

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of Private Plan Change 55

HEARING DIRECTIONS FROM THE HEARING PANEL

HEARING ON-LINE

1. Pursuant to section 34A of the RMA, Auckland Council (the Council) has appointed a Hearing Panel consisting of three independent hearing commissioners, Dr Lee Beattie (Chairperson), Basil Morrison and Hugh Leersnyder. The Hearing Panel's function is to hear the application and submissions and decide on the Plan Change proposal.
2. The hearing had been scheduled to occur in-person on Monday 24 January and Tuesday 25 January 2021 at the Pukekohe War Memorial Town Hall. However, in light of the Government's announcement today that Auckland (and the rest of New Zealand) will move to the Protection Framework – Traffic Light Red at 11.59pm Sunday 23 January 2022, the hearing will continue on the dates specified, but **will occur using "remote access facilities" (Microsoft Teams)** pursuant to s.39AA(2) of the RMA. Noting that we also signalled that this may be a possibility in our directions of 27 Oct 2021.
3. The Hearing Panel has taken s.39AA(4) of the RMA into account in making this Direction. Any party who does not have access to the internet will be able to participate via a telephone connection.
4. The Council's Hearings Advisor, Mr Bevan Donovan, will be providing the necessary details for on-line access to the hearing as soon as possible.

Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should be directed by email to the Council's Hearing Advisor bevan.donovan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.



Dr Lee Beattie
Chair on behalf of Commissioners Basil Morrison and Hugh Leersnyder
23 January 2022