

Directions/Panel Minute 3
LUC24/4848583
Application by New Plymouth Pistol Club Inc
228 De Havilland Drive/1206 Devon Road (State Highway 3)

- 1) Following adjournment of the hearing of the application on 20 May 2026, there are a number of procedural matters we need to address.
- 2) Firstly, we record that on the afternoon of 20 May, we had the the benefit of a live firing demonstration. The members of the Panel stood at approximately the proposed monitoring point on Mr Phillips' land (on the Pistol Club side of the gate behind the secondary residence on the property) and listened while members of the Club fired shots using (in sequence) a 9 mm pistol, a .38 pistol and a .22 pistol from each outdoor range, starting at Range 1. Commissioner Humpheson was in cellphone contact with the range officer (Mr Marshall) confirming each step during the exercise, which took approximately 30 minutes.
- 3) The Panel would like to thank Mr Marshall for organising the demonstration, and Mr Phillips for allowing us back on his property. We found it a useful exercise. We note that we deliberately did not measure the noise generated from firing as we just wanted to get a better impression of the difference the use of different firearms makes on different ranges, rather than to acquire additional evidence.
- 4) During the hearing, we received additional evidence by way of addenda from Mr O'Sullivan and Mr Edwards. The latter included Revision 1B of the applicant's proposed conditions. Subsequently (on the morning of 20 May), the applicant provided a revised version 1C of its proposed conditions.
- 5) We confirm the Chair's verbal advice that Puketapu Hapū, Mr Phillips, and Messrs Robinson and Ellerton have leave to file a written response to this additional material by 5pm on Monday 25 May.
- 6) We also asked Mr Robinson to provide us with copy of NZTA's written approval.
- 7) In each case, please file additional material with Claire Kelly (claire.kelly@npdc.govt.nz), Acting Governance Manager at NPDC, by email.
- 8) The Chair foreshadowed the further directions the Panel has in mind for subsequent steps as follows:
 - a. Mr Edwards, Mr C Robinson and Ms Williams to conference on conditions and produce a Joint Witness Statement by (indicatively) close of the following Tuesday, 2 June;
 - b. Mr C Robinson to provide any additional comments arising from the Puketapu Hapū response by the same date;

- c. The applicant's reply to be filed 9 working days thereafter- indicatively 16 June.
- 9) The Panel will confirm its directions on 26 May in this regard once it has had the opportunity to review the first tranche of additional written material.
- 10) Lastly, we record that during the course of the hearing, we discussed with the applicant the desirability of putting some metrics around the extent of Police and AOS use of the range, and requested that prior to its reply/ closing, the applicant discuss the matter with NZ Police in order that its reply might reflect that input.



Trevor Robinson
Independent Commissioner - Chair
Date: 21 May 2026