

BEFORE THE HEARING PANEL

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of a Notice of Requirement to alter a designation for the
HCC Central City Reservoir – Ruakiwi Road

**JOINT MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF THE REQUIRING
AUTHORITY AND THE TERRITORIAL AUTHORITY**

Dated 25 November 2025

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MAY IT PLEASE THE HEARING PANEL**INTRODUCTION**

1. On 23 September 2025, Hamilton City Council (**HCC**) as Requiring Authority (**RA**) lodged a Notice of Requirement (**NOR**) under the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**) to alter existing designation A67 for the construction, operation and maintenance of new water supply infrastructure, including two new Central City water reservoirs to be located next to the existing reservoir on Ruakiwi Road (**Ruakiwi NOR**). The Ruakiwi NOR was publicly notified on 23 September 2025. Six submissions were received.
2. Under s 34A of the RMA, HCC as Territorial Authority (**TA**) has delegated to Independent Hearings Commissioners (**Commissioners**) the power to hear and make decisions on submissions on the Ruakiwi NOR.
3. This memorandum is submitted to the Commissioners on behalf of the RA for the purpose of seeking procedural directions for the exchange of evidence and for the hearing of submissions. Counsel assisting the s42A reporting team has reviewed the proposed timetable and supports the directions sought.
4. The proposed directions are set out below.

DIRECTIONS SOUGHT

5. The following directions are sought:
 - a) A planning report pursuant to s 42A of the RMA is to be lodged with the Hearing Administrator by 4pm, 3 December 2025.

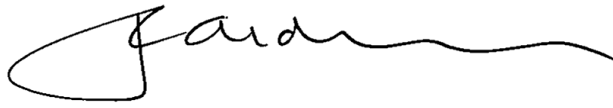
- b) The RA is to lodge its expert evidence-in-chief with the Hearing Administrator by 4pm, 19 December 2025.
- c) Any submitters intending to present expert evidence at the hearing are to lodge their expert evidence-in-chief with the Hearing Administrator by 4pm, 23 January 2026.
- d) Any rebuttal evidence is to be lodged with the Hearing Administrator by 4pm, 10 February 2026.
- e) If the Panel directs expert conferencing to occur on any particular topic, it will be scheduled between 12 and 16 February 2026.
- f) Any parties intending to present opening legal submissions at the hearing are to lodge their opening legal submissions with the Hearing Administrator by 4pm, 20 February 2026.
- g) While written lay presentations are not required to be exchanged in advance of the hearing, the Panel strongly encourages pre-circulation of any written lay presentations at least three days in advance of appearing to avoid the need to read written material verbatim at the hearing.
- h) The hearing will commence in the week of 23 February 2026.

Dated 25 November 2025



L Muldowney / S Thomas

Counsel for the Requiring Authority

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J Caldwell

Counsel for the s42A reporting team