

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 – 6 JUNE 2025

**MISSED SUBMISSION POINT FOR METROPOLITAN CENTRE OUTSTANDING MATTERS HEARING AND
DIRECTING EVIDENCE EXCHANGE**

1. At the PC78 - Metropolitan Centre Outstanding Matters (MCOM) hearing on 3 June 2025, counsel for Auckland Council identified that Council had missed submission point 2226.5 from Scentre (New Zealand) Limited that should have been included in the MCOM hearing. Council had not produced any evidence on the submission point.
2. The relief sought by Scentre in the submission point is for ‘an express exclusion for temporary crane activities from the Volcanic Viewshafts and Height Sensitive Areas Overlay controls.’ This submission point was included in the City Centre Outstanding Matters hearing in November 2024, with evidence from Council, Scentre and Tūpuna Maunga Authority, and was addressed in the Panel’s recommendations and Council’s decisions on the City Centre Zone.
3. Council identified that the submission point is general in nature and would also apply in the Metropolitan Centre Zones. There are 6 further submitters allocated to this submission point.
4. To address the omission of the submission point from the MCOM hearing the Panel directs that evidence is exchanged on the submission point as below:
 - a. Auckland Council shall produce addendum evidence on submission point 2226.5 by midday Friday 20 June 2025. The evidence shall be made available online and provided to affected submitters and further submitters.
 - b. Should Scentre or the further submitters decide to produce evidence on the matter the Panel requests that they advise the Hearings Advisor midday Thursday 26 June 2025 and indicate if they wish to appear before the Panel.
 - c. Should Scentre or the further submitters wish to produce evidence on the matter this is due at midday on Wednesday 2 July 2025.
 - d. On the receipt of the indications from the submitter and further submitters if they want to appear, the Panel will determine if the MCOM hearing needs to be reconvened.
 - e. Should the Panel decide to reconvene the hearing, it is likely it will take place in the week of Monday 14 July 2025 and will take place online using Microsoft Teams.

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

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Sarah Shaw
Deputy Chairperson
6 June 2025