

**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of hearing submissions and further submissions on the Proposed Waikato District Plan

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of hearings related to Reserves, Infrastructure and Energy, Significant Natural Areas and Landscapes

## **DIRECTIONS FROM HEARING COMMISSIONERS**

**5 October 2020**

1. Given the success of recent hearings held via “Zoom”, the Hearings Panel appointed to hear and decide submissions on the proposed Waikato District Plan (“**proposed plan**”) has determined that the hearings listed in Table 1 below will be heard by Zoom, with the hearings commencing on the dates included in Table 1.

**Table 1 Schedule for Upcoming Hearings to be Held by Zoom**

<b>Hearing Topic</b>	<b>Hearing Commencement Date</b>	<b>Hearing Format</b>
Reserves	9:00 am Friday 16 October 2020	Zoom
Infrastructure and Energy	9:00 am Tuesday 20 October 2020	Zoom
Significant Natural Areas	9:00 am Thursday 19 November 2020	Zoom

2. The hearing for the “**Landscapes**” provisions of the proposed plan which was initially scheduled to commence on 10 September 2020, and which had to be postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions, will now commence on at **9:00 am on Thursday 29 October 2020**. For reasons set out in our Minute of 18 August 2020, **this hearing will be held “in person” in the Council Chamber in Ngaruawahia**.
3. Further details about each of these hearings will be issued by the Hearings Administrator, Fletcher Bell, in due course.

4. Any questions concerning these Directions should be addressed to Mr Bell. His contact details are as follows:

Email            [Districtplan@waidc.govt.nz](mailto:Districtplan@waidc.govt.nz)

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5. The Hearings Administrator is to provide these Directions to all relevant parties.



**P H Mitchell (Chair)**

**On behalf of the Hearings Panel**

**5 October 2020**