

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

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** **Intensification Planning Instruments Plan Changes (IPI) and related Regional Policy Statement and Plan Changes to the Auckland Unitary Plan – Operative in Part (AUP-OP)**

**DIRECTION (21 APRIL 2023) FROM THE HEARING PANEL**

**MAUNGA VIEWSHAFTS AND THE SECTION 32 LANDSCAPE EVALUATION REPORT**

1. In accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) - Part 6 Clause 96 of the First Schedule and sections 34 and 34A, the Auckland Council (the Council) has appointed an Independent Hearing Panel (IHP). The IHP has been delegated to hear submissions and make recommendations to the Council on the IPI plan changes and decisions on the non IPI plan changes. Its delegations also include addressing any procedural matters.
2. The IHP has received the Joint Witness Statement relating to Hearing Topic 009G - Maunga Viewshafts and Height and Building Sensitive Areas<sup>1</sup>. At paragraph 3.2.4 it states:

*All experts would welcome a direction from the IHP that the landscape report be uploaded to the IHP or council website as soon as possible.*
3. It is understood that the landscape report referred is the one which forms part of the Council's section 32 evaluation, and was authored by Mr Stephen Brown. The IHP understands this report was (inadvertently) not loaded onto the Council's website when Plan Change 78 was notified.
4. The IHP directs that the landscape report referred to above be loaded onto the Council's website immediately, and the Council is to notify relevant parties once this has occurred. It is the IHP's view that there is no prejudice to any person due to the report not being on the website earlier.
5. Any enquiries regarding this Direction, or related matters, should be directed to the council's Senior Hearing Advisor, Mr Sam Otter by email at [npsudhearings@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:npsudhearings@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).



Greg Hill Chairperson

21 April 2023

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<sup>1</sup> Dated 17 April 2023