



WHAT HAPPENS AT A RESOURCE CONSENT HEARING?

INTRODUCTION

The Chair Commissioner will introduce the rest of the Panel (if applicable) and Council staff. The Chair may then call upon the applicant and submitters to identify themselves. The Panel is addressed as Mr/Madam Commissioner or Sir/Madam.

PRE-CIRCULATION OF EVIDENCE

Section 103B of the Resource Management Act 1991 requires that pre-provision of evidence is now mandatory for the following parties.

- Council's Section 42A recommending report
- All of the Applicant's evidence
- Submitters who have experts appearing on their behalf

THE HEARING PROCEDURE

1. The Applicant will be called upon to speak to their pre-circulated evidence and respond to any questions from the Commission.
2. Submitters (for and against the application) are then called to speak. Submitters who are being represented by legal counsel or advisers will speak to their pre-circulated evidence and respond to any questions from the Commission.
3. Submitters who are not being represented will also have the opportunity to table any written submissions and present their case. The Commission might also seek clarifications from each submitter. If submitters have a written statement it would be appreciated if you could bring along copies – **at least 15 copies** (*depending on the number of submitters*).
4. All questions and comments are to be directed to the Commission.
5. **No cross-examination is permitted** by any party.
6. After the applicant and submitters have presented their cases, the Commission will ask Council Officers/Professional Consultants to comment on any matters of fact for clarification.
7. Once the Applicant, Submitters and Council staff have all spoken to the Commission, the Applicant has the right to summarise the application and reply to matters raised by any party. The Commission may ask further questions of the applicant at this stage.