

IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991 (the RMA)

AND

IN THE MATTER OF Thirteen Notices of Requirement (NoRs) for the North Project by Te Tupu Ngātahi Supporting Growth Alliance (SGA), a partnership between Auckland Transport (AT) and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi)

DIRECTION #6 OF THE HEARING PANEL

1. Pursuant to sections 34 and 34A of the RMA, Auckland Council (the Council) has appointed a Hearing Panel consisting of three independent hearing commissioners – Richard Blakey (Chairperson), Mark Farnsworth and Vaughan Smith. The Hearing Panel’s function is to hear the applications and submissions and make recommendations to the Requiring Authorities on the 13 Notices of Requirement (NoRs). It is also to deal with any procedural matters.
2. A summary of the 13 NoRs were included in the Hearing Panel’s Direction #1 dated 20 February 2024.
3. The NoRs have been the subject of notification and submissions have been received. Submissions closed on 14 December 2023. The hearing was held from 17 June to 3 July 2024. The Requiring Authorities’ written reply was received on 12 August 2024 (**Reply**).
4. Having considered the Reply, the Panel considers that it is in a position to close the hearing, but before doing so requests the following information from the Requiring Authorities:
 - (a) A copy of its proposed conditions (Appendix D to the Reply) in Word format.
 - (b) At paragraph 15.6 of the Reply, it is noted that “*AT will continue engagement with Northridge and provide any relevant updates to the Panel*”. Similarly, at Appendix F it is noted that NZTA proposes to advise the Panel of updates with respect to design details associated with NoR 4 (the respect of the North Shore Vintage and Classic Car Club site). The Panel notes that once the hearing is closed, it will not be able to receive any such updates. It therefore requests advice as to any changes at the present time that it wishes to bring to the Panel’s attention before the hearing is closed.

- (c) Similarly, the Panel also invites any further information or updates as to the ongoing technical work being undertaken by the Requiring Authorities in respect of the Flood Hazard condition referred to at paragraphs 13.9-13.11 of the Reply.
5. The Panel directs that this information be provided by way of a supplementary reply memorandum, with attachments as necessary, by 5pm Tuesday 27 August 2024.
 6. This Direction is to be circulated to all the parties to the hearing by the Hearings Advisor, Ms Chayla Walker.
 7. Any correspondence relating to this Direction and related matters should be sent to Ms Walker via chayla.walker@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



Richard Blakey (Chairperson)
for the Hearing Panel

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