

IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991
AND
IN THE MATTER OF 24 applications by the Aupouri Aquifer
Water User Group to the Northland
Regional Council to take groundwater
from the deep shell bed aquifer of the
Aupouri Peninsula (REQ.596300).

**SECTION 41B & C RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991 DIRECTION - HEARINGS
COMMISSIONERS**

1. Pursuant to section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), Northland Regional Council ("Council") has delegated to David Hill (Chair) and Peter Callander, Hearing Commissioners, the power to hear and decide the applications.
2. A hearing has been scheduled to commence Monday, 31 August 2020 at 9.30am, at the Te Ahu Centre, Matthews Avenue, Kaitaia, and continue for up to 5 days.
3. The hearing Commissioners issue the following direction with respect to expert evidence exchange and presentation:
 - (a) The s42A hearing report and technical reviews shall be made available to parties no later than 5.00pm on Friday, 7 August 2020;
 - (b) The applicant's expert evidence shall be lodged with Council no later than 5.00pm on Friday, 14 August 2020 (and may be sooner) and shall be placed on Council's website forthwith;
 - (c) Any submitter's expert evidence shall be lodged with Council no later than 5.00pm on Friday, 21 August 2020, and shall be placed on Council's website forthwith;
 - (d) Unless otherwise advised expert evidence will be taken as read, so experts should prepare an executive summary of their evidence for presentation at the hearing on the day. The executive summary should be no more than 5 pages.
4. Once Commissioners have read the evidence from both applicant and submitters, we will advise identified experts should we require a more detailed presentation of their primary evidence.
5. Any correspondence relating to this Direction is to be sent through Ms Alissa Sluys, Hearing Administrator, Northland Regional Council, alissas@nrc.govt.nz.



David Hill
Chair, Hearings Panel
17 July 2020