

**TRANSPORT INGENUITY – CAN THE SAME BE SAID  
FOR THE RMA AMENDMENTS**

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**Talking about today:**

- Resource Management Amendment Act 2013
- Discussion document “Summary of Reform Proposals 2013”  
(upcoming legislation)



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## Resource Management Amendment Act 2013

- **In force (3 December 2013):**
  - Section 32 changes
  - Auckland Unitary Plan
- **TBA:**
  - All other changes:
    - 6 month processing;
    - Council hearings;
    - Content of consent applications.



## Section 32

- **New Section 32 & 32AA**
- **More guidance / precision about Section 32 report**



## Section 32

- Detail corresponds to: scale & significance of anticipated effects;
- Benefits & costs assessment = environment, economic, social & cultural effects;
- Economic growth & employment opportunities;
- Quantify benefits & costs.



## Section 32

- What does this all mean?



## Upcoming changes: Act



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## 6 month processing

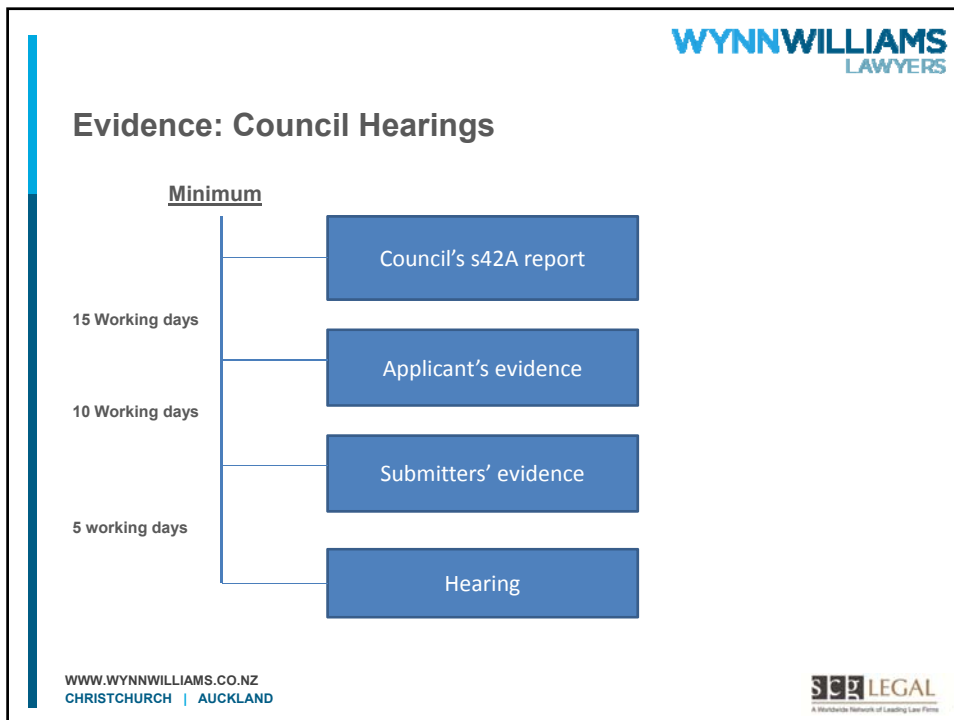
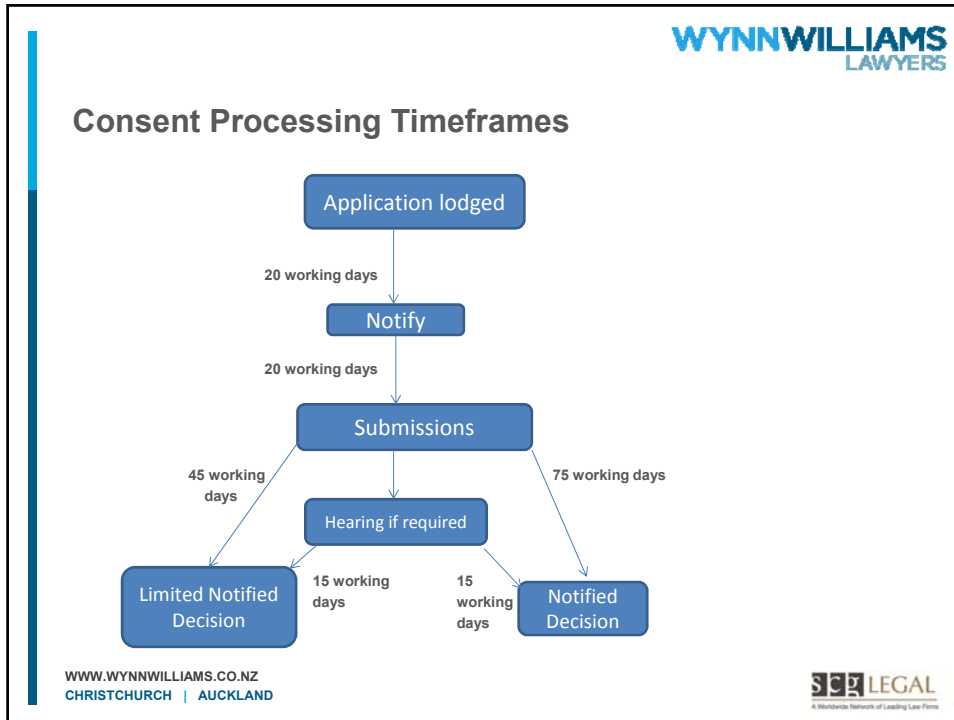
- **New:**
  - 100 working day (limited notified)
  - 130 working day (notified)

100

130

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## Evidence: What does this mean?

- Be prepared & ready to go



## Information in Resource Consent Applications

- Combination of provisions spread through legislation & regulations;
- Section 88 → Applications must meet requirements to be accepted;
- Schedule 4 → Sets out requirements.

## Resource Consents: What does this mean?

- Refer to Schedule 4;
- Detail.



## Auckland Unitary Plan

- Specific process;
- Minister appointed hearing panel;
- S32 audited by Ministry for the Environment;
- Increased submission process.



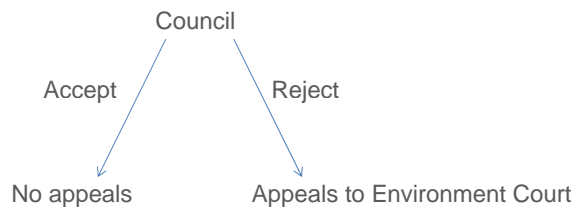
## Auckland Unitary Plan

- Pre-hearing meetings;
- Cross-examination;
- Direct form and time limits of presentations;
- Te Reo.



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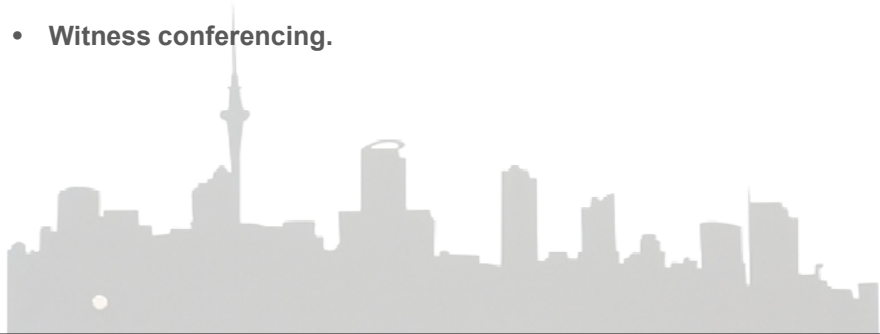
- **Hearing panel recommendation:**
  - Within 50 working days of 3 years;
  - Can recommend outside scope;
- **Appeals**





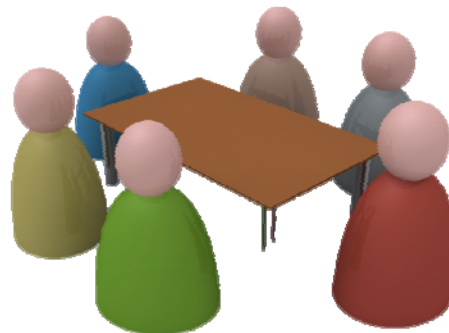
### Auckland Unitary Plan: What should you do?

- Evidence: High standard;
- Dynamics at hearing;
- Cross-examination;
- Witness conferencing.



### Discussion Document

- Planning templates;
- One plan per district;
- Collaborative planning;
- Improve consent processes.



**Discussion Document: ss6 & 7**



- Section 6 – all matters of importance;
- Section 7 – best practice.

**Discussion Document: What will it mean?**

- Fundamental changes ss6 and ss7.



**THANK YOU**

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