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The Human Rights Commission wishes to appear before the hearings panel in relation to chapter 21.11.

In September 2015 the New Zealand Human Rights Commission ("Commission") filed a submission. The Commission did not request to be heard in that submission. Since September the Commission has been monitoring the development of the proposal and the evidence filed by both the Christchurch City Council and the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority. In light of these developments and the Commission's ongoing work in the red zone there are a number of significant issues that the Commission wishes to draw to the attention of the Hearings Panel to aid its deliberations. Acknowledging that Hearing preparation is well advanced the Commission respectfully requests the Panel consider allowing it to appear to make submissions on the applicable human rights obligations.

Attached is a letter from Chief Commissioner David Rutherford that sets out relevant principles from international human rights law and assesses the proposal against those principles.

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Leave to appear granted.
The commission should refer to our standard directions in our pre hearing report. Standard practice has been brief legal opening. More fulsome openings. Most parties avail themselves of the opportunity to file written closing legal closing in accordance with a set timetable. We look forward to hearing from the commission.
J. White 2/12/15