

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of **Private Plan Change 67** – Hingaia 1 Precinct to the Auckland Unitary Plan

Memo To : The Hearing Panel

From: Marlene Oliver (Independent Facilitator – Expert Conferencing)

Date 10 February 2022.

Subject : Cancellation of Expert Conferencing scheduled for 11 February 2022.

The purpose of this Memo is to update the Hearing Panel on expert conferencing in relation to PPC67 - Hingaia.

Further to the Panel's Directions, expert conferencing sessions were held as follows:

1st February 2022 – Planning

3rd February 2022 – combined Planning and Transportation.

Joint Witness Statements (JWS) were issued for both of these sessions.

As noted in the JWS dated 3rd February 2022, a further expert conference was tentatively scheduled for Friday 11 February 2022 to consider some topics that remained unresolved.

Ms Asher Davidson, Counsel for the PPC67 proponents (Hugh Green Ltd), advised by email (dated 10 February 2022) that the applicant's team considered that the session on 11 February 2022 was not warranted at this stage, although it may be useful once the submitters' evidence is available.

After considering Ms Asher's email in full, I concluded that the expert conference scheduled for 11 February 2022 should be cancelled and I instructed Mr Nick Sommerville (Hearing Advisor) to advise all participants accordingly.

In her email, Ms Asher noted that the two sessions so far have been helpful in narrowing the issues, however it seemed unlikely that significant further progress can be made tomorrow. In the circumstances, the applicant's team will focus on preparation of evidence which is due next Friday (18th February 2022).

Ms Asher also advised that if any of the other experts wish to discuss matters directly with Aaron Grey or Leo Hills (experts for Hugh Green Ltd), they are happy to do that, outside a conferencing setting.

As Independent Facilitator for the expert conferencing, it is my opinion that the Hearing Panel does not need to take any further action at this time. Existing Directions are in place.

Marlene Oliver (Independent Facilitator).