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**RE: Hearing 12 - Public Access**

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Kia ora Meagan

Federated Farmers would like to thank the council for the opportunity to submit evidence on the Section 42A report for Hearing 12 'Public Access'. We would like to request that this email is tabled at the hearing on our behalf.

Federated Farmers will not be attending the hearing in person. Having reviewed the Section 42A report and its accompanying documents, we do wish to note the following:

1. The concerns over public access relate specifically to the public seeking access over privately owned land.
2. For farming, the issue of public access onto farmland brings with it issues associated with biosecurity risk through the potential of cross contamination from people coming from one area to another without taking safety precautions such as washing their footwear before entering another area.
3. Access also raises issues of health and safety as technically the landowner is responsible for people entering their land and while those people are on their land.
4. Public access to land also has security issues associated with it with members reporting that people have access their property and not followed any safety warning or notices.


Federated Farmers accepts in part the proposed amendments outlined in the Section 42A report. However, we reserve our right to revisit this issue once the decisions on the proposed district plan have been made.


Regards




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Dear Submitter

## **Hearing 12 – Public Access – Monday 18 May 2026**

The Notice of Hearing for the topic of Public Access is now available on our website here: [Notice of Hearing - Public Access](#) please ensure you read it carefully to make note of the key dates as well as any other instructions.

### **Section 42A Report**

Council's reporting officer's report on submissions received (Section 42A report) is also now available on our website [here](#) under the "Reports" heading.

### ***Next steps:***

Submitters expert evidence must be provided electronically to me **by 12 noon on Friday, 24 April 2026**.

Submitters who are not attending the hearing but wish to table lay evidence must provide that electronically to me **by 12 noon on Monday, 4 May 2026**.

Submitters who wish to appear and speak at the hearing must notify me **by 12 noon on Monday, 4 May 2026** and provide me with all the information required as per Paragraph 9 in the Notice of Hearing.

Lay submitters (i.e. those not providing expert evidence) must bring 10 copies of any evidence or presentation to the hearing. An electronic copy of that evidence must be sent to me within two days of completing your presentation. You are welcome to provide that evidence prior to the hearing if you wish.

Ngā mihi

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