

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of Plan Change 102 to the Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part) and Plan Modification 15 to the Auckland Council District Plan - Hauraki Gulf Islands Section

HEARING DIRECTIONS FROM THE HEARING PANEL

1. Pursuant to section 34A of the RMA, Auckland Council (the Council) has appointed a Hearing Panel consisting of three independent hearing commissioners: Mark Farnsworth (Chairperson), Nicholas Manukau and David Mead. The Hearing Panel's function is to hear submissions and make a decision on the Plan Change proposals. It is also to deal with any procedural matters.
2. Plan Change 102 seeks to:
 - introduce nine Sites and Places of Significance to Mana Whenua to Schedule 12 of the Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part) ("the Unitary Plan");
 - changes to two other schedules in the Unitary Plan are proposed to recognise the association mana whenua have with scheduled Outstanding Natural Features and Historic Heritage Places in Schedules 6 and 14.1 of that plan;
 - a name change is proposed to one already scheduled Historic Heritage Place.
3. Plan Modification 15 seeks to:
 - introduce five Māori heritage sites to Appendix 2f of the Hauraki Gulf Islands ("HGI") section of the Auckland Council District Plan;
 - amend wording to the appendix;
 - amend wording to Part 7.13 of the HGI section.
4. The hearing date has not yet been set and submitters will be advised of the hearing date as soon as possible.
5. The Hearing Panel is aware that a section 42A report is being prepared by the Council. The panel strongly encourages the Council's reporting planner and experts to carry out discussions with submitters where appropriate with respect to the issues in contention.

Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should be directed to the Council's Senior Hearings Advisor, by email at patrice.baillargeon@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.



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