

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

**MINUTE 9 FROM THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS PANEL
(RESPONSE TO CONFIDENTIALITY REQUESTS)**

17 APRIL 2026

- 1.1 Proposed Plan Change 120 – Housing Intensification and Resilience (**PC120**) to the Auckland Unitary Plan Operative in Part (**AUP**) was notified on 3 November 2025, and submissions closed on 19 December 2025.
- 1.2 In February 2026, the Panel issued two minutes (**Minute 1 and Minute 3**) to the Auckland Council (**the Council**) on the publication of submissions. Any submitter who sought to have their name or address for service kept confidential was to make a request to the Panel by 24 March 2026 for a waiver of the requirement to comply with the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**) regulations and forms.
- 1.3 The Panel received a number of waiver applications for anonymity regarding the submitter’s name, address for service and/or home address on their PC120 submission. All these requests were resolved by the submitters providing the Panel Secretariat with alternative contact details for the submissions. In three instances, the Panel was satisfied that submitters’ names should be anonymised for significant personal safety reasons. A copy of the amended submissions will be published online and will be forwarded to the Council for the SDR process.
- 1.4 The Panel notes that a considerable proportion of the waiver applications relating to confidentiality (and general correspondence directed to the Council and Panel Secretariat) expressed frustration about any or all of the submitter’s name, contact details and property address being made public, and raised issues of privacy.

- 1.5 The Panel notes that the RMA requires submitters to provide their name and an address for service¹, the RMA requires councils to make submissions available to the public², and requires those making a further submission to serve a copy on the person who made the original submission³. The RMA is therefore premised on the submitter's details being made publicly available. A submission seeking relief specific to a particular property will also generally need to specify that property address so that the Council and potential further submitters understand where that relief is sought. PC120 submission forms required submitters to acknowledge and agree that their personal details, names, and addresses would be made public as part of the public submission process.
- 1.6 The specified time period for waiver applications relating to confidentiality has passed, and the Panel is very unlikely to consider any further requests for confidentiality.
- 1.7 This Minute will be made publicly available and uploaded to the website.



Sarah Shaw

Chair

Independent Hearings Panel – PC120

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¹ RMA schedule 1 clause 6(5) requires a submission to be made in the prescribed form. The Resource Management (Forms, Fees, and Procedures) Regulations 2003 form 6 requires a submission to provide the name and address for service of the submitter.

² RMA schedule 1 clause 7.

³ RMA schedule 1 clause 8A.