

IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991
AND
IN THE MATTER OF Proposed Private Plan Change 7:
 Rotokauri North to the Hamilton City
 Operative District Plan.

SECTION 41B RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991
DIRECTION #1
INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL

1. Under section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), Hamilton City Council (Council) has delegated to David Hill (Chair), Alan Watson and Shane Solomon, independent hearings commissioners, the hearing of submissions and decisions on the matters raised in submissions and the decision on proposed Private Plan Change 7 – Rotokauri North (PC7).
2. Green Seed Consultants Limited lodged its private plan change request in April 2019. PC7 was accepted by Council and limited notified on 21 February 2020, submissions closed on 23 March 2020, further submissions notified on 20 November 2020 and closed on 18 December 2020.
3. In the interest of facilitating an efficient and effective hearing the following directions under section 41B of the RMA are issued:
 - (a) The hearing will commence on Wednesday, 20 October 2021 continuing through Friday, 22 October 2021 as required. A notice advising parties about venue and times will be circulated shortly.
 - (b) The Council’s s42A Hearing Report shall be made publicly available through the hearing administrator, Mr Steve Rice, no later than 3pm Friday, 10 September 2021.
 - (c) All parties intending to produce expert evidence at the hearing are to identify those experts and their areas of expertise in writing to the hearing administrator no later than 3pm Wednesday, 15 September 2021, for the purpose of identifying topic areas for which expert caucusing may be required. Should expert conferencing be required that is likely to take place during the week of 20 September 2021.
 - (d) The proponent’s evidence shall be provided to the hearing administrator no later than 3pm Friday, 24 September 2021.
 - (e) Any submitter expert evidence shall be provided to the hearing administrator no later than 3pm Friday, 8 October 2021.
 - (f) Rebuttal evidence, if any, shall be provided to the hearing administrator no later than 3pm Friday, 15 October 2021.

- (g) While legal submissions and any lay representations are not required to be exchanged in advance of appearing, the Hearing Panel strongly encourages that to avoid the need to read those aloud at the hearing.
4. All material required by this Direction shall be sent through the Hearing Administrator, Mr Steve Rice: steve@riceres.co.nz to be placed as soon as practicable on Council's website and all parties advised accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

David Hill (Chairperson)
Independent Hearing Panel

6 September 2021