

IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991
AND
IN THE MATTER OF Proposed Plan Changes 82A&B,
88A-J, 109, 115, 136, 143, 144, 145,
147 & 148 - Urban and Services, as
Adopted for notification by Whangarei
District Council on 18 April 2019.

SECTION 41B RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991
DIRECTION #1 – PROVISION OF EVIDENCE

1. Whangarei District Council notified Proposed Plan Changes 82A&B, 88A-J, 109, 115, 136, 143, 144, 145, 147 & 148 - Urban and Services on 8 May 2019, with Submissions closing on 3 July 2019 and Further Submissions closing on 28 August 2019.
2. Pursuant to section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), Whangarei District Council (“Council”) has delegated to Richard Knott (Chair), Rachel Dimery and Bill Smith, Independent Hearing Commissioners, the power to hear and make recommendations on Plan Changes 82A&B, 88A-J, 109, 115, 136, 143, 144, 145, 147 & 148.
3. A hearing on the matter is scheduled 25 November - 13 December 2019 (days as required). Provisional dates and venues for the hearing are set out below; please be aware that these may be subject to change:
 - Northland Cricket Pavilion, Okara Drive - 25th Nov to 28th Nov
 - *Hearing Free Days – 29th Nov & 2nd Dec*
 - Cafler Suite, Forum North – 3rd Dec
 - Distinction Hotel – 4th Dec
 - Cafler Suite, Forum North – 5th & 6th Dec
 - Northland Cricket Pavilion, Okara Drive – 9th to 13th Dec
4. Section 41B of the RMA provides for directions regarding the provision of evidence. Accordingly, we direct as follows:
 - (a) The s42A hearing report shall be provided no later than 4pm on Friday, 18 October 2019. This shall include any expert evidence provided on behalf of Council.
 - (b) The s42A report and other Council evidence shall be posted on Council’s website and/or otherwise provided to submitters no later than 10am, Monday 21 October 2019; and
 - (c) Expert witness evidence from submitters (generally being evidence given by a professional with specialist qualifications and experience) shall be provided no later than 4pm on Thursday, 7 November 2019.
 - (d) Representations or submissions from other persons are not required in advance of appearing at the hearing – although earlier receipt is always helpful to Commissioners and is encouraged.
 - (e) Legal submissions for the Council and submitters are to be provided in writing. We request that where possible, that legal submissions, including any casebooks, are provided at least two working days prior to them being presented.
5. Once Commissioners have received and reviewed the above material further directions may be given – particularly with respect to the conduct of the hearing and

whether any or all of the evidence will be taken as read or witnesses excused (for instance).

6. In the meantime, conferencing between respective experts to identify and narrow any points of disagreement and confirm points of agreement is strongly encouraged.
7. Any correspondence and/or material relating to this Direction is to be sent through Eden Edwardson, Support Assistant, District Plan Department, Whangarei District Council, eden.edwardson@wdc.govt.nz.



Richard Knott
Chair, Hearings Panel
27 September 2019