

**WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW**  
**MEMO TO HEARING PANEL**

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**DATE:** 16 June 2023

**MEMO TO:** Hearing Commissioners

**FROM:** Peter Wilson, Senior Policy Planner

**SUBJECT:** Response to Momentum Land Limited Memorandum

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1. This memo is in response to the questions asked of Council staff in Minute 4<sup>1</sup> in relation to the Momentum Land Limited memorandum of 4 May 2023, and further to the preliminary response tabled at hearing 1.
2. I outlined in my preliminary response that hearing stream 10 is an appropriate location to hear airport-noise contour matters, alongside the future urban development area chapter/topic, and the special purpose zones, which were already scheduled for this hearing.
3. In response to the question in the Minute, and after conferring with the s42A reporting officer for the rural chapter, Mr Buckley, I also consider that this is an appropriate location to discuss the bird-strike matters raised by Christchurch International Airport Limited (CIAL). Doing so would ensure that all airport-related matters were discussed in one hearing. The airport-noise contour matters raised within the noise and subdivision chapters had already been allocated to hearing stream 10.
4. I note that Horticulture NZ (30 May 2023) and CIAL have outlined that they support the bird-strike matters being deferred to a later hearing.
5. Hearing stream 10 is currently scheduled for late February 2024.
6. Environment Canterbury have issued a memo (9 June 2023) advising on the process for the remodelling of the CIAL airport noise contours. This memo is attached as Appendix A.
7. I note that CIAL have published their updated noise contours on their website:

<https://www.christchurchairport.co.nz/globalassets/about-us/sustainability/noise/noise-contours/2023-updated-christchurch-international-airport-noise-contours.pdf>

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<sup>1</sup> Para 2-5, Minute 4, [https://www.waimakariri.govt.nz/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0018/133137/MINUTE-4-MATTERS-AND-QUESTIONS-ARISING-FROM-HEARING-STREAMS-1-AND-2.pdf](https://www.waimakariri.govt.nz/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/133137/MINUTE-4-MATTERS-AND-QUESTIONS-ARISING-FROM-HEARING-STREAMS-1-AND-2.pdf)

## Appendix A – Environment Canterbury memo on Airport Noise Contours



### Memo

Date	Friday 9 June 2023
To	Senior Managers Group (SMG) and Chief Executives Advisory Group (CEAG)
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From	Andrew Parrish – Planning Manager

### Remodelling of Christchurch International Airport Noise Contours

The Canterbury Regional Policy Statement (CRPS) includes policies to avoid noise sensitive activities within the airport noise contour. This is to avoid compromising the operation of Christchurch International Airport as well as the health, well-being and amenity of surrounding communities. The CRPS is currently being reviewed (due for notification in late 2024) and Christchurch International Airport Limited (CIAL) was requested to undertake remodelling of the noise contours to inform the review of the CRPS.

The timing of release for the remodelled noise contours has raised a challenge in relation to concurrent district council planning processes across the Greater Christchurch Councils. These processes include the Selwyn and Waimakariri District Plan Reviews, intertwined with the implementation of the Medium Density Residential Standards as plan changes or variations across the three Councils.

This challenge was heightened when CIAL tabled a remodelled noise contour over parts of Rolleston in evidence for the hearing on Variation 1 (District Wide, Area Specific & Qualifying Matters) to the proposed Selwyn District Plan on May 10th. The “updated contours” are based on remodelling undertaken by the CIAL modellers however they were tabled ahead of completion of the technical peer review process by the Independent Expert Peer Review Panel appointed by Environment Canterbury. The technical report to accompany the updated contours has been published by CIAL today, Friday 9 June 2023, while the report from the expert review panel is still being developed.

The timing of these different processes presents a risk that different processes could be informed by different noise contours. This could lead to inconsistent outcomes across the three District Councils.

### Next Steps

The report from CIAL detailing the update to the airport noise contours was released today, Friday 9 June 2023. This is slightly earlier than Environment Canterbury was expecting but it does provide the public with updated information on noise more quickly. The report by the Independent Expert Peer

Review Panel is anticipated 22 June 2023. This timing is dependent on the level of alignment between the CIAL's report and the work of the Independent Expert Peer Review Panel.

Environment Canterbury has been seeking to co-ordinate communications about the release with CIAL.

Following the release of the technical peer review report, Environment Canterbury will:

- Assess whether the remodelled contours filed in hearing evidence differ from the those published by CIAL and reviewed by the Expert Panel.
- Consider the Independent Hearing Panel's decision on Variation 1 to the proposed Selwyn District Plan, especially their judgement on whether there is a pathway to base their planning decisions on the remodelled (but not confirmed) contours. □ Seek alignment of an appropriate way forward with the Greater Christchurch Councils to ensure District Plans utilise the same information base as they review their District Plans or develop plan changes to align with the Medium Density Residential Standards.

Attachments:

File reference: (SharePoint or TRIM)

