

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

AND

IN THE MATTER **Resource Consent Applications by Northport Ltd - Port Expansion project at Marsden Point**

Application numbers:

- Whangarei District Council: LU2200107
- Northland Regional Council: APP.040976.01.01

MINUTE 3 (17 June 2024) FROM THE HEARING PANEL

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE HEARING PANEL TO ISSUE ITS DECISIONS ON THESE RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS.

1. Section 115 (2) of the RMA requires that these decisions be issued within 15 working days after the end of the hearing. The hearing was closed on the 4 June 2024. To comply with the Act, the decisions would need to be issued no later than the 25 June 2024.
2. The Hearing Panel is making good progress to complete the decisions. However, it is unlikely that they will be able to be issued by the Council on or before 25 June 2024. The reasons for this are: the resource consents are complex with consents sought from Regional and District Plans; there is a significant amount of evidence (both expert and non-expert) across a wide range of issues; and there being a significant number of matters in contention that need to be addressed.
3. Accordingly, pursuant to section 37 and 37A of the RMA, to enable sufficient time for the decisions to be written and issued by the Council, the Hearing Panel has doubled the time period¹ in which the decisions will be issued – being 17 July 2024.
4. Any enquiries regarding this Direction, or related matters, should be directed to Alissa Sluys - Consents and Hearing Administrator at alissas@nrc.govt.nz



Greg Hill Chairperson
17 June 2024

¹ Section 37A (2) (a) of the RMA.