

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

AND

IN THE MATTER **Resource Consent Applications by Northport Ltd - Port Expansion project at Marsden Point**

Application numbers:

- Whangarei District Council: LU2200107
- Northland Regional Council: APP.040976.01.01

DIRECTION 9 (3 October 2023) FROM THE HEARING PANEL

EXCUSING SOME EXPERT WITNESSES FROM ATTENDING THE HEARING.

1. The Hearing Panel has read the applications, the Section 42A report, the Joint Witness Statements from the expert conferencing sessions and the expert evidence of the applicant and submitters. Having read that material, and pursuant to section 41C of the RMA, the Hearing Panel excuses those witnesses listed below from having to attend and present their evidence at the hearing. This is on the basis that there are no issues in contention between the relevant experts, and/or the Hearing Panel has no questions for those witnesses.
 - Mahim Khaana – Terminal Design;
 - Jan Marie Stanway – Structural;
 - Ross Sneddon – Peer review Marine ecology;
 - Craig Fitzgerald – Terrestrial noise; and
 - Andrew Curtis – Air Quality.
2. In excusing those witnesses, we also excuse the ‘equivalent experts’ who are part of the section 42A reporting team or submitters expert(s).
3. Notwithstanding the above, should any questions arise during the course of the hearing for these witnesses, the Hearing Panel may request that the witness appear at the hearing (either in-person or by AVL facility), or we may provide written questions.
4. We accept that the Applicant may wish to have any of the experts above appear at the hearing given a number of (non-expert) submitters have raised issues relating to those topics. We request the Applicant advise Ms Sluys as soon as possible if any of these witnesses will be appearing.

5. Any enquiries regarding this Direction, or related matters, should be directed to Alissa Sluys - Consents and Hearing Administrator at alissas@nrc.govt.nz

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Hill", followed by a period.

Greg Hill Chairperson
3 October 2023