

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management
Act 1991 (**RMA**)

AND

IN THE MATTER of a Private Plan Change 81
application for the Dargaville
Racecourse by **Dargaville
Racecourse Inc.**

FIRST DIRECTION OF THE HEARING PANEL

1. Pursuant to section 34A of the RMA, Kaipara District Council (the Council) appointed a Hearing Panel consisting of independent hearing commissioners - Mark Farnsworth (Chairperson), Michael Campbell and Jonathan Larsen. The Hearing Panel's function is to hear the application and submissions and make a recommendation on the application. It is also to deal with any procedural matters.
2. Pursuant to sections 41B(1) and (2) of the RMA, the Applicant's expert evidence (evidence given by a professional with specialist qualifications and experience) is to be provided to the Council's District Planner no later than **midday, Friday 10 March 2023** and will be made available to the parties and on the Council's website no later than 5.00 pm the same day.
3. Pursuant to sections 41B(3) and (4) of the RMA, any submitter who intends to call expert evidence at the hearing (evidence given by a professional with specialist qualifications and experience) is to provide that evidence to the Council's District Planner no later than **midday, Friday 17 March 2023** and will be made available to the parties and on the Council's website no later than 5.00 pm the same day.
4. The hearing shall be held on **Monday 27 March 2023** and has been set down for three days.
5. While these Directions do not apply to lay or non-expert statements/evidence, the Hearing Panel would appreciate any written statements to be presented at the hearing by submitters to be provided to the Council's District Planner no later than **midday, Wednesday, 22 March 2023** and will be made available to the parties and on the Council's website no later than 5.00 pm the same day.
6. The Hearing Panel also encourages parties to pre-circulate any opening legal submissions in advance of the hearing, preferably no later than **midday, Wednesday,**

22 March 2023. The Hearing Panel and other parties will be assisted if the legal submissions can be pre-read.

7. The purpose of these Directions is to provide the opportunity for the Hearing Panel and the other parties to have read and considered any legal submissions, evidence or statements in advance of the hearing to assist in understanding the case being presented. As the Hearing Panel will have read all the pre-circulated material before the hearing, there will be no need for it to be read out. An executive summary maybe read out or the key points highlighted.
8. Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should be directed to the Council's District Planner, Mr Paul Waanders by email at pwaanders@kaipara.govt.nz.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Farnsworth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark C Farnsworth MNZM
Chairperson

17 January 2023