

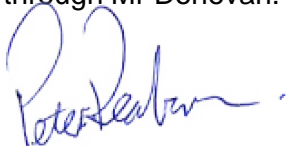
IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

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

DIRECTION 5 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 Panel's Direction #4, dated 22 September 2021, set a date of 3 December 2021 for the adjourned hearing, with an amended timetable. This Direction provides information on the hearing format for that day.
3. Parties will be aware that the Government has advised, in relation to management of COVID 19, that Auckland will be moving to the (red) traffic light measures on 3 December 2021, i.e. the day of this adjourned hearing.
4. The Panel has been advised by the Hearings Advisor that Auckland Council will not be in a position to make arrangements for an in-person hearing, including for a venue, in the time available.
5. The Panel is not comfortable in setting yet another adjournment date. The hearing will accordingly proceed at 9.30am on December 3 2021 using "remote access facilities" (Microsoft Teams) pursuant to s39AA(2) of the RMA.
6. The Hearing Panel has taken s39AA(4) of the RMA into account in making this Direction. Any party who does not have access to internet will be able to participate via a telephone connection.
7. The Council's Hearings Advisor, Mr Bevan Donovan, will be providing the necessary details for on-line access to the hearing.
8. Any correspondence relating to this Direction and related matters should be sent through Mr Donovan.



Peter Reaburn (Chair)
for the Hearing Panel
24 November 2021