

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

**MINUTE 6 FROM THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS PANEL
(COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO DIRECTION 4)**

7 APRIL 2026

- 1.1 On 27 March 2026, the Independent Hearings Panel (**the Panel**) for Proposed Plan Change 120 – Housing Intensification and Resilience (**PC120**) issued **Direction 4**¹ to the Auckland Council (**the Council**), seeking information on the potential hearing topics and scheduling. The Council's response is due on Friday, 10 April 2026.
- 1.2 On 2 April 2026, the Resource Management (Auckland Housing) Amendment Act (**the Act**), introduced on 31 March 2026, received Royal assent.² The Act reduces the PC120 minimum housing capacity requirements and enables opportunities for additional submissions on PC120.
- 1.3 The Panel will issue a new direction to the Council in light of the Act. The Council may defer its response on Direction 4 until the new direction is provided, giving updated timeframes for the Council's response.
- 1.4 This minute will be published on the IHP webpage. Any enquiries regarding these minutes should be addressed to the Secretariat of the Independent Hearings Panel at pc120hearings@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



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Chair

Independent Hearings Panel – PC120

Date: 7 April 2026

¹ Hearing Direction 4 from the Independent Hearings Panel dated 27 March 2026. [27 March 2026 – Hearing direction 4 from the Independent Hearings Panel](#)

² Resource Management (Auckland Housing) Amendment Act 2026. 2 April 2026. <https://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2026/10/en/latest/#LMS1585393>