

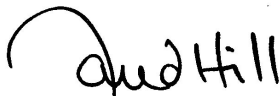
**IN THE MATTER OF** the Resource Management Act 1991  
**AND**  
**IN THE MATTER OF** 24 applications by the Aupouri Aquifer  
Water User Group to the Northland  
Regional Council to take groundwater  
from the deep shell bed aquifer of the  
Aupouri Peninsula (REQ.596300).

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**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**  
**MINUTE #6**  
**INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL**

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1. In response to the Panel's Minute 5, The Director-General of Conservation has sought leave by memorandum dated 31 March 2021 to involve Mr Herb Familton, an experienced planner and full member of the NZ Planning Institute, in the directed expert planning conferencing.
2. To that end, Mr Familton's signed statement of qualifications and expertise has been provided as required by paragraph 5 of Minute #5, and the Panel notes that both the applicant and NRC have no objection to his involvement.
3. Accordingly, the Panel grants leave for Mr Familton's participation.
4. We also note that the required statement is to be provided shortly from Dr Tom Drinan who participated in the November/December 2020 expert witness conferencing.
5. Any correspondence relating to this Minute is to be sent through Ms Alissa Sluys, Hearing Administrator, Northland Regional Council, [alissas@nrc.govt.nz](mailto:alissas@nrc.govt.nz) .



David Hill  
Chair, Hearing Panel  
31 March 2021