Before the Independent Hearing Panel

In the matter	of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)
And	
In the matter of	Plan Change 29 to the Nelson Resource Management Plan

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Memorandum from Nelson City Council seeking extension of time for geotechnical reply and a further day for geotechnical and planning expert conferencing (as outlined in the Geotechnical Natural Hazards JWS dated 6 November 2024)

Date: 8 November 2024

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1. On the 3rd of October 2024, the Hearing Panel agreed to the Council's request for the extension to filing the Geotechnical Natural Hazards Reply for Plan Change 29 (PC29) from 31st of October 2024 to 15th of November 2024. The extension was granted to allow time to address geotechnical matters, including mapping of an Engineered Landform Overlay and to address an error in the slope angle factor affecting the mapping. The above matters would be addressed in the replies of Council's geotechnical engineer Mr Chamberose and Council's planner Ms Carter.

2. Expert Conferencing was held with submitters geotechnical experts Mr Lines and Ms Hargraves on 6th of November 2024 to discuss the above geotechnical matters and associated planning matters.

3. During expert conferencing the submitters geotechnical experts indicated that they had not been provided with the geomorphic basis underlying the susceptibility maps. It was agreed by all the experts that this mapping would be provided to the submitter's geotechnical engineers, to enable a 'spot check' review of the geomorphic mapping to occur. Mr Chamberose has agreed to provide the required mapping to the submitters geotechnical experts no later than 13th of November 2024.

4. There are still some other outstanding geotechnical and planning matters to discuss that were not addressed at the 6th of November conferencing.

Conclusion

5. Further expert conferencing for geotechnical natural hazards is required to consider the outcome of the 'spot check' review of geomorphic mapping and to address the other outstanding geotechnical and planning matters. Further conferencing has been penciled in for 25th of November 2024.

6. Accordingly, Council is seeking a further extension to the time to file its reply evidence on geotechnical natural hazards matters so that the conferencing and any discussions can occur prior to filing. Council seeks an extension from the 15th of November 2024 to 27th of November 2024.

7. The requested extension to the geotechnical natural hazards reply will not affect the date of the 15th of November 2024 for the Hearing Panel to receive consolidated PC29 provisions (excluding those subject to the geotechnical natural hazards conferencing). Recommended amendments to provisions from geotechnical expert conferencing on the 25th of November 2024 will be attached to the Councils right of reply on the 27th of November 2024.

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