

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by **Tararua Wind Power Ltd** (RM200234) to construct, operate and maintain up to 19 wind turbines within a defined project envelope on the property at 379 Maitahi Road, Omamari legally described as Lot 1 DP 201886.

Direction regarding the reconvening of the hearing

Pursuant to sections 34 and 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), the Kaipara District Council has appointed independent hearing commissioners Greg Hill (Chair) and Ms Sheena Tepania as well as Councillor Victoria del la Varis-Woodcock (as a Commissioner) to hear and decide this resource consent application. The appointment includes dealing with any procedural matters.

Reconvening of the Hearing

The hearing of this application commenced on the 17th August 2021 and was adjourned at the end of that day. This was due to the Government's announcement of the level 4 'lock down' at 11.59 on the 17th August 2021 due to the positive Covid case discovered in Auckland.

In discussion with the parties, it was agreed all parties (and witnesses) would be available for a face-to-face meeting the week commencing the 18th October 2021. It was also agreed that the hearing could be held closer to where most people would be travelling from. On this basis the re-convened hearing will be as follows:

- The hearing will be held on the **19th October 2021**, with the **20th October 2021** as an 'overflow' day if needed¹;
- The venue will be the **Mangawhai Club – Mangawhai** (more details on the location will follow later).

Following the hearing adjournment, we directed expert conferencing². Arising from the conferencing will be a Joint Witness Statement(s) (JWS). Other than the JWS(s) we are not seeking further evidence from any party. If any party seeks to file additional evidence it will need to seek the approval of the Hearing Panel prior to the hearing.

We have already set out in the 23rd August 2021 Direction that legal counsel will have the opportunity to present legal submissions on the JWS(s) at the reconvened hearing. The Hearing Panel encourages parties to pre-circulate any further legal submissions in advance of the hearing, preferably no later than **5 pm, 13 October 2021**. The Hearing Panel and the parties will be assisted if the legal submissions can be pre-read.

¹ Subject to being able to hold a face-to-face meeting at the relevant Covid alert level.

² Directions dated 23 and 31 August 2021.

Any enquiries regarding this Memorandum or any related matters should be directed to the Council's Planning Technical Support Officer, by email at rmanotified@kaipara.govt.nz.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Hill", followed by a period.

Greg Hill – Chair
8 September 2021