

Horizons Regional Council
Winstone Pulp International Consent Applications
Hearing Panel Minute 1

1. Trevor Robinson, Dr Greg Ryder and Miria Pomare have been appointed to hear and determine applications ATH-2010011593.03 and ATH-202609463.00.
2. Those applications were publicly notified on 22 and 23 July, and submissions closed on 20 August 2026. 18 submissions in total were filed with three submitters seeking to be heard.
3. The hearing will be held on 14 October in Winstone Pulp International's State Highway 49, Tangiwai, commencing at 9am that day and continuing into 15 and 16 October as required. The Panel's current assessment is that 16 October is unlikely to be required but it is available as a back-up. A Notice of Hearing will be issued in due course to formalise these arrangements.
4. To facilitate the hearing consistent with section 41B of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Panel has fixed the following procedural steps:
 - a. Council Reporting Officer (section 42A) report and any supporting expert evidence to be filed with the Hearing Administrator not later than 3pm on 22 September 2026;
 - b. Applicant Evidence to be filed with the Hearing Administrator not later than 3pm on 29 September 2026;
 - c. Submitter Expert Evidence to be filed with the Hearing Administrator: not later than 3pm on 6 October 2026;
 - d. Applicant's Legal Submissions and any rebuttal evidence to be filed with the Hearing Administrator not later than 3pm on 9 October 2026.
5. Submitters are requested to contact the Hearing Administrator, Ms Shelley Gunning (shelley.gunning@horizons.govt.nz or 021 22778871) to confirm that they wish to be heard and advising how much hearing time they wish to be allocated by close of 9 October 2026.
6. The Panel is planning to undertake a site visit on the afternoon of 13 October. We have asked Council to liaise with the applicant and Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust for suggestions as to how we might conduct the site visit.
7. The Panel records that the Ngāti Rangi Claims Settlement Act 2019 (Section 109) directs that we must have particular regard to Te Mana Tupua and Ngā Toka Tupua. We interpret that statutory instruction as applying to both the substantive decisions we make on the applications before us, and the procedural decisions we make around the running of the hearing. We have asked Council to discuss with Ngā Waihua o Paerangi

Trust how the procedural aspects of the hearing might appropriately be modified so that Te Mana Tupua and Ngā Toka Tupua are given particular regard, while still ensuring that the procedure adopted is fair to all parties, including but not limited to the applicant. It is therefore appropriate that the applicant be included in those discussions.

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Trevor Robinson (Hearing Panel Chair)

25 August 2026