

**Gisborne District Council: LU-2023-112074-00; DL-2023-112075-00; LR-2023-112076-00; LL-2023-112077-00;  
LV-2023-112078-00**

**Bay of Plenty Regional Council: RM23-0508-AP**

**Ōpōtiki District Council: RC2024-04**

## **Te Ara Tipuna (Stage 1) – Minute 3 & Directions of Hearing Commissioners**

### **Introduction**

1. Further to our Minute 2 & Directions dated 5 February 2025, we have received and considered the Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of Te Ara Tipuna Charitable Trust (the **Applicant**) dated 10 February 2025.
2. In summary,
  - (a) In respect of the 24 landowners served notice of the publicly notified application on 29 January 2025, the Applicant seeks that we confirm that submissions for the 24 landowners in question will be received up until 3 March 2025; and
  - (b) With respect to the preparation of further information, the Applicant will report to the Commissioners as to its expected timing for providing further information on 21 February 2025.

### **Consideration and Directions**

3. With respect to notification issues, we agree that while the period for lodging submissions (in response to the public notification of the application on 13 December 2024) closed on 7 February 2025, the 24 landowners served notice of the publicly notified application on 29 January 2025 should have 20 working days to make a submission.
4. We therefore direct that the period for the 24 landowners, served notice of the publicly notified application on 29 January 2025, have until 3 March 2025 to lodge any submission. The Gisborne District Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, and Ōpōtiki District Council should clarify this with the 24 landowners, if they have not already done so.
5. In the meantime, we await a further report on 21 February 2025 as to the Applicant's timing for providing further information. In case it is not clear, we record that no hearing of the application has been scheduled at this stage.

### **Correspondence**

6. Participants must not attempt to correspond with or contact the Hearing Commissioners directly. All correspondence relating to the Hearing must be addressed to the Hearing Advisor, Mac Burgess:

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**Vanessa Hamm**

Independent Hearing Commissioner, Chair

13 February 2025