

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

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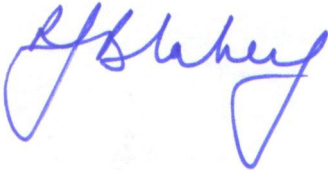
IN THE MATTER of Notice of Requirement – New substation for Counties Energy at 13 Nola Avenue, Glenbrook.

HEARING DIRECTIONS FROM THE HEARING PANEL

1. Pursuant to sections 34 and 34A of the RMA, Auckland Council (**the Council**) has appointed a Hearing Panel consisting of three independent hearing commissioners – Richard Blakey (Chairperson), Helen Mellsop, and Justine Bray. The Hearing Panel's function is to hear the application and submissions and make a recommendation on the Notice of Requirement. It is also to deal with any procedural matters.
2. This notice of requirement seeks to establish a new substation at 13 Nola Avenue, Glenbrook, for the purpose of electricity supply.
3. The hearing has been set down for one day commencing on **Thursday 8 June 2023**. This is to enable the Requiring Authority to present its case and for the submitters to present their submissions to the Hearing Panel.
4. In terms of procedural matters, section 41B of the RMA provides that the Council may direct that evidence from any expert be provided to the parties before the hearing. Section 42A of the RMA provides that the Council may prepare a report on the matters to be considered and be provided prior to the hearing. The Hearing Panel is aware that a section 42A report is being prepared by the Council.
5. The Chairperson has considered whether any directions are appropriate under either or both of sections 41B and 42A.
6. Accordingly, the Hearing Panel directs as follows:
 - (a) Pursuant to section 42A of the RMA, the section 42A hearing report shall be provided to the Council's Hearing Advisor no later than 9.00am, **Friday 12 May 2023**.
 - (b) The section 42A hearing report will be on the Council's website no later than 5.00pm **Tuesday 16 May 2023**.
 - (c) Pursuant to sections 41B(1) and (2) of the RMA, the Requiring Authority's expert evidence (evidence given by a professional with specialist qualifications and experience) is to be provided to the Council's Hearing Advisor no later than 12.00 midday, **Tuesday 23 May 2023**.
 - (d) The Requiring Authority's expert evidence will be on the Council's website no later than 5.00pm **Tuesday 23 May 2023**.

- (e) Pursuant to sections 41B(3) and (4) of the RMA, any person who intends to call expert evidence at the hearing (evidence given by a professional with specialist qualifications and experience) is to provide that evidence to the Council's Hearing Advisor no later than 12.00 midday, **Tuesday 30 May 2023**.
- (f) The submitter's expert evidence will be on the Council's website no later than 5.00pm **Tuesday 30 May 2023**.
7. While these Directions do not apply to lay or non-expert statements/evidence, the Hearing Panel would appreciate any written statements to be presented at the hearing by submitters to be provided to the Council's Hearing Advisor no later than midday, **Tuesday 6 June 2023**.
8. The Hearing Panel also encourages parties to pre-circulate any opening legal submissions in advance of the hearing, preferably no later than midday, **Tuesday 6 June 2023**. The Hearing Panel and other parties will be assisted if the legal submissions can be pre-read.
9. The purpose of these Directions is to provide the opportunity for the Hearing Panel and the other parties to have read and considered any legal submissions, evidence or statements in advance of the hearing to assist in understanding the case being presented. As the Hearing Panel will have read all the pre-circulated material before the hearing, there will be no need for it to be read out. An executive summary maybe read out or the key points highlighted.

Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should be directed to the Council's Hearing Advisor, by email at yasmine.ali@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.



Richard Blakey
Chairperson

4 May 2023