

**IN THE MATTER OF  
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Waikato IPIs – Hamilton CC PC12

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**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991  
DIRECTION #21  
INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL**

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**Purpose:** The purpose of Direction #21 is to confirm the next update reporting date by Council on progress with Plan Change 14 (Flood Hazards).

1. In accordance with Direction #20, Council has provided an update on progress with PC14 (Flood Hazards) and the likely date for its public notification, together with any suggested procedural directions relating to progression of PC12.
2. By Memorandum dated 20 October 2023, Counsel advises that HCC's Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee met on 10 October 2023 and resolved to commence pre-notification consultation on PC14 with key stakeholders and the wider community. However, further modelling is still to be completed such that public notification is unlikely until the first quarter of 2024. Counsel notes that the relevant Committee is scheduled to meet late February 2024 at which time the notification date for PC14 is likely to be determined.
3. Counsel also notes the present uncertainty with respect to the incoming Government's likely action, if any, with respect to the requirement to implement the MDRS. That is also likely to be clarified by February 2024.
4. Accordingly no procedural directions are sought at this time but the Panel is requested to direct a further reporting date of 28 February 2024.

**Directions**

5. In light of the above, the Panel accepts the proposed further reporting date and directs accordingly.
6. As a consequence, the Panel is unable to issue directions concerning a new hearing timetable by the end of October 2023 as anticipated in Direction #20. We anticipate being in a position to do that following the February 2024 update.
7. Any queries or correspondence related to this Direction should be sent through to the Hearing Coordinator, Steve Rice at [steve@riceres.co.nz](mailto:steve@riceres.co.nz).



David Hill (Chairperson)  
Independent Hearing Panel

20 October 2023