

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

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of **Plan Change 54 (PC54)** to the Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part) **and Proposed Plan Modification 13 (PM13)** to the Auckland Council District Plan Hauraki Gulf Islands Section to enable Rainwater Tank Installation in Residential and Rural Zones

#### **HEARING DIRECTIONS FROM THE HEARING PANEL**

1. Pursuant to section 34A of the RMA, Auckland Council (the Council) has appointed a Hearing Panel consisting of two independent hearing commissioners – Les Simmons (Chairperson) and Trevor Mackie. The Hearing Panel’s function is to hear the submissions and make a decision on the Plan Change / Plan Modification.
2. Plan Change 54 / PM 13 seek to provide specific provisions in the Auckland Unitary Plan and Hauraki Gulf Islands District Plan that will more easily enable residential and rural properties to install rainwater tanks without the need for a resource consent.
3. The hearing has been set down for one day commencing on **Monday 30 August 2021**. This is to enable 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. 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 9.00 am, **Wednesday 4 August 2021**.
  - (b) The section 42A hearing report will be on the Council’s website no later than 5.00 pm **Friday 6 August 2021**.
  - (c) Pursuant to sections 41B(3) and (4) of the RMA, any submitter 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, **Friday 20 August 2021**.

6. 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 5.00 pm, **Tuesday 24 August 2021**.
7. The purpose of these Directions is to provide the opportunity for the Hearing Panel and the other parties to have read and considered any 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 [prasta.rai@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:prasta.rai@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Les Simmons', with a vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

Les Simmons  
13 July 2021