

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Resource Management  
Act 1991

**AND**

**PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 29** to the Auckland Unitary Plan  
Operative in Part

**DIRECTIONS OF THE HEARING PANEL OF COMMISSIONERS: PROPOSED PLAN  
CHANGE 29 – NOTABLE TREES**

1. The Auckland Council (the Council) has appointed Independent Hearing Commissioners Peter Reaburn and Vaughan Smith (the Panel) pursuant to section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), to hear and determine submissions to Proposed Plan Change 29.
2. The proposed plan change seeks to make changes to the Auckland Unitary Plan to amend errors and inconsistencies in the Schedule 10 text and maps.
3. The hearing is scheduled to commence on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020**.
4. The Panel have considered whether any directions are appropriate under section 41B and section 42A of the RMA. Section 41B provides that the Council may direct that evidence from any expert be provided to the parties before the hearing. Section 42A RMA provides that the Council may require a report on the matters to be considered be provided prior to the hearing.
5. The Panel is aware that a section 42A report is currently under preparation by the Council.
6. The Panel directs as follows:
  - (a) Pursuant to section 42A RMA, the section 42A report shall be made available on Council's web site by **Tuesday 25 August 2020**. The report is to be in .pdf and Word document format.
  - (b) Pursuant to section 41B(3) and (4) RMA, all expert evidence to be given at the hearing on behalf of any submitter or further submitter (generally being evidence given by a professional with specialist qualifications and experience) shall be provided to Council by **Tuesday 8 September 2020**. The evidence is to be in .pdf and Word document format.
  - (c) As soon as possible after any evidence received pursuant to the above Directions, the Council shall place the evidence on Council's website.
7. The purpose of these Directions from the Panel is to provide the opportunity for them, and for the parties, to consider any expert evidence in advance of the hearing to assist all parties in

understanding that evidence. In view of the number of submitters that have indicated they wish to appear, pre-circulation may also assist in reducing the time required for the hearing.

8. To avoid doubt, these Directions do not apply to evidence to be presented by submitters who are “non-experts”, or persons who do not provide expert evidence at these types of proceedings. They will have the opportunity to present written or oral evidence at the hearing in the normal manner. They do not need to pre-circulate their own statements or representations before the hearing commences.

Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should be directed to Sidra Khan, Hearings Advisor, [sidra.khan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:sidra.khan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)



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**Panel Chair**  
**for the Hearing Panel**  
**6 August 2020**