

IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991
AND
IN THE MATTER OF Proposed Private Plan Change 2 to
the Hamilton City Operative District
Plan: Te Awa Lakes Private Plan
Change

**SECTION 41B/C RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991 - DIRECTION #1 - HEARINGS
COMMISSIONERS**

1. Under section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), Hamilton City Council has delegated to David Hill (Chair), Alan Watson and Shane Solomon, independent hearings commissioners, the hearing and decision on proposed Private Plan Change 2 – Te Awa Lakes (PC2).
2. PC2 was lodged on 11 September 2017, publicly notified on 1 November 2017, submissions closed on 29 November 2017 and further submissions closed on 2 February 2018.
3. In the interest of facilitating an efficient and effective hearing the following indicative directions under section 41B/C of the RMA are issued for guidance:
 - (a) It is anticipated that the hearing will commence on or about Monday, 16 July 2018 until Thursday 2 August 2018, sitting Monday to Thursday each week as required.
 - (b) Council is currently commissioning a key background economic report, which will be available to all parties by the end of April 2018. It is anticipated that expert conferencing will be directed following circulation of that report, which conferencing is likely to be scheduled in the month of May 2018, and be independently facilitated. Experts will be expected to sign a Joint Witness Statement (JWS) recording areas of agreement and disagreement within 48 hours of the conclusion of conferencing. Further details will be provided closer to the time but parties intending to produce expert witnesses should anticipate those experts having to be available for that conferencing.
 - (c) All parties intending to produce expert evidence at the hearing are to identify those experts and their areas of expertise in writing to the hearing administrator, Mr Steve Rice, no later than 4pm Friday, 4 May 2018, for the purpose of identifying topic areas for which expert caucusing may be required.
 - (d) At this point the Commissioners contemplate hearing the strategic growth and industrial land related topic matters during the first part of the hearing, with the more site-specific “effect” topics following. Further guidance will be provided closer to the time.
 - (e) The Council’s Hearing Report shall be made publicly available through the hearing administrator, Mr Rice, no later than 6 weeks prior to the commencement of the hearing – which, at this point, is 4pm Tuesday, 5 June 2018 (allowing for Queen’s Birthday Monday). In the event that any relevant JWS is unavailable at that time, which materially affects any recommendation in that report, a supplementary report, shall be provided for circulation as soon as practicable.
 - (f) The proponent’s evidence shall be provided to Council, through Mr Rice, no

later than 2 weeks following release of Council's Hearing Report - which, at this point, is 4pm Tuesday, 19 June 2018 – and be placed as soon as practicable on Council's website, and other parties advised thereof.

- (g) Any submitter expert evidence shall be provided to Council, through Mr Rice, no later than 2 weeks following release of the proponent's evidence - which, at this point, is 4pm Tuesday, 3 July 2018 – and be placed as soon as practicable on Council's website, and other parties advised thereof.
 - (h) For the avoidance of doubt, legal submissions and any lay representations are not required to be exchanged in advance of appearing.
4. In the meantime, the parties are encouraged to meet with a view to resolving matters ahead of the hearing.
 5. All and any correspondence relating to this Direction should be sent through Mr Steve Rice, Hearing Administrator: steve@riceres.co.nz

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'D'.

David Hill (Chairperson)
Independent Hearings Commissioner Panel

15 February 2018