

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 #3 – QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL**

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 commenced on the 25 November 2019 and was adjourned on 10 December 2019, pending the receipt of the Council's right of reply by the 31st January 2020.
4. The Panel are conscious that we each had a number of questions for Council staff/experts regarding the individual plan changes/chapters included in the S42A report. In the interest of not extending hearing time by going through each of these questions one by one, we instead decided that it would be more efficient to provide the Council with versions of the provisions with our questions noted alongside. These documents will be uploaded to the Council website for all participants to view.
5. We are not expecting the Council to respond to these independently, but are instead providing them as matters that the Council may wish to consider in their Reply (including any recommended further updates they may include with this).
6. Given that these questions would have otherwise been directed to the Council at the hearing, after submitters had been heard, there is not the opportunity for submitters to provide comment on them.
7. Any questions 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
20 December 2019