

Proposed Regional Plan for Northland

MINUTE AND DIRECTIONS OF THE HEARING PANEL

Minute 4

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- [1] The Hearing Panel would like to inform submitters of an interest that Hearing Panel member Miria Pomare has in two submissions.
- [2] Ms Pomare's partner is the chairman of Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa.
- [3] There is a submission on the Plan from the Te Rarawa Anga Mua Trust which is a subsidiary of Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa. The chairman of Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa is an ex-officio member on the board of the Te Rarawa Anga Mua Trust.
- [4] The Te Hiku collective submission is a joint submission from Ngāti Kuri, Te Aupouri, Ngāi Takoto and Te Rarawa Iwi, and the Te Hiku Iwi Development Trust. Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa is the mandated iwi authority representing the marae of the Te Rarawa iwi.
- [5] I am advised that, having carefully considered this matter, the Council is satisfied that Ms Pomare's interest is not significant enough to warrant excluding her from hearing these submissions and participating in deliberations on them.

HEARING - START DATE

- [6] Hearings are now likely to commence August 2018 (in Minute 1 we indicated the hearing would commence in July 2018). This is to allow council staff more time to consider submissions and prepare their Section 42A reports¹.
- [7] The intention is to hold hearings at Kaitaia, Kerikeri, Whangarei and Otiria marae (Moerewa). Council staff will be in contact with submitters to confirm their preferred location, scheduling appearance times and any other needs (e.g. translator or projector). Refer to Minute 1 for more information about the hearings.

HEARING - GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

- [8] At its meetings on 20 March 2018 the Northland Regional Council withdrew the delegation to us to conduct the hearing for the submissions seeking the addition of provisions for genetically modified organisms (GMO). The effect of this is that full council (all the councillors) will hear these submissions.
- [9] The hearing for the GMO submissions will be separate to, and held after, the hearings on the rest of the Plan. The GMO hearing is likely to be held in Whangarei. Council staff will be in contact with submitters to confirm appearance times and any other needs (e.g. translator or projector).



Rob van Voorthuysen for and on behalf of the Hearing Commissioners:
13 April 2018

¹ The Section 42A Report is prepared by Council staff. It includes a discussion of the submissions and the amendments sought by submitters to the Plan. It recommends (with reasons) whether the submissions should be accepted or rejected. The Hearing Panel is not bound by the staff recommendations and the Panel weighs the staff advice along with the views of the submitters when making decisions on what to ultimately recommend to the Council.