

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 #7 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 were the subject of a hearing that was held from 17 June to 3 July 2024. Following receipt of the Requiring Authorities’ written reply and subsequent memorandum, the hearing was closed on 28 August 2024.
4. It has since been brought to the Panel’s attention that Enviro NZ Services Ltd, a submitter in respect of NoR 4, was not provided with notice of the hearing, and accordingly was not aware of the section 42A addendum report prepared in respect of its submission, or the evidence of the Requiring Authorities in respect of it. It has advised the Hearings Advisor that seeks to table a statement for the attention of the Panel, and is able to do so by 23 September 2024.
5. The Panel has considered this request and has resolved that it will re-open the hearing in order to receive a statement from Enviro NZ Services Ltd. It will also provide time for a response to that statement from the Council, and a reply from the Requiring Authorities.
6. The hearing is therefore re-opened as of the date of this direction on the following basis:
 - (a) The statement from Enviro NZ Services Ltd is to be provided by 5pm, Monday 23 September 2024;
 - (b) Council officers may provide a response to that statement by 5pm, Monday 30 September 2024; and

- (c) The Requiring Authorities may provide a reply by 5pm, Monday 7 October 2024.
5. The Panel will then determine if it is able to re-close the hearing, and if so, will provide notice to that effect.
 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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