

**MANAWATŪ-WHANGANUI REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**ONE PLAN**  
**PLAN CHANGE 2 - EXISTING INTENSIVE FARMING LAND USES**  
**MINUTE 3 OF THE INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL**

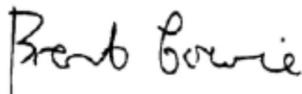
1. This is the third minute of the Hearing Panel.
2. In our first Minute dated 27 February 2020 we set out a process that would lead up to a hearing in June/July 2020 on Proposed Plan Change 2 (PC2) to the One Plan.
3. We issued another minute dated 23 March 2020 in which we said:

*“Clearly due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and the need for us all to reduce any close contact with one another, this timetable can no longer be met.”*

*“We as commissioners and MWRC are committed to reinstating the PC2 process as soon as practicable. None of us know at this time when that will be.”*

4. It now appears ‘that time’ is getting closer with an impending move to Alert Level 2. Once this occurs we will be asking that the process outlined in our first minute be resumed as soon as practicable. We will then issue a fourth minute specifying new dates leading up to a hearing, which is likely to be scheduled in about October 2020. In the meantime Regional Council staff will resume work on organising pre-hearing meetings, and you may be contacted by them about this.
5. The process that can be undertaken under Alert Level 2 may still impose significant constraints, such as on numbers of people who can physically attend pre-hearing meetings or any day of the hearing itself. Whatever constraints exist, our commitment is to make any process as fair and inclusive as possible. We will be working alongside Regional Council staff to make sure this is the case.

For the Hearing Panel



**Brent Cowie (Chair)**

On Behalf of Commissioners David McMahon and Elizabeth Burge.

6 May 2020