

**Before the Hearings Panel
At Waimakariri District Council**

Under Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

In the matter of the Proposed Waimakariri District Plan

Between **Various**

Submitters

And **Waimakariri District Council**

Respondent

**Council Officer's Preliminary Response to written questions on Light on behalf
of Waimakariri District Council**

Date: 21 August 2023

INTRODUCTION:

- 1 My full name is Jessica Anneka Manhire. I am employed as a Policy Planner for Waimakariri District Council.
- 2 The purpose of this document is to respond to the list of questions published from the Hearings Panel in response to my s42 report.
- 3 In preparing these responses, I note that I have not had the benefit of hearing evidence presented to the panel at the hearing. For this reason, my response to the questions may alter through the course of the hearing and after consideration of any additional matters raised.
- 4 I also note that given the timing of these questions, my preliminary responses in some instances have not been informed by consideration of evidence or legal submissions lodged with the Council following the issuing of my s42A report. Where I have considered such evidence, I have recorded this within the preliminary answers below.
- 5 Following the conclusion of this hearing, a final right of reply document will be prepared outlining any changes to my recommendations as a result of evidence presented at the hearing, and a complete set of any additions or amendments relevant to the matters covered in my s42A report.
- 6 The format of these responses in the table below follows the format of questions identified in within the Commissioner’s minute.
- 7 I am authorised to provide this evidence on behalf of the District Council.

Date: 21/08/2023



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Paragraph or Plan reference	Question	Officer's preliminary reply pre hearing
Para 49	The ordinary meaning of minimise is generally held to be "reduce (something, especially something undesirable) to the smallest possible amount or degree". Under that definition, does its use provide for the full range of avoid, remedy, or mitigate"?	<p>I consider minimise does provide for the full range of avoid, remedy, or mitigate.</p> <p>Possible means "capable of existing or happening; that may be managed, achieved".</p> <p>The ordinary meaning of 'avoid' is to prevent something from happening. In the context of LIGHT-O1/LIGHT-P2, this is intended prevent adverse light effects from happening. This can be achieved by minimising/reducing the light spill/glare.</p> <p>The ordinary meaning of 'remedy' is to "counteract or remove anything undesirable", which could apply to lighting e.g. by the location, direction etc. of outdoor lighting.</p> <p>The ordinary meaning of mitigate is to "make milder or less intense or severe", which also can apply to lighting e.g. with the type of lighting, or shielding.</p>
Para 67	Given the definition of "transport system", is it preferable to refer to "transport systems" or "the transport system" in clause 2?	The E-plan allows the definition to be hyperlinked for both singular and plural terms. However, I consider that it is best to stick with singular for consistency. I consider "the transport system" could work just as well in LIGHT-P1(2).
Para 70	Should the recommendation be accept in part, given you are not fully adopting their requested wording?	Yes, it should be accept in part.

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Para 92	<p>In the third to last sentence you state:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“advice received was that no additional requirements for illuminated signs are necessary”.</i></p> <p>It is assumed that statement relates to digital signs, but please clarify how the rules address billboard type signs that have lighting directed onto them.</p>	<p>I consider that any sign that is lit up is also an ‘illuminated sign’. The Light Chapter standards would apply as they would for any other type of sign.</p>