

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

AND

IN THE MATTER **Intensification Planning Instrument Plan Change (IPI) – Plan Change 78 - and related Regional Policy Statement and Plan Changes (non IPI Plan Changes) - Plan Changes 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, Variation 4 and Variation 5 - to the Auckland Unitary Plan – Operative in Part (AUP-OP)**

PROCEDURAL MINUTE 3 FROM THE HEARING PANEL

PRESENTING IN TE REO MĀORI AND/OR NZ SIGN LANGUAGE

1. In accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) - Part 6 Clause 96 of the First Schedule and sections 34 and 34A, the Auckland Council (the Council) has appointed an Independent Hearing Panel (IHP). The IHP has been delegated to hear submissions and make recommendations to the Council on the IPI plan changes and decisions on the non IPI Plan Changes. It's delegations also include addressing any procedural matters.
2. Pursuant to section 7(3) of Te Ture mō Te Reo Māori 2016 (Māori Language Act 2016), the presiding officer must ensure that a competent interpreter is available if a person intends to speak Māori in any legal proceedings.
3. Section 7(3) of the New Zealand Sign Language Act 2006 has a similar requirement if a person intends to use New Zealand Sign Language in those proceedings.
4. Accordingly, the IHP requests a preliminary indication (subject to hearing scheduling) of who may wish to have an interpreter at their hearings. The IHP would appreciate responses from parties as soon as possible, but no later than **20 January 2023**. Early indications will enable the IHP to start to make arrangements to secure suitable interpreters.
5. Any enquiries regarding or responding to this Minute, or related matters, should be directed to the Council's Senior Hearing Advisor, Mr Sam Otter by email at npsudhearings@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.



Greg Hill Chairperson
Independent Hearings Panel

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