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To the Submitters

Tēnā koe

## PLAN CHANGE 54 & PLAN MODIFICATION 13 – NOTICE OF HEARING

Plan Change and Plan Modification number	Plan Change 54 and Plan Modification 13
Application description	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.
Site address	REGIONWIDE

The safety and wellbeing of our customers, team members and communities in Auckland is always our utmost priority. We want to assure you that we're taking the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We're dedicated to protecting against COVID-19. For the most up to date information on COVID-19 please visit [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz). For the most up to date information about council's services please visit [www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).

Auckland is at COVID-19 alert level 1 at the time of this hearing notification. While most participants will be attending the hearing in person, there are alternative options to attend virtually if required. Please contact the Hearings Advisor to discuss these options no later than Friday 20 August 2021.

Attendees at a hearing under COVID-19 Alert level 1 are still encouraged to:

- maintain good hygiene practices
- keep track of where you have been using the QR code on arrival
- keep your distance from people you don't know
- use a face-covering if desired
- no participants are to attend who have COVID-19 symptoms or who need to be in isolation/quarantine for any reason.

Should the COVID-19 Alert Level retract to level 2 or above at the time this hearing is scheduled to be held, the Hearings Advisor will contact you about how we will proceed with the hearing.

The above proposed plan change and plan modification will be heard by Hearing Commissioners **Les Simmons (Chairperson) and Trevor Mackie** at a hearing to be held as follows:

**Date: Monday 30 August 2021**

**Time: 9.30am**

**Venue: Reception Lounge  
Level 2, Auckland Town Hall  
301 Queen Street, Auckland**

You are invited to attend the hearing where the Hearing Commissioners will consider submissions in support of/or opposing the application. Attendance via Skype is available on request, by contacting the Hearings Advisor by Friday 20 August 2021 by 12 noon.

Please note the commissioners will carry out a site visit, individually or together, either before, during or after the hearing which may involve them going on to submitters' sites. During the site visit, the commissioners will not speak to any of the parties directly about the application's merits.

The chair has directed that evidence is to be pre-circulated for this hearing. See the attached Direction. In accordance with the Direction, evidence is due to be received by the Hearings Advisor as follows.

Key Dates for this hearing	
Council S42a report available	Friday 6 August 2021
Submitters expert evidence due	Friday 20 August 2021 at 12 noon
Submitter's non-expert evidence requested	Tuesday 24 August 2021 by 9am
Appearance forms returned	Friday 20 August 2021 at 12 noon
Hearing date	Monday 30 August 2021

The officer's report and evidence will be made available on council's website at:  
<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/hearings/find-hearing/Pages/find-auckland-unitary-plan-hearing.aspx>

The following apply:

- (a) **The council** is required to provide its officer's reports and any evidence at least 15 working days prior to the date of the hearing. This report will be available on the council website no later than 5pm on Friday 6 August 2021.
- (b) **Any submitter** proposing to call expert witnesses is required to provide briefs of evidence from those experts at least five working days before the hearing. To ensure this evidence is available on council's website at least 5 working days prior to the hearing, it is required by midday, Friday 20 August 2021.

The submitter is required to provide:

- 10 hard copies of the evidence
- 1 soft copy - briefs of evidence to be provided via email or on a data stick, each file should be less than 10Mb.

Electronic copies of evidence can be sent to the Hearings Advisor at [DS-Hearings@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:DS-Hearings@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz), Attn: Prasta Rai

- (c) A short-written summary for briefs of evidence in excess of 10 pages is helpful. It is likely the commissioners will request that this at least is read at the hearing.
- (d) Email will be the address for service for the submitters unless advised otherwise.

If you wish to attend the hearing, please fill in the attached appearance form and return it to me by Friday 20 August 2021.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 09 352 2616 if you have any questions in relation to this hearing.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Prasta Rai". The signature is written in a cursive style with a dot over the 'i' in "Rai".

Prasta Rai  
Hearings Advisor