

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

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of **Private Plan Change 67** – Hingaia 1 Precinct to the Auckland Unitary Plan

**HEARING DIRECTION #4 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 – Bill Smith (Chairperson), Rebecca Skidmore and Mark Farnsworth. The Hearing Panel's function is to hear the application and submissions and make a decision on the Plan Change proposal, including any changes to it that are within scope. It is also to deal with any procedural matters.
2. The Plan Change aims to rezone properties at 144, 152, 158, 180 and 252 Park Estate Road, Hingaia and make changes to the Hingaia 1 Precinct provisions. The rezoning relates to changing the zone of land from Residential Mixed Housing Suburban to Residential Mixed Housing Urban zone and a relocation of Business Neighbourhood Centre zone in the Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part) 2016.
3. The hearing has been scheduled to occur in-person on Monday, 7 March and Tuesday, 8 March 2022 in the Manukau Civic Building with Wednesday, 9 March in reserve if required. However, in light of Auckland (and the rest of New Zealand) moving to the Protection Framework – Traffic Light Red at 11.59pm Sunday 23 January 2022, the hearing will continue on the dates specified but **will occur using “remote access facilities” (Microsoft Teams)** pursuant to s.39AA(2) of the RMA. Noting it was signaled that this may be a possibility in the council's hearing notification letter dated 11 January 2022.
4. The Hearing Panel has taken s.39AA(4) of the RMA into account in making this Direction. Any party who does not have access to the internet will be able to participate via a telephone connection.
5. The Council's Hearings Advisor, Mr Nick Somerville, will be providing the necessary details for on-line access to the hearing as soon as possible.
6. Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should also be directed to Nick Somerville, Hearings Advisor, by email at [nick.somerville@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:nick.somerville@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)



William (Bill) Smith, Chairperson  
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