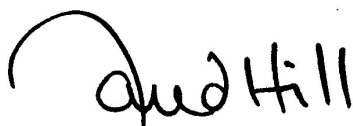


IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991
AND
IN THE MATTER OF Waikato IP1s – Hamilton CC PC12,
Waipa DC PC26 and **Waikato DC**
Variation 3.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991
DIRECTION #4
INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL

Purpose: The purpose of Direction #4 is to clarify section 2.2 of Direction #1: Hearing Procedures regarding the scope of matters to be heard and participation in Session 1.

1. By email dated 19 December 2022 Alec Duncan, consultant planner for Fire and Emergency NZ, sought clarification as to whether, and if so which of, the following is intended in Session 1:
 1. *Should the 'scope' of Session 1 be taken as matters raised within the Themes and Issues Report that was made available 15 December?*
 - or*
 2. *Is the scope 'qualifying matters', and 'any departures from the direct application of the MDRS provisions' only?*
 3. *Dependent on your response to the above – are the Panel expecting anyone with an interest in qualifying matters or just those who question the scope of the application under s771 of the RMA?*
2. The essential purpose of Session 1 is for the three Councils to explain the approach(es) taken to their identification (and/or exclusions) of strategic and qualifying matters and the planning rationale underpinning that approach. Not only will that assist the Panel, but it will also enable submitters to be clear about that and to have sufficient time to incorporate that knowledge in their responses in turn.
3. Submitters are being provided with the opportunity to respond to those matters by effectively presenting their opening position statements on those matters (outlined in the Themes and Issues report). That will provide the Panel with a signpost of matters likely to be canvassed more fully when we hear each individual council plan change / variation.
4. It is not intended that submitters make detailed presentations on qualifying matters at Session 1 – those responses should be incorporated (as necessary) in their exchanged evidence and/or made when they appear later in 2023.
5. Any queries or correspondence related to this Minute should be sent through to the Hearing Co-ordinator, Steve Rice at steve@riceres.co.nz.



David Hill (Chairperson)
Independent Hearing Panel
20 December 2022