

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act
1991

AND

PLAN CHANGE 5

Whenuapai Plan Change to Auckland
Unitary Plan Operative in part

DIRECTION 4 OF THE HEARING PANEL OF COMMISSIONERS: PLAN CHANGE 5

1. The Auckland Council (the Council) has appointed Independent Hearing Commissioners Robert Scott (Chair), Juliane Chetham, Gavin Lister and Councillor Chris Darby pursuant to section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), to hear and determine submissions to Plan Change 5.
2. The hearing was scheduled to reconvene on 24 August 2018 to hear the Council officer's response to our questions and their closing statement on evidence presented at the hearing, as set out in our Direction 2. As set out in our Direction 3, the hearing, would also allow Council officers and submitters to give further evidence on NZDF's statement following the recent government policy to retire the current Orion aircraft fleet and relocate the replacement aircraft to RNZAR Base Ohakea.
3. On 8 August we received a memorandum from Council officers requesting a postponement of the hearing to allow for additional time to model additional noise data received from the NZDF. The memorandum refers to additional noise testing data received in May 2018 which has been considered in response to one of our questions in Direction 2 regarding the reliance upon the proposed 57 dB L_{dn} contour. We have been advised by Council officers that the reliability of that contour may need to be revisited in light of May 2018 data which records more night-time engine testing activity than anticipated.
4. Ms Bradbury advises us that the modelling can be completed by late September 2018 with an additional month requested to analyse and report on the additional modelling.
5. We consider that the additional noise modelling is pertinent to the questions asked in our Direction 2 and would assist our understanding of the engine testing issue and therefore direct that the hearing be deferred to a date later in 2018 most likely in late October or early November 2018. We further direct that the Council officers update us with progress following the completion of modelling in the first week of October so that we can set a date to reconvene the hearing. Finally, we direct that the Council memorandum and the relevant noise data be made publicly available on Council's website.

6. If the parties have any questions, please direct these through the hearing advisor - Robert Boswell, Senior Hearings Advisor, robert.boswell@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

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Robert Scott
for the Hearing Commissioners
10 August 2018