

**HCC CENTRAL CITY RESERVOIR - RUAKIWI ROAD**  
**NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT BY THE HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL**

**DIRECTION #2**

**INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL**

**PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of Direction #2 is to respond to Counsel for the Requiring Authority's Memorandum of 5 February 2026 seeking directions regarding leave to excuse certain expert witnesses from the hearing.

**INTRODUCTION**

2. The hearing of this application is set down to commence on Monday, 23 February 2026 in Hamilton.
3. By Memorandum of Counsel for the Requiring Authority dated 5 February 2026, leave is sought to excuse the following expert witnesses from appearing at hearing:
  - a) Sian Keith (Archaeology);
  - b) Harshad Sham Phadnis (Geotechnical);
  - c) Christopher Lenssen (Structural Engineering); and
  - d) John McKensey (Lighting),on the basis that their respective specialist areas are not in contention either by the s.42A authors or in submissions raised.
4. Counsel notes that the RA has liaised with the s.42A report author to confirm that conclusion.

**DIRECTIONS**

5. Having reviewed that request, and having no additional questions for those witnesses, the Hearing Panel agrees that Sian Keith, Harshad Sham Phadnis and Christopher Lenssen's evidence is accepted and leave not to appear is granted.
6. With respect to John McKensey, we note that his evidence at [33]-[34] records two disagreements with what was proposed by the s.42A lighting reviewer, Martin Granese – although we note that those are not carried forward in Mr Granese's concluding recommendation for amendments to the proposed designation conditions at his [22].
7. Provided Mr Granese accepts Mr McKensey's final position on those two matters and does not intend to contest either matter, Mr McKensey is excused. Counsel is invited to confirm that either way.

## COMMUNICATIONS TO THE HEARING PANEL

8. Any enquiry relating to this direction should be addressed to the Hearing Administrator at [planchange@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:planchange@hcc.govt.nz).

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David Hill (Chairperson)  
Independent Hearing Panel

9 February 2026