

**IN THE MATTER OF** the Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF** A Notice of Requirement by KiwiRail  
for an alteration to Designation 6302  
– North Island Main Trunk line

**DIRECTION OF THE HEARING PANEL**

1. The Auckland Council (**Council**) has appointed independent hearing commissioners, Peter Reaburn, David Wren and Nigel Mark-Brown to the Hearing Panel (**Panel**) to hear and make recommendations to the requiring authority on the above NoR. The delegation to the Panel to hear and make recommendations is in terms of section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).
2. The NoR has been the subject of limited notification and submissions have been received. The hearing is scheduled to commence on **Tuesday 13 July 2021 and conclude by Wednesday 14 July 2021**.
3. The reason for this Direction is to establish dates for the provision of reports and/or expert evidence so that the proceedings can be conducted in an efficient and effective manner.
4. The Panel directs, under sections 41B and 41C of the RMA, the following:
  - (a) The Council officer's section 42A RMA report is to be published on Council's website by 5pm **on Monday 21 June 2021**.
  - (b) KiwiRail, the requiring authority, is to provide expert evidence to the Hearings Advisor by **midday on Monday 28 June** for circulation to the Panel, the submitters and the Council officers.
  - (c) Submitters are to provide expert evidence to the Hearings Advisor by **midday on Monday 5 July** for circulation to the Panel, the requiring authority and the Council officers.

Mr Donovan's contact details are [bevan.donovan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:bevan.donovan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) or Level 25, 135 Albert Street, Auckland or telephone 890 8056 or 021 325 837.

5. This Direction is to be circulated to all the parties to the hearing by the Hearings Advisor, Mr Donovan. That may be by email if that is most convenient.
6. Any correspondence relating to this Direction and related matters should be sent through Mr Donovan.
7. The Panel encourages the applicant to engage with submitters and with the Council to address issues of contention.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Reaburn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "R".

Peter Reaburn  
(Chair)  
for the Hearing Panel  
17 June 2021