recommendation will reflect the majority view. However, any dissenting view will also be outlined in the recommendation report.

Questions

If you have any questions about the Draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan, the Hearing or the Panel, please contact us.

Contact us

- Email: secretariat@greaterchristchurch.org.nz
- Telephone: 03 941 5414
- Post: Greater Christchurch Partnership, PO Box 73014, Christchurch 8154.

¹ Unless there is good reason for the information to be withheld under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.