

**IN THE MATTER OF** the Resource Management Act 1991  
**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF** Proposed Private Plan Change 7:  
Rotokauri North to the Hamilton City  
Operative District Plan.

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**SECTION 41 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**  
**DIRECTION / MINUTE #5 (AMENDED)**  
**INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL**

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1. By Memorandum dated 27 September 2021, Counsel for Green Seed Consulting Limited (GSCL) sought directions for expert conferencing of planning witnesses, following that for stormwater and traffic (albeit the traffic expert conference is not yet concluded).
2. Specifically, Counsel sought:
  - (a) *That there be expert planning conferencing;*
  - (b) *The conferencing sessions occur prior to the hearing scheduled to commence on 20 October 2021;*
  - (c) *The conferencing be undertaken in accordance with the Environment Court Practice Note 2014 and in particular, Appendix 3 – Protocol for Expert Witness Conferences. This includes section 3 of that Appendix – The Role of Counsel in expert conferencing.*
  - (d) *That expert conferencing be undertaken in accordance with the following timetable, subject to confirmation of availability of relevant experts:*
    - (i) *Submitters to express their intention to participate in expert conferencing by 29 September 2021;*
    - (ii) *GSCL to circulate an agenda for the expert conferencing by 29 September 2021;*
    - (iii) *Conferencing to take place as directed by Marlene Oliver, anytime between 30 September – 8 October 2021; and*
    - (iv) *Joint witness statements from expert conferencing sessions to be filed with the Panel by 8 October 2021.*
3. We understand that Ms Oliver is again available as facilitator.
4. We agree that would assist the Hearing Panel and direct accordingly.
5. Under Direction #1 we required any party intending to produce expert evidence to advise that expert's name and credentials by 15 September 2021. The following planning experts were advised and are directed to conference:

For GSCL: Mark Tollemache and Renee Fraser-Smith.

For HCC: Craig Sharman.

For WRC: Hannah Craven.

For Kay Moroney: Heather Perring.

For Waka Kotahi: Mike Wood

6. Any party who intends to produce expert planning evidence but did not comply with Direction #1, and who now wishes to be included in this expert conference, will need to seek leave of the Hearing Panel for that purpose. That application must be received no later than 3pm, Thursday 30 September 2021.
7. Any queries or correspondence related to this Direction should be sent through the Hearing Administrator, Mr Steve Rice: [steve@riceres.co.nz](mailto:steve@riceres.co.nz).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Hill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "David" on the first line and "Hill" on the second line.

David Hill (Chairperson)  
Independent Hearing Panel

28 September 2021