

IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991
AND
IN THE MATTER OF Vaco Investments (Waipu Project)
 Ltd – Subdivision, land use and
 discharge consents – 47 Millbrook
 Road, Waipu, Pt Lot 1 DP 44163 NA
 26A/257

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

DIRECTION #1

HEARING PANEL

PURPOSE

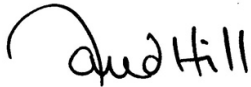
1. The purpose of Direction #1 is to set out the timetable for report, evidence and legal submissions exchange.

DIRECTIONS

2. Pursuant to sections 34 and 34A RMA Whangarei District Council (WDC) and Northland Regional Council (together *the Councils*) have appointed independent hearings commissioners David Hill (chair) and Dr Lee Beattie (*the Hearing Panel*) to hear and decide the subdivision, land use and discharge resource consent applications by Vaco Investments (Waipu Project) Ltd (*the applicant*) relating to land at 47 Millbrook Road, Waipu.
3. The hearing is set down for Monday, 22 April 2024 through Wednesday, 24 April 2024 at Whangarei District Council, 9 Rust Avenue, Whangarei commencing at 9.00am each day.
4. Pursuant to sections 41B & 41C RMA, the following timetabling directions are made:
 - (a) The Councils' section 42A hearing report shall be made available on WDC's website no later than 4pm Wednesday, 27 March 2024.
 - (b) The applicant's expert evidence shall be lodged with WDC no later than 4pm Friday, 5 April 2024 and be made available on its website as soon as possible thereafter.
 - (c) Any submitter's expert evidence shall be lodged with WDC no later than 4pm Friday, 12 April 2024 and be made available on its website as soon as possible thereafter.
 - (d) Any opening legal submissions (including any rebuttal evidence that qualifies as such under the Environment Court's Practice Note 2023) shall be lodged with

WDC no later than 4pm Friday, 19 April 2024 and be made available on its website as soon as possible thereafter.

5. All reports and evidence will be taken as read unless otherwise advised by the Panel.
6. For the avoidance of doubt:
 - (a) lay submitter representations are not required to be pre-circulated (although that is certainly encouraged) and may be presented on the day of appearance; and
 - (b) expert evidence is evidence from witnesses who qualify as such in terms of the Environment Court's Practice Note 2023.
7. Any queries or correspondence related to this Direction should be sent through to the Hearing Coordinator, at consentsadmin@wdc.govt.nz.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Hill', with a large, stylized flourish at the beginning.

David Hill (Chairperson)
Hearing Panel

19 March 2024