

Northport Ltd Port Expansion Project: Expert Conferencing

Note from Ms Marlene Oliver (Independent Facilitator).

Date: 18 August 2023

Instructions – Expert Conferencing.

1. In accordance with Direction #2 of the Hearing Panel – Expert Conferencing (Facilitated), the following instructions provide further details on scheduling of expert conferencing topics.
2. **Tuesday 5th September 2023 (9am – 12 noon)**
Topic: Transport & Planning
3. **Tuesday 19th September 2023 (9am – 1pm)**
Topic: Marine Ecology & Planning (Session #1)
4. **Wednesday 20th September 2023 (9am – 12 noon)**
Topic: Navigation & Planning
5. **Thursday 21st September 2023 (9am – 12 noon)**
Topic: Recreation & Planning
6. **Thursday 21st September (1pm – 4pm)**
Topics: Landscape & Planning and Terrestrial Noise & Planning
7. **Friday 22nd September 2023 (10am – 3pm)**
Topics: Avifauna & Planning and Coastal Processes & Planning
8. **Monday 25th September 2023 (1pm – 5pm)**
Topic: Marine Ecology & Planning (Session #2)
9. **Tuesday 26th September 2023 (9am – 5pm)**
Topic: Planning, including conditions
10. **Wednesday 27th September 2023 (9am – 5pm)**
Topic: Planning, including conditions – back-up session
11. **General Instructions.**
Experts are encouraged to communicate directly, without the Facilitator, to attempt to clarify/resolve issues in advance of the scheduled sessions. Such direct communications can be co-ordinated through Stacey Sharp (Whangārei District Council Reporting Planner). The Facilitator is available to assist if required.

Any other topics: - The Facilitator will schedule any other topics if required.

12. Reminder – Registration of Experts by 22 August 2023

In accordance with Hearing Panel Direction #2, para 8 – Parties are to advise details of their experts – by email to Alissa Sluys, Northland Regional Council Consents and Hearings Administrator (alissas@nrc.govt.nz).

13. Expert Conferencing Online Sessions - Invitations to Participate

14. Experts who are registered will receive MSTeams invitations to the relevant expert conferencing sessions.

15. For the topic “Planning, including proposed conditions” – **all** registered planning experts will be invited.

16. For the other specialist topics, where Parties have identified a specialist expert then only the Planner(s) for that Party will also be invited to attend.

If Planning experts for other Parties (without a specialist expert) wish to attend, then they are to advise the expert conferencing admin support person (Ms Emma Cairncross, Beca) by email emma.cairncross@beca.com . The Facilitator will consider any requests.

17. Draft Agendas will be circulated 5 working days prior to the scheduled sessions.

18. These instructions are to be circulated to all Parties to the hearing and to be posted on the relevant Council website(s).

19. Any correspondence relating to these instructions, and related matters, should be sent to Ms Emma Cairncross (emma.cairncross@beca.com).

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