

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

1. In our directions of 23 August 2021, we set out an amended evidence timetable and hearing dates for our consideration of this Plan Change application. As part of these we directed that the applicant was to provide all its expert evidence by close of business (5.00pm) on 3 September 2021.
2. We received an email, via Mr Bevan Donovan (Council's Hearing Advisor) from Mr Dawson advising us that for personal reasons, one of the applicant's witnesses Associate Professor Alan Palmer, could not provide his evidence as directed. We have now received and considered Associate Professor Palmer's evidence, which is in the form of peer-review. We are of the view that its late provision, in light of his personal situation would not significantly adversely affect any of the parties. Coupled with this the actual hearing date in approximately eight weeks away. As a result, we have resolved to accept this evidence in accordance with our 23 August 2021 evidence timetable of this is attached to these directions.
3. However, this could have an impact of the provision of submitters professional evidence which was to be delivered to Mr Donovan no later than close of business (5.00pm) on 17 September 2021. As a result, we have extended the provision of this evidence until close of business (5.00pm) on 29 September 2021. Otherwise, the timetable remains the same which we have set out below:
 - a. Any expert evidence from submitters shall be provided no later than close of business (5.00pm) on 29 September 2021;
 - b. The Council to provide an addendum to its s42A Report addressing the Applicant's proposed amendments no later than close of business (5.00pm): on 15 October 2021;
 - c. The Applicant to provide any expert evidence in rebuttal by close of business (5.00pm) on: 29 October 2021;
 - d. Submitter's non-expert evidence requested no later than 29 October 2021; and
 - e. The hearing is scheduled for the dates of 8, 9 10 and 11 November 2021, at a place to be determined by Mr Bevan Donovan (Council's Hearing Advisor).
4. Again, we note at this stage that the hearing dates are confirmed. However, this may change considering potential future Covid-19 restrictions etc.

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

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Dr Lee Beattie
Chair on behalf of Commissioners Basil Morrison and Hugh Leersnyder
15 September 2021