

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

AND

IN THE MATTER **Private Plan Change 61** (PC 61) – Lomai Properties Limited (Lomai) for land in the area generally bounded by Jesmond Road and Future Urban Zoned land to the east, Oira Road to the west, Future Urban Zoned land to the north and Karaka Road/State Highway 22 to the south (Drury West) to the Auckland Unitary Plan – Operative in Part.

DIRECTION FROM THE HEARING PANEL

EXCUSING SOME EXPERT WITNESSES FROM THE HEARING.

1. Pursuant to section 34 and 34A of the RMA, Auckland Council (the Council) has appointed a Hearing Panel consisting of independent hearing commissioners - Greg Hill (Chairperson), Mark Farnsworth and Karyn Kurzeja. The Hearing Panel has been delegated the authority to hear the plan change request and submissions, and make a decision on the plan change proposal.
2. The hearing of this Plan Change has been scheduled for **Wednesday 6 to Friday 8 October 2021**.
3. The Hearing Panel has read the Application (and all associated material), the Section 42A report, the expert evidence of the Applicant and Submitters. Having read that evidence, the Hearing Panel, at this stage, does not have questions for a number of the Applicant's expert witnesses.
4. Accordingly, pursuant to section 41C of the RMA the Hearing Panel, in order to make the hearing as efficient as possible, directs that the following witnesses are excused from presenting their evidence at the hearing.
 - Mr Landers – Geotechnical;
 - Mr Lidgard – Contaminated land;
 - Mr Scarlett – Arboricultural;
 - Ms Cameron – Archeology; and
 - Mr Montgomerie – Ecology.
5. Notwithstanding the above, if any questions for those experts listed arise during the course of the hearing, the Hearing Panel will either provide written questions to them, or if necessary call that expert to the hearing (either in person, by phone or on-line).

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Hill", followed by a period.

Greg Hill - Chairperson

30 September 2021