

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of Plan Change 106 to the Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part)

HEARING DIRECTIONS FROM THE HEARING PANEL

1. Pursuant to section 34 of the RMA, Auckland Council (the Council) has appointed independent commissioners Mark Farnsworth (chair), Vicki Morrison-Shaw and Glenn Wilcox for the Plan Change 106 hearing. One further commissioner is still to be confirmed. The Hearing Panel's function is to hear submissions and make a decision on the Plan Change proposals. It is also to deal with any procedural matters.
2. Plan Change 106 seeks to:
 - to enable temporary filming activities as a permitted activity on Sites and Places of Significance to Mana Whenua that are on council-controlled public places. It is proposed that this will be subject to compliance with standards to protect and enhance the cultural values of these sites.
3. The hearing has been set down for one day on Wednesday 21 May 2025.
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 Commissioners have considered whether any directions are appropriate under either or both of sections 41B and 42A.
6. Accordingly, the Hearing Panel directs as follows:
 - Pursuant to section 42A of the RMA, the section 42A hearing report shall be provided to the Council's Hearing Advisor no later than 9am, **Thursday 24 April 2025**.
 - The section 42A hearing report will be on the Council's website no later than 5pm on **Tuesday 29 April 2025**.
 - 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 12pm (noon) on **Tuesday 6 May 2025**. The submitter's expert evidence will be on the Council's website no later than 5pm on that same day.
 - Pursuant to section 42A RMA, the Council may, in response to the expert evidence provided by submitters, provide an addendum report to its Section 42A Report and an updated set of plan provisions (track changes) no later than 12pm (noon) on

Tuesday 13 May 2025. The Council's addendum to the section 42A report is to be posted on Council's website no later than 5pm on that same day.

7. While these Directions do not apply to lay or non-expert statements/evidence, the Hearing Panel would appreciate submitters providing any written statements for the hearing to the Council's Hearing Advisor no later than 12pm (noon) on Friday 16 May 2025.
8. The Hearing Panel also encourages parties to pre-circulate any opening legal submissions in advance of the hearing, preferably no later than 12pm (noon) on Friday 16 May 2025. 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 may be read out or the key points highlighted.

Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should be directed to the Council's Senior Hearing Advisor, Sam Otter, by email at sam.otter@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.



Mark Farnsworth MNZM
Chairperson
14 April 2025