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Date 18.07.2025

To: Celia Davison – Manager Planning - Central/South
From: Louise Barclay – Policy Planner

Subject: Plan Modification: Clause 20A error correction to Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part 2016) or Hauraki Gulf Islands District Plan (Operative 2018)

I seek your approval to correct an error pursuant to clause 20A, schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991:

A local authority may amend, without using the process in this schedule, an operative policy statement or plan to correct any minor errors.

You have delegated authority, as a tier four manager, to make a decision to correct an error under clause 20A. Schedule 2A of the Auckland Council Combined Chief Executives Delegation Register authorises all powers, functions, and duties under RMA's first schedule (except clause 17 which cannot be delegated) to tier four positions.

Provision in AUP or HGI District Plan	Amendment to AUP Schedule 4 Significant Ecological Areas – Marine Schedule
Subject site and legal description (if applicable)	<p>SEA-M2-52b overlay area shown on AUP(OP) planning maps. Located within Motions Creek, inland from the SEA-M1 and between the Meola reclamation and Westmere peninsula.</p> <p>Adjacent land address: 181 Meola Road Point Chevalier Auckland 1022 Legal Description: ALLOT 43 SEC 9 Suburbs AUCKLAND, ALLOT 44 SEC 9 Suburbs AUCKLAND, ALLOT 45 SEC 9 Suburbs AUCKLAND, ALLOT 46 SEC 9 Suburbs AUCKLAND, ALLOT 47 SEC 9 Suburbs AUCKLAND, ALLOT 42 SEC 9 Suburbs AUCKLAND, ALLOT 36 SEC 9 Suburbs AUCKLAND, ALLOT 37 SEC 9 Suburbs</p>
Nature of error	The AUP(OP), in Schedule 4, lists the SEA-M2-52a area but not the SEA-M2-52b area, shown on Planning Maps below (Fig. 1).

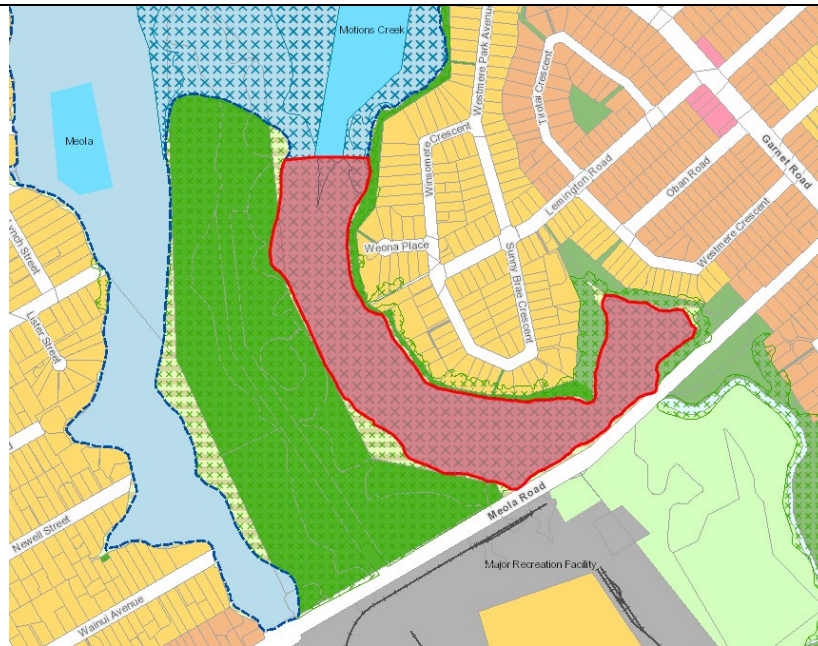


Figure 1. Highlighted in red Significant Ecological Areas Overlay - SEA-M2-52b Overlays

Natural Resources: Significant Ecological Areas Overlay - SEA-M1-52w2,
Significant wading bird area, Marine 1

Natural Resources: Significant Ecological Areas Overlay - SEA-M2-52b,
Marine 2

Natural Resources: Significant Ecological Areas Overlay - SEA-T-6119,
Terrestrial

Natural Resources: Significant Ecological Areas Overlay - SEA-T-6243,
Terrestrial

Natural Resources: Significant Ecological Areas Overlay - SEA-M1-52a,
Marine 1

Natural Resources: Quality-Sensitive Aquifer Management Areas Overlay
[rp] - Western Springs Volcanic Aquifer

Natural Heritage: Outstanding Natural Features Overlay [rcp/dp] - ID 96,
Meola Reef (Te Tokaroa)

Effect of change

In the Proposed AUP, the area that is now M2-52b was part of M1-52a. The description for 52a covered the whole area up to Meola Rd.

Natural Resource: Significant Ecological Areas - SEA-M1-53, Marine 1 [rps/rcp]
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Natural Resource: Significant Ecological Areas - SEA-M2-55w4, Significant wading bird area, Marine 2 [rps/rcp]
Natural Resource: Significant Ecological Areas - SEA-M1-55w1, Significant wading bird area, Marine 1 [rps/rcp]
Natural Resource: Significant Ecological Areas - SEA-M1-55c, Marine 1 [rps/rcp]
Natural Resource: Significant Ecological Areas - SEA-M2-55w2, Significant wading bird area, Marine 2 [rps/rcp]
Natural Resource: Significant Ecological Areas - SEA-M1-52w1, Significant wading bird area, Marine 1 [rps/rcp]
Natural Resource: Significant Ecological Areas - SEA-M1-55w3, Significant wading bird area, Marine 1 [rps/rcp]
Natural Resource: Significant Ecological Areas - SEA-T-6234, Land [rps/rcp]
Natural Resource: Significant Ecological Areas - SEA-T-6236, Land [rps/rcp]
Natural Resource: Significant Ecological Areas - SEA-T-3377, Land [rps/rcp]
Natural Resource: Significant Ecological Areas - SEA-T-6235, Land [rps/rcp]

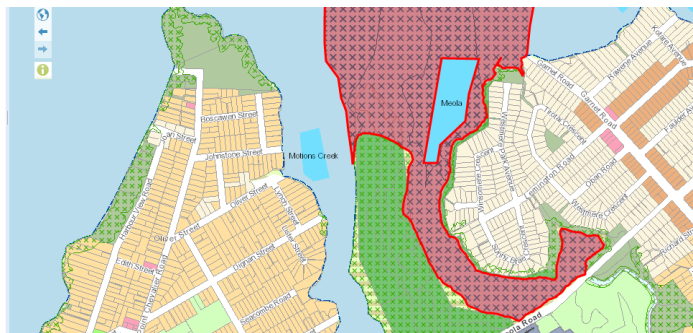






Figure 2. Snippet of PAUP maps.

In the evidence of Shona Myers for the council in Independent Hearings Panel topic 023, Shona recommended accepting an Auckland Council submission seeking to "Amend SEA-M1-52a (the area of SEAM 1 extending up into Motions Creek) to SEA-M2-52b

	<p>(submission no 5716-153)". The reasoning is "I support these amendments as they correct mistakes and ensure consistency between the mapping and PAUP Appendix 6.1."</p> <p>The maps were then amended to change that area from M1 to M2 (per figure 1 above), but the annotations including 52b was omitted from the Schedule in error.</p> <p>Section D9.1.2 Significant Ecological Areas – Marine (SEA-M) of Chapter D9 Significant Ecological Areas Overlay states "...categories of significant ecological areas in the coastal marine area are identified in Schedule 4 Significant Ecological Areas – Marine Schedule <u>and on the planning maps.</u>"</p> <p>Significant Ecological Area Overlay - SEA-M2-52b is clearly demarcated on the Planning Maps and therefore has been subject to provisions of Chapter D9 Significant Ecological Areas Overlay since the Unitary Plan became Operative in Part.</p> <p>The change to schedule 4 will correctly point users of the Plan to the Values of Significant Ecological Area - Marine existing in the schedule as listed under 52a. The text for the schedule entry is taken from the legacy Auckland Regional Plan: Coastal which had a combined item in Schedule 3 for Coastal Protection Area 52a and 52b.</p> <p>Therefore, the change will have a neutral effect to members of the public and will correct a minor error in plan.</p>
Changes required to be made (text and/or in-text diagrams)	Amend Schedule 4 Significant Ecological Areas – Marine Schedule as shown in Attachment 1.
Changes required to be made (AUP or HGI maps)	N/A
Attachments	Attachment 1: Corrections to text (underlined) Attachment 2: Corrected text (clean

Text Entered by: Diana Chin Planning Technician
Signature: 

Prepared by: Louise Barclay Policy Planner	Reviewed by: Kath Coombes Team Leader
Signature: 	Signature: 
Decision: I agree to correct the error under clause 20A, schedule 1, RMA 1991 using my delegated authority Celia Davison Manager Planning – Central South Date: 25 July 2025	
Signature: 	

Attachment 1: Corrections to text (underline)

Schedule 4 Significant Ecological Areas – Marine Schedule

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