

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


AND

IN THE MATTER OF Notice of Requirement for the Whenuapai
Wastewater Servicing Scheme Package
1 by Watercare Services Limited

DIRECTION #1 OF THE HEARING PANEL – REPORT AND EVIDENCE EXCHANGE TIMETABLE

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 – David Hill (Chair), Matthew Byrne and Juliane Chetham. The Hearing Panel's function is to hear the application and submissions and make recommendations to the Requiring Authority on the Notice of Requirement (NoR). It is also to deal with any procedural matters.
2. The NOR lodged by Watercare Services Limited is for a designation for the construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed Whenuapai Wastewater Servicing Scheme – Package 1 Project. The scheme includes a gravity main, pump station, rising main, and associated infrastructure.
3. The NoR has been the subject of public notification and submissions have been received. The hearing is scheduled to commence at **9am on Tuesday 30 July 2024, Level 2 Council Chambers, Henderson Civic Centre.**
4. The reason for this Direction is to establish dates for the provision of reports and/or expert evidence on the NoR so that the proceedings can be conducted in an efficient and effective manner.
5. The Hearing Panel directs, under sections 41B and 41C of the RMA, the following:
 - (a) The Council officer's section 42A RMA report is to be provided to the Hearings Advisor no later than **9am, Friday 5 July 2024** and published on Council's website by **5pm on Monday 8 July 2024.**
 - (b) The Requiring Authority is to provide its evidence to the Hearings Advisor by **midday, Monday 15 July 2024** for circulation to the Hearing Panel, the submitters and Council officers. The evidence is to be placed on Council's website by **5pm that same day.**

- (c) Submitters are to provide any expert evidence to the Hearings Advisor by **midday, Monday 22 July 2024** for circulation to the Hearing Panel, the Requiring Authority and Council officers. The evidence is to be placed on Council's website by **5pm that same day**.
 - (d) The Requiring Authority is to provide any rebuttal evidence to the Hearings Advisor by **midday, Thursday 25 July 2024** for circulation to the Hearing Panel, the submitters and Council officers. The evidence is to be placed on Council's website by **5pm that same day**.
 - (e) Submitters are requested to provide any lay or non-expert statements/evidence to the Hearings Advisor by **midday, Thursday 25 July 2024** for circulation to the Hearing Panel, the Requiring Authority and Council officers. The evidence is to be placed on Council's website by 5pm that same day.
 - (f) The Hearing Panel requests that any legal submissions are provided to the Hearings Advisor by **midday, Friday 26 July 2024** for circulation to the Hearing Panel, the submitters and Council officers. The submissions are to be placed on Council's website by **5pm that same day**.
6. This Direction is to be circulated to all the parties to the hearing by the Hearings Advisor, Mr Donovan.
 7. The Hearing Panel encourages the requiring authority to engage with submitters and with the Council to address any outstanding issues.
 8. Any correspondence relating to this Direction and related matters should be sent to the Hearings Advisor, Mr Donovan via bevan.donovan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.



David Hill (Chair)
for the Hearing Panel

3 July 2024