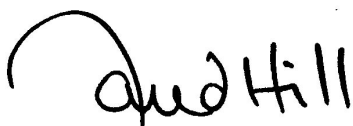


IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991
AND
IN THE MATTER OF Various applications by Te Tūāpapa
Kura Kāinga – the Ministry of Housing
and Urban Development (MHUD) to
the Rotorua Lakes Council.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991
MINUTE #2
INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL

1. Per s92A(2) of the RMA, a consent authority that receives a written notice from an applicant, in this case MHUD, agreeing to provide the further information requested under s92 RMA, must set a reasonable time within which that information must be provided. As noted in Minute #1, the Hearing Panel now acts in that capacity.
2. We understand that there has been on-going discussion between MHUD and Council since the s92 request was issued over the most efficient way of capturing the information sought across the current 6 applications.
3. The result of that was conveyed to Council by email (Blackwell / Batchelar) on 3 December 2021, in which it is indicated that a comprehensive response will be provided to the request for further information for the six resource consent applications currently being considered by the Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) for Contracted Emergency Housing by 22 April 2022. The applicant has decided that, given the nature of the request for further information, a Social Impact Assessment should be prepared to support the applications, which will likely involve a substantial amount of research and analysis.
4. The Panel has resolved to accept that deadline and this Minute duly serves the written notice purpose required by s92A(2)(b) RMA.
5. We have also been asked to consider whether we should direct the applicant to provide an outline of the scope of the SIA to Council for its consideration in order to reduce the risk of rework.
6. Having considered that, we are of the view that doing so would stretch our delegated authority too far and potentially stray into a matter that is more properly the subject of evidence and hearing. Having said that, we think it prudent for the applicant to engage with Council's processing planner, Mr Batchelar, over the scope of the SIA so that any areas of disagreement might be discussed and potentially resolved.
7. Any queries or correspondence related to this Minute should be sent through to the Panel Secretary, Susan Taylor at susan.taylor@tompkinswake.co.nz .



David Hill (Chairperson)
Independent Hearing Panel

7 December 2021