

The first part of today, we will be hearing from submitters who wish to present their whole submission, or more than one part of their whole submission, rather than coming to the individual hearing topics. The names of these submitters are set out on the hearing schedule. These submissions will be dealt with in the officers reports which have been prepared for each of the topics. So today you may hear from submitters talking about landscapes, and water quality, but you will not receive recommendations on these submissions until before the hearing which will discuss those topics

In the second part of today, later this afternoon, we will begin hearing from submitters who made submissions on the plan as a whole. I call these 'helicopter view' submissions. That is they are not specifically on provisions in the proposed one plan, but on issues that overarch all of those provisions. For example, the structure of the plan, or how much consultation was carried out.

We have prepared officers reports and recommendations on these submissions, which has been circulated. We have circulated supporting reports on the structure and design of the One Plan (from Andrea Bell), the requirements of s32 of the RMA (from Phillip Percy) and on the consultation on the One Plan (from Bettina Anderson). These people will all be available to present their evidence and to answer any questions currently schedule for Friday afternoon. John Maassen has also provided some legal commentary on the issues dealt with in the submissions.

I have prepared the officers report that brings together the evidence of the reports we have, together with my knowledge of the One Plan and planning experience, to make recommendations on the submissions.

I have attended numerous pre-hearing meetings with a wide range of submitters. The pre-hearing reports that have been circulated reflect the agreed outcomes of those meetings. None of the reports circulated to submitters, councilors and commissioner include agreed outcomes which relate to the report on the Overall Plan.

Submitters who are presenting expert evidence have precirculated that evidence and we have read and considered it.

Phillip Percy has prepared supplementary evidence to respond to some of the submitters evidence relating to s32. He will present that, along with his original report when we present the officers reports on Friday.

At this stage I do not recommend any changes to the recommendations in my report. However as more evidence is presented, and more discussion had I will revisit this as we progress through the hearings.

Thank you. I am happy to answer any questions of clarification at this point and at any stage throughout the hearings if that will be of assistance.