

## Proposed Regional Plan for Northland

### MINUTE AND DIRECTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

#### Minute 8

Note: This minute applies to the hearing for the submissions seeking the addition of provisions for genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and genetic engineering (GE) to the Proposed Regional Plan.

#### Preliminary view and direction for expert planners

- [1] The hearings were held on Tuesday 30 October 2018 and Wednesday 31 October 2018, at the Northland Regional Council, 36 Water Street, Whangārei.
- [2] Having considered all the relevant material, Council has arrived at a preliminary view. The preliminary view is:
  - The Proposed Regional Plan will not include provisions for the management of GMOs on land (outside the coastal marine area).
  - The Proposed Regional Plan will include provisions for the management of GMOs in the coastal marine area.
- [3] To be clear, this is a preliminary view and is not the Council's final decision.
- [4] Council received recommended provisions from each of the expert planners (Vern Warren, David Badham and Peter Reaburn) which were similar. The expert planners all indicated their willingness to work together to explore whether they can come up with an agreed set of provisions.
- [5] Accordingly, Council directs the following process:
  - The expert planners work together with the goal of coming up with an agreed set of provisions, and to provide the provisions (agreed or otherwise) to Ben Lee (Northland Regional Council) by no later than 14 December 2018.
  - Ben Lee to circulate the provisions to all submitters by no later than 19 December 2018.
  - Submitters to provide any comments on the provisions in writing to Ben Lee no later than 25 January 2018. The comments are to be limited to the proposed wording – it is not an opportunity to provide comments on Council's preliminary view.
  - Expert planners to consider submitter comments and provide final recommended provisions to Ben Lee by no later than 8 February 2018. Ben Lee to then provide the recommended provisions and submitter comments to councillors prior to the reconvened hearing.
  - Council to reconvene the hearing to consider the recommended provisions and any comments from submitters. It will also be an opportunity for councillors to ask any questions of the expert planners. Submitters will not be permitted to make presentations at the hearing, unless expressly invited by Council to do so. Submitters will be notified of the hearing date.



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