

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 19 (6 MAY 2024) FROM THE HEARING PANEL

JOINT WITNESS STATEMENT - STORMWATER, GROUND WATER AND ANY ASSOCIATED WATER QUALITY ISSUES

1. The Hearing Panel directed stormwater expert conferencing (Direction 17)¹. The experts' Joint Witness Statement has been completed and has been posted on the Council's website.
2. In Direction 18 – Reconvened Hearing² we set out that prior to the reconvened hearing, we directed the following be undertaken:

Any Joint Witness Statement (JWS) including any conditions recommended by the stormwater and planning experts arising from the stormwater expert conferencing, will be provided to submitters. Any submitter who raised stormwater, ground water and any associated water quality issues, will be given an opportunity to lodge any written comments with Ms Sluys - Consents and Hearing Administrator at the email address below³. A separate Direction will be issued later on this matter.
3. The Hearing Panel is giving those submitters who raised stormwater, ground water and any associated water quality issues an opportunity to comment on the JWS. As the JWS is expert evidence, it is, in normal circumstances, made available for submitters to review and consider prior to the hearing.
4. Any submitter who raised stormwater, ground water and any associated water quality issues, has **5 working days** from the date of this Direction to lodge any written comments with Ms Sluys

¹ Dated 15 March 2024

² Dated 11 April 2024

³ We are not aware of any parties, other than the Applicant and the Regional Council, who instructed experts in stormwater or groundwater.

- Consents and Hearing Administrator at the email address below. Any written comments will be provided directly to the Applicant and the Hearing Panel, and posted on the Council's website as soon as is possible.

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



Greg Hill Chairperson
6 May 2024