BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of Proposed Plan Change 12 to the Operative Hamilton

City District Plan

MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL

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 This memorandum is filed on behalf of Hamilton City Council (HCC) in accordance with the requirements set out at paragraph 4(c) of Panel Direction #17 dated 10 July 2023.

- On 4 August 2023, HCC received confirmation from the Minister for the Environment that its request to extend the timeframe for making a decision on Plan Change 12 (PC12) has been granted.
- 3. In accordance with the extension request, HCC is now required to issue its decision on PC12 by no later than 20 December 2024.
- 4. HCC's 'Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee' is scheduled to next meet on 10 October 2023, at which time it will address progress relating to proposed Plan Change 14 (Flood Hazards), including timing of its public notification.
- 5. Accordingly, HCC requests the following Panel 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.

Dated 7 August 2023

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