

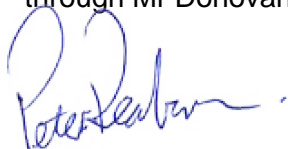
IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

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

DIRECTION 4 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 #3, dated 26 August 2021, responded to a request by the Requiring Authority for an adjournment of the hearing. A revised hearing date of 27 September 2021 was set, with an amended timetable.
3. The Requiring Authority has now sought a further extension. This is for similar reasons to the previous request, i.e. KiwiRail considers additional time is needed to enable further engagement with relevant submitter parties and Alert Level 4 has made it difficult to attend to all the investigations that are required. This has again constrained KiwiRail's ability to achieve the dates that were set. KiwiRail has sought a hearing date in early December and has advised that the key submitter parties are in agreement.
4. In the circumstances as outlined by KiwiRail the Panel is prepared to agree to a further adjournment.
5. The Hearings Advisor, Mr Donovan, has conferred with the Panel and KiwiRail in relation to available hearing dates. The hearing will now recommence at **9.30am on Friday 3 December 2021**. The Panel directs that the further information (as detailed in Direction #2) now be provided by **12 midday on Tuesday 30 November 2021**.
6. Mr Donovan will advise parties of the hearing venue or, depending on the Covid -19 Alert Level at that time, what other arrangements will be made for the conduct of the hearing.
7. This Direction is to be circulated to all the parties to the hearing by Mr Donovan. That may be by email if that is most convenient.
8. Any correspondence relating to this Direction and related matters should be sent through Mr Donovan.



Peter Reaburn (Chair)
for the Hearing Panel
22 September 2021