

**Directions/Minute of the Commissioner #4**  
**SUB24/50201.01**  
**Application for Washer Family Trust Limited**  
**1 and 9 Washer Road, Omata**

1. The section 42A Report of the Resource Management Act 1991(**RMA**) and all the Applicant's evidence has been filed and distributed to the parties. The submitters did not file any expect evidence. In addition, the parties have identified their appearance confirmation as per the hearing notice.
2. I have reviewed the section 42A Report and Applicant's evidence. In terms of appearances, at this stage I do not have any questions for Ms Franklin or Ms Hooper and as such I do not require them to attend the hearing. They are of course welcome to attend. Should any questions arise for Ms Franklin or Ms Hooper during the hearing, they may be responded to in writing. If necessary, I will set a timetable for those responses at the hearing.
3. On reviewing the evidence of Mr Rendall, I observe that Mr Rendall introduces an alternative scheme plan layout "Option 2" (see paras 33 – 39 and Appendix B of his evidence dated 29-05-26). My initial question relates to whether the alternative scheme is within the scope of the application? I draw this to the parties' attention now, so that they might address this question at the hearing.
4. The hearing timetable is attached to this minute. The parties will observe that I amended the order in which I wish to hear from them to reflect that the submitters are heard separately from the applicant's case, with any submitters in support of an application appearing before those submitters in opposition to an application. In addition, the 45 minutes sought by the applicant to close their case following their witnesses is excessive and not necessary given they have a right of reply. At this point I signal that the right of reply should be writing and that I will address the timetable for that, at the hearing itself.
5. The rest of the timetable set out in the hearing notice and the manner in which the hearing is to be conducted as set out Minute #1, remain in place.
6. Any correspondence to the Commissioner should be directed through Claire Kelly, Acting Manager Governance at NPDC ([claire.kelly@npdc.govt.nz](mailto:claire.kelly@npdc.govt.nz)).



Mark St.Clair  
Independent Commissioner - Chair  
**Date: 10 June 2026**