

**PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 120 –
HOUSING INTENSIFICATION AND RESILIENCE**

**MINUTE 5 FROM THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS PANEL
(RESPONSE TO EXTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE)**

1 APRIL 2026

- 1.1 On 11 March 2026, the PC120 Independent Hearings Panel Chair (**the Chair**) received correspondence from counsel acting on behalf of The Rosanne Trust (**the submitter**). The correspondence was sent to the Chair’s business address rather than the PC120 Independent Hearings Panel (**the Panel**) official email address (pc120hearings@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).
- 1.2 The Chair forwarded the correspondence to the PC120 Independent Hearings Secretariat (**the Secretariat**). On the same day, the Secretariat advised the submitter’s legal counsel that all communications with the Chair and Panel must be made through the Secretariat (as set out on the IHP webpage¹) and requested confirmation that they wanted the request placed before the Panel with an acknowledgement that it would then be published on the IHP webpage.
- 1.3 On 25 March 2026, the submitter’s legal counsel provided that confirmation.²
- 1.4 The Panel has considered the correspondence received. The correspondence seeks that the Chair take the necessary steps to remove Dr Donovan from the Panel as soon as possible.
- 1.5 The Chair does not have any power to appoint or remove Panel members. Dr Donovan was appointed under clause 78 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**) by the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform and the Minister of Conservation (**the Ministers**). Accordingly, this is a matter for the Ministers.

¹ [Additional guidance, support and services for PC 120 hearings](#)

² [Letter to Sarah Shaw \(11 March 2026\) on behalf of Rosanne Trust Trustees](#)

1.6 A copy of this minute, together with the correspondence received, will be forwarded to the Ministers for their information.

1.7 This minute will be published on the IHP webpage.



Sarah Shaw

Chair

Independent Hearings Panel – PC120

Date: 1 April 2026

Cc: Hon Chris Bishop, Minister Responsible for RMA Reform
Hon Tama Potaka, Minister of Conservation