

IN THE MATTER OF  
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Hamilton CC PC9

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**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

**DIRECTION #9**

**INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL**

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**Purpose:** The purpose of Direction #9 is to note the release and imminent gazettal of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023 (NPSIB).

**Introduction**

1. The NPSIB has been released and its gazettal is anticipated later in July 2023, becoming operative in August 2023.
2. As PC9 is still under active consideration, with hearings not yet completed, the Panel will need to take the NPSIB into account in formulating its recommendations.
3. The Panel invites an indication from Council and submitters as to how they would prefer to manage this issue. The default option is simply to address the NPSIB as part of evidence and submissions in due course at November's substantive hearings, but some submitters might consider an NPSIB-focussed session more appropriate. As SNA's, for example, have already been addressed at the May 2023 hearing, the Panel does not anticipate that this will require a separate hearing.
4. The Panel therefore issues the following direction:
  - (a) All parties with an interest in this matter are invited to provide their written comments by Wednesday, 19 July 2023;
  - (b) The Panel will then confer and issue a Minute indicating its thinking.
5. 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) .



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Independent Hearing Panel

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