Minute from the Independent Hearings Panel

Proposed Plan Change 1 - Waikato and Waipa River Catchments in relation to:

A legal issue relating to the notification of the plan change according to the requirements of the Resource Management Act from Mr R Okell.

- 1. The Hearing Panel has received and reviewed your Memorandum relating to your concern that the Waikato Regional Council had not provided a hard copy of the section 32 report at the Rotorua District Council's Office and the Rotorua Library (where you had visited).
- 2. The Council has advised me that it did provide copies of the Plan Change (and section 32 report) to the Council offices and the library. On this basis, the notification process is not deficient. I accept your contention that the report may not have been displayed when you visited those premises.
- 3. However, the Resource Management Act only requires a copy of the plan change to be made available to local authorities/libraries, and not the section 32 report. This is set out in Clause 5 of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act, being:

Public notice and provision of document to public bodies

- (5) A local authority shall make any <u>proposed</u> policy statement or <u>plan</u> prepared by it available in every public library in its area and in every other place in its area that it considers appropriate.
- 4. I am advised that the section 32 report was and is available for public inspection via the Council's plan change website.
- 5. Notwithstanding the concerns you have raised, I note you did manage to lodge a submission within the required time.
- 6. The Hearing Panel thanks you for the memorandum you lodged.

Greg Hill

Chair of the Hearing Panel

11 December 2018



Hi Robert

We have been in touch with Rotorua District Council today regarding the Healthy River information. They have since found the pack that we sent out to them on Friday and it is now on display for viewing. We are also organising a pack to be sent to you directly which includes Healthy Rivers information and a submission form, this will be couriered out to your address tomorrow.

Mark Row who is the Project Manager for Variation 6 has been given your information and will be in touch in the next day or so regarding any queries you have there.

Let us know if there is anything else you require.

Kind Regards Danica

























