

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

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF** Eight Notices of Requirement (NoRs) for the Warkworth Projects by Te Tupu Ngātahi Supporting Growth Alliance (SGA), a partnership between Auckland Transport (AT) and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi)

### **DIRECTION #3 OF 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), Vaughan Smith and Mark Farnsworth. The Hearing Panel’s function is to hear the applications and submissions and make recommendations to the Requiring Authority on its eight NoRs (**Warkworth Projects**). It is also to deal with any procedural matters.
2. A summary of the eight NoRs were included in the Hearing Panel’s Direction #1 dated 9 August 2023.
3. The hearing for the NoRs commenced on 13 November 2023 and was adjourned on 22 November 2023.
4. This direction records the subsequent timetabling arrangements that were discussed during the hearing on 21 November 2023 and following the presentation of the Council’s response to the evidence:
  - (a) The Council’s written response memoranda are required to be provided by 4pm 8 December 2023; and
  - (b) The Requiring Authority’s written reply is required to be provided by 4pm 20 December 2023.
5. The Panel will commence its deliberations on the NoRs following receipt of the Requiring Authority’s reply in the new year (from 10 January 2024).
6. This Direction is to be circulated to all the parties to the hearing by the Hearings Manager, Ms Julie McKee.

7. Any correspondence relating to this Direction and related matters should be sent to Ms McKee via [julie.mckee@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:julie.mckee@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).



Richard Blakey (Chairperson)  
for the Hearing Panel

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