

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

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of **Private Plan Change 43** – Mclaughlin's Quarry, Wiri to the Auckland Unitary Plan – Operative in Part.

### **HEARING DIRECTIONS FROM THE HEARING PANEL**

1. Pursuant to section 34A of the RMA, Auckland Council (the Council) has appointed a Hearing Panel consisting of three independent hearing commissioners -Greg Hill (Chairperson), Mark Farnsworth and Peter Reaburn. The Hearing Panel's function is to hear the application and submissions and make a decision on the Plan Change proposal.
2. Plan Change 43 seeks to:
  - Rezone approximately 28 hectares of land forming part of the former McLaughlin's Quarry (located in the Wiri industrial area) from Quarry Zone to a mixture of Heavy Industry, Light Industry and Open Space Zones;
  - Introduce a new Wiri Precinct; and
  - Amend the boundaries of the Outstanding Natural Features Overlay and Significant Ecological Area Overlay applied to the site at 79 McLaughlin's Road (Wiri).
3. The hearing has been set down for three days commencing on Wednesday **14 April 2021**. This is to enable the Applicant to present its case and for the submitters to present their submissions to the Hearing Panel.
4. In terms of procedural matters, section 41B of the RMA provides that the Council may direct that evidence from any expert be provided to the parties before the hearing. Section 42A of the RMA provides that the Council may prepare a report on the matters to be considered and be provided prior to the hearing. The Hearing Panel is aware that a section 42A report is being prepared by the Council.
5. Accordingly, the Hearing Panel directs as follows:
  - (a) Pursuant to section 42A of the RMA, the section 42A hearing report shall be provided to the Council's Hearing Advisor no later than 9.00 am, **Wednesday 17 March 2021**.
  - (b) The section 42A hearing report will be on the Council's website no later than 5.00 pm **Friday 19 March 2021**.
  - (c) Pursuant to sections 41B(1) and (2) of the RMA, the Applicant's expert evidence (evidence given by a professional with specialist qualifications and experience) is to be provided to the Council's Hearing Advisor no later than 12.00 midday, **Friday 26 March 2021**.

- (d) Pursuant to sections 41B(3) and (4) of the RMA, any submitter who intends to call expert evidence at the hearing (evidence given by a professional with specialist qualifications and experience) is to provide that evidence to the Council's Hearing Advisor no later than no later than 12.00 midday, **Tuesday 6 April 2021.**
6. While these Directions do not apply to lay or non-expert statements/evidence, the Hearing Panel would appreciate any written statements to be presented at the hearing by submitters to be provided to the Council's Hearing Advisor no later than 5.00 pm, **Thursday 8 April 2021.**
7. The Hearing Panel also encourages parties to pre-circulate any opening legal submissions in advance of the hearing, preferably no later than the 5.00 pm, **Thursday 8 April 2021.** The Hearing Panel and other parties will be assisted if the legal submissions can be pre-read.
8. The purpose of these Directions is to provide the opportunity for the Hearing Panel and the other parties to have read and considered any legal submissions, evidence or statements in advance of the hearing to assist in understanding the case being presented. As the Hearing Panel will have read all the pre-circulated material before the hearing, there will be no need for it to be read out. An executive summary maybe read out or the key points highlighted.

Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should be directed to the Council's Hearing Advisor, by email at [prasta.rai@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:prasta.rai@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).



Greg Hill Chairperson  
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