

**IN THE MATTER OF** the Resource Management Act 1991  
**AND**  
**IN THE MATTER OF** Waikato IPIs – Hamilton CC PC12,  
Waipā DC PC26 and Waikato DC  
Variation 3.

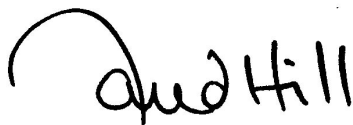
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**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991  
MINUTE  
INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL**

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**Purpose:** The purpose this Minute is to seek agreement from those scheduled to appear that the Hearing may commence with three commissioners in the event that the fourth commissioner is unable to attend on day 1 - but can review the audio subsequently without prejudice.

1. Ex-cyclone Gabrielle has caused logistical issues for the commencement of the hearing that was scheduled to commence on Tuesday, 14 February 2023.
2. One of those issues was the ability of the Commissioners to travel to Hamilton and /or access internet reception for the purpose of a Day 1 virtual hearing. That has been further compounded by a large slip blocking the one-way road access to one of the commissioner's homes over Monday night, resulting in their further inability to travel until that slip is cleared. At present that is anticipated to be worked on later on Tuesday but with no guarantee.
3. The Panel therefore seeks the agreement of parties to the following:
  - (a) That in the event, the hearing will commence in person on Wednesday, 15 February 2023, with at least three of the four appointed commissioners;
  - (b) If the fourth commissioner is unable to attend on Day 1, the commissioner will review the complete audio for that day so that no material issues are omitted;
  - (c) Should that commissioner have questions arising from that review, counsel or witnesses may be recalled either in person or virtually to answer those questions at a suitable time to be arranged.
4. In the interest of time, the Panel requests that any objection to the above proposition be lodged in writing, with reasons, no later than 4pm today, Tuesday, 14 February 2023.
5. If no objections are lodged by the appointed time, the Panel will assume agreement and the hearing will commence as advised.
6. Any queries or correspondence related to this Direction should be sent through to the Hearing Coordinator, Steve Rice at [steve@riceres.co.nz](mailto:steve@riceres.co.nz) .



David Hill (Chairperson)  
Independent Hearing Panel  
14 February 2023