

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Resource Management Act 1991 (*RMA*)

**AND**

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of **Private Plan Change 40** to the Auckland Unitary Plan

**DIRECTION FROM THE HEARING PANEL**

1. Pursuant to section 34A of the RMA, Auckland Council (*the Council*) has appointed an independent hearing panel – **Les Simmons** (Chairperson), Bridget Gilbert and Michael Parsonson to hear and determine submissions to Private Plan Change 40, Clayden Road, Warkworth to the Auckland Unitary Plan.
2. Private Plan Change 40 seeks to: Rezone Future Urban and Light Industry land north of the Warkworth township to a mix of residential zonings and countryside living and neighbourhood centre zoning.
3. 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 and section 42A RMA provides that the Council may require a report on the matters to be considered be provided prior to the hearing.
4. The Hearing Panel has considered whether any directions are appropriate under either or both of sections 41B and 42A.
5. The Hearing Panel is aware that a section 42A report is currently under preparation by the Council.
6. Accordingly, the Hearing Panel directs as follows:
  - (a) Pursuant to section 42A RMA, that the section 42A report be made available to the Hearings' Advisor by 9am, **11 September 2020**.
  - (b) That the section 42A report be posted on the Council's website and provided to the Plan Change Requestor no later than 5pm, **11 September 2020**.
  - (c) If the Plan Change Requester intends to prepare any expert evidence then that evidence is to be provided to the Hearings Advisor by midday, **18 September 2020**. The evidence is to be posted on the Council's website no later than 5pm on that day.
  - (d) If any submitter intends to prepare any expert evidence then that evidence is to be provided to the Hearings Advisor by midday, **25 September 2020**. The evidence is to be posted on the Council's website no later than 5pm on that day.

- (e) Pursuant to section 42A RMA, the Council may, in response to any expert evidence as an addendum to the Section 42A report, provide supporting commentary or rebuttal evidence within **5 working days** of any expert evidence provided by the Plan Change Requester, or any submitter.
7. For further information on the format of evidence required please refer to the notification letter attached.

Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should be directed to Wendy Stephenson, Hearings Advisor by email at [wendy.stephenson@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:wendy.stephenson@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Les Simmons', written in a cursive style.

Les Simmons - Chairperson  
27 August 2020