

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

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** Plan Change 78 (PC78) - to the Auckland Unitary Plan -  
Operative in Part (AUP) – Metropolitan Centre Outstanding  
Matters Hearing

**DIRECTION FROM THE HEARING PANEL – 30 JUNE 2025**

**MISSED SUBMISSION POINT FOR METROPOLITAN CENTRE OUTSTANDING MATTERS (MCOM)**  
**HEARING – NO FURTHER HEARING NECESSARY**

1. At the MCOM hearing in early June 2025 Council advised the Panel that it had omitted to provide evidence on Scentre (New Zealand) Limited's submission point 2226.5 that seeks to provide for 'an express exclusion for temporary crane activities from the Volcanic Viewshafts and Height Sensitive Areas Overlay controls.'
2. The Panel directed the Council to provide evidence on that matter by 19 June 2025 and should Scentre or any further submitters wish to provide evidence or speak at a reconvened hearing they needed to advise the Panel by 26 June 2025.
3. The Panel received addendum evidence from Stephen Brown and Peter Reaburn for the Council on 19 June 2025. Their view is that the evidence heard at the City Centre Outstanding Matters hearing in November 2024 and the Panel's recommendations on the City Centre Zone remain appropriate when applied to the Metropolitan Centre Zone.
4. Craig McGarr on behalf of Scentre advised by email on 27 June 2025 that Scentre did not intend to file evidence or appear at a reconvened hearing on the matter. The Tupuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority, a further submitter, advised in a memo dated 26 June 2025 that they support the evidence provided by Council and do not intend to file any evidence on the matter.
5. The Panel has reviewed the Council evidence and sees no need to reconvene the MCOM hearings. The Panel now directs the Council to provide its closing reply by Monday 14 July 2025.

Any enquiries regarding this Direction, or related matters, should be directed to the Senior Hearings Advisor, Mr Sam Otter by email at [npsudhearings@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:npsudhearings@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)

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Sarah Shaw  
Deputy Chairperson  
30 June 2025