

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT
COMBINED HEARING OF RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS
APP.003839.01.03 AND APP.002667.01.04
BY THE FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTE #3 OF THE HEARING COMMISSIONERS

1. The Hearing Panel has received the revised sets of proposed conditions from the Far North District Council ('the Applicant') addressing matters raised during the combined hearing for the above resource consent applications.
2. The Hearing Panel has subsequently received further written comments on the revised condition sets from 25 submitters to the applications.
3. The Hearing Panel acknowledges the amendments made to the proposed condition sets and the significant reduction of the consent terms sought from 35 years to 3 years in response to submissions made at the hearing.
4. As outlined in Minute 2, the Hearing Panel gave notice of its intention to resume the combined hearing on 12 October 2023 to hear from the Northland Regional Council's (NRC) Reporting Officer and the Far North District Council's right of reply. However, having considered the extent of the Applicant's proposed amendments and the further written comments received from submitters, the Hearing Panel considers the hearing process can be efficiently and effectively completed in writing without resuming the hearing.
5. In making the decision to complete the hearing in writing, the Hearing Panel has had regard to the principles of natural justice and whether any party would be prejudiced by taking this approach. The Hearing Panel concludes that receiving a written response from the NRC Reporting Officer and a written right of reply from the Applicant is appropriate and will avoid the costs of reconvening the hearing.
6. The Hearing Panel directs the NRC Reporting Officer to provide a written Addendum to the s42A Report addressing matters raised in the hearing, the revised sets of conditions, further comments from submitters and a final recommendation by **Friday 13 October 2023**. The Hearing Panel highlights matters raised in the hearing in relation to the relevant objectives and policies of the Proposed Regional Plan for Northland 2017 (particularly Policies D.1.4, D.4.1, D.4.3, D.4.4 and D.4.7A) and requests the Reporting Officer provides an updated analysis of the amended applications. The Hearing Panel also requests an update of the most up to date plan version and any appeals.
7. The Hearing Panel directs the Applicant to provide a written right of reply and a final sets of proposed consent conditions by **Friday 27 October 2023**. The Hearing Panel requests that the Applicant includes a summary of the any works undertaken at the WWTPs since the adjournment of the hearing and an update of any compliance monitoring undertaken.

8. If any party wishes to seek further clarification in relation to this Minute or the hearing process please contact Ms Sluys in the first instance, by email: alissas@nrc.govt.nz or phone 09 4701200 or toll free on 0800 002 004.

DATED 3 October 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'S. McGarry', is displayed on a light yellow rectangular background.

Sharon McGarry (Chair)

On behalf of the Hearing Commissioners