

IN THE MATTER OF
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Waikato IPIs – Hamilton CC PC12

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991
DIRECTION #20
INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL

Purpose: The purpose of Direction #20 is to confirm that the Minister has agreed to HCC's request for an extension of PC12 decision to 20 December 2024; confirm that the current expert conferencing, exchange and hearing timetable is vacated; and indicate next steps.

1. In accordance with Direction #17, on 7 August 2023 HCC filed a memorandum of counsel advising that on 4 August 2023 the Minister for the Environment granted HCC's request to extend the timeframe for making a decision on Plan Change 12 (**PC12**).
2. HCC is now required to issue its decision on PC12 by no later than 20 December 2024.
3. Central to that request was HCC's intention to publicly notify proposed Plan Change 14 (Flood Hazards) which, it says, is directly relevant to considerations under PC12. HCC's memo notes that the relevant HCC committee is meeting on 10 October 2023 to address progress of that plan change including the timing of public notification.
4. Counsel seeks the following directions:
 - (a) The currently suspended pre-hearing timetable is vacated; and
 - (b) HCC is required to provide the Panel with a further reporting memorandum by 20 October 2023 setting out an update on the progress of proposed Plan Change 14 (Flood Hazards) and the likely date for its public notification, together with any suggested procedural directions relating to progression of PC12.

Directions

5. As the extension has now been granted by the Minister, the Panel accepts the request for deferral and agrees with the rationale provided by HCC in its earlier memoranda (29 June and 7 July 2023). The Panel also accepts the logic of the directions sought in paragraph 4 above and makes them accordingly.
6. All parties are to be advised, and the Panel anticipates being able to issue directions concerning a new timetable by the end of October 2023.
7. Any queries or correspondence related to this Direction should be sent through to the Hearing Coordinator, Steve Rice at steve@riceres.co.nz.



David Hill (Chairperson)
Independent Hearing Panel

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