

**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 #8 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. The Panel’s Direction #7 of 10 September 2024 advised of our decision to re-open the hearing in order to receive a statement from Enviro NZ Services Ltd, and set out a timetable for receipt of that statement and the responses/reply from the Council and the Requiring Authorities.
5. The Panel has received a further Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of the Requiring Authorities dated 16 September 2024 that requests further direction in relation to matters that the Panel had requested information on in our Direction #6. In particular, the Requiring Authorities consider that the re-opening of the hearing provides an opportunity, alongside its response to statements relating to Enviro NZ Services Ltd, to provide the Panel with further updates with respect to the North Shore Vintage and Classic Car Club site, and potentially the Northridge Golf Resort site, to assist the Panel in making its recommendation.
6. The Panel agrees that it would be assisted by receipt of updates in respect of its engagement with the abovementioned sites, and therefore directs that the Requiring Authorities may provide those updates as part of their response to the Enviro NZ Services statement, in accordance with the timetable set out at paragraph 6 of Direction #7.

7. This Direction is to be circulated to all the parties to the hearing by the Hearings Advisor, Ms Chayla Walker.
8. Any correspondence relating to this Direction and related matters should be sent to Ms Walker via [chayla.walker@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:chayla.walker@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)



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for the Hearing Panel

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