

Appointment of Commissioners – Hearing on Private Plan Change 83 The Rise Ltd

Urgent decision-making during Christmas-New Year period

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Purpose | Ngā whāinga

This report discusses the appointment of Commissioners and composition of a panel with internal Council Commissioners and external Independent Commissioners to hear and recommend outcomes on the Private Plan Change application for The Rise Limited and submissions received on the Private Plan Change.

The purpose of this report is to:

- seek approval to delegate functions, powers, and duties to a Hearing Panel
- confirm the number of commissioners to be appointed to the Hearing Panel.
- Appoint two independent Commissioners and one internal Commissioner.

Executive summary | Whakarāpopototanga

Private Plan Change 83 - The Rise Limited is currently working its way through the statutory process under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

The next step in the process is to hold a hearing but before this can occur, Commissioners must be appointed for the hearing. This report recommends that three Hearings Commissioners be appointed to a Hearings Panel for the Private Plan Change and that the composition of the Hearings Panel be comprised of two 'Independent' Hearings Commissioners and one 'Internal' Commissioner.

Recommendation | Ngā tūtohunga

That the Kaipara District Council:

- a) Delegates functions, duties, and powers under section 34A(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991 to a Hearing Panel to **hear and recommend** to Council outcomes on Private Plan Change 83 (The Rise Limited) and the submissions received;
- b) Approves the composition of the Hearing Panel as two 'Independent' Hearing Commissioners and one 'Internal' Commissioner;
- c) Notes that staff have followed clause 4.6 of Council's Hearings Commissioner Policy when recommending Independent Hearings Commissioners;
- d) Appoints Independent Commissioner **David Hill** (as Chair) and Independent Commissioner **Justine Bray** as a Hearing Commissioner
- e) Appoints Councillor **Mike Howard** as the Internal Hearing Commissioner in terms of clause 4.7.2 of Council's Hearings Commissioner Policy.

Context | Horopaki

Council is currently processing Private Plan Change 83 – The Rise Limited. Council accepted the Private Plan Change for processing on Wednesday 28 June 2023 and publicly notified the application opening on 25 July 2023. The submission period closed on Wednesday 23 August 2023. A total of 69 submissions were received. Further submissions were notified on Wednesday 3 October 2023 and closed 10 working days later, Tuesday 17 October 2023. Three further submissions were received. The next step in the RMA statutory process is to hold a hearing, which

is scheduled for early March, 2024. Accordingly, Commissioners need to be appointed to hear the submissions on the application.

Discussion | Ngā kōrerorero

Kaipara District Council (KDC) has a Hearing Commissioner Policy, adopted 30 August 2023, included to this report as **Attachment A**. The alphabetical list of Councils **current** Independent Hearing Commissioners is attached at **Attachment B** including their availability. The accreditation distinguishes between Commissioners that are members and those that are Chair endorsed. In accordance with Section 34A(1) of the RMA. The Council approved Commissioners were contacted regarding their availability to undertake the hearing. Council can delegate its functions, powers, and duties to a Hearings Panel to **'hear and decide'** or **'hear and recommend'** the Private Plan Change application and submissions.

If the function is to 'hear and decide,' the hearings panel makes the decision on behalf of Council (it does not come back to full Council for a decision). If the function is to 'hear and recommend,' the hearings panel will make a well formulated recommendation and ultimately Council makes the decision. However, it is noted that Council in making its decision on the Private Plan Change application generally cannot deviate from the Hearings Panel's recommendation as it did not hear all the evidence itself, but Council can refer matters back to the Hearings Panel for further recommendations.

The recommendation is to delegate functions, duties, and powers under section 34A(1) of the RMA to the Hearing Panel to **hear and recommend** on Private Plan Change 83 - The Rise Limited, meaning that Council will make the final decision on the application.

Appointment of number of Commissioners on the panel

There is no limitation on the number of Commissioners that are appointed to hear a Private Plan Change. It is preferable to have an uneven number of Commissioners in case there are differences of opinion which can lead to a hung decision unless the chair has a casting vote. Staff recommend having **three** commissioners on the hearing panel to ensure a decision can be made without the Chair having to use a casting vote.

According to Council's Hearing Commissioners Policy, Council decides whether there is a preference for utilising only internal commissioners, independent commissioners, or a combination of both. Council has the Commissioners Policy and a present list of 11 independent commissioners accredited in terms of Section 39A of the RMA. The accreditation distinguishes between Commissioners that are Chair endorsed with the other Commissioners being members only.

Clause 4.4 of the Hearing Commissioners Policy 2023 describes that an internal Council Commissioner must be accredited in accordance with Section 39A of the RMA.

Presently there are three Elected Members that are accredited, being:

- Cr Howard
- Cr Lambeth
- Deputy Mayor Larsen (chair endorsed)

Note that Deputy Mayor Larsen has been appointed to the hearings panel of the two most recent Private Plan Change applications (PPC 81 and PPC 82) as at that stage, he was the sole accredited Council Hearing Commissioner.

Options

Depending on the direction provided from Council to delegate functions, duties, and powers under section 34A(1) of the RMA, there are four options for Council to consider in terms of the composition of the Panel.

- **Option 1** - Appoint three independent Commissioners from the list of Commissioners to **hear and recommend** on Private Plan Change 83 – The Rise Limited, meaning the independent commissioners would make a recommendation to Council, but Council would make the final decision.

- **Option 2** - Appoint three independent Commissioners from the list of Commissioners to **hear and decide** on Private Plan Change 83– The Rise Limited, meaning the independent Commissioners would make the final decision.
- **Option 3** - Appoint a Council commissioner and two independent commissioners to **hear and recommend** on Private Plan Change 83 – The Rise Limited, meaning the panel would make a recommendation to Council, but Council would make the final decision.
- **Option 4** - Appoint a Council commissioner and two independent commissioners to **hear and decide** on Private Plan Change 83 – The Rise Limited, meaning the panel would make the final decision.

Staff recommend that three commissioners are appointed to the Hearing Panel, comprised of two independent commissioners and one Council commissioner to hear and recommend on Private Plan Change 83 - The Rise Limited, meaning the panel would make a recommendation to Council, but Council would make the final decision.

Option 3 is therefore the preferred option, as having the local knowledge and understanding of Council's activities and policies from a Council commissioner will be an advantage during the hearing and in the deliberations of the application. Following the policy and the list of accredited commissioners, appointment of the panel will be based upon the availability of members and those who are Chair endorsed. The selection of Commissioners will follow alphabetically from the last Commissioner appointed to a Hearing. Staff have used the process to recommend that Council engage Commissioner David Hill (as Chair) and Justine Bray as an Independent Commissioner.

Policy and planning implications

It is noted that should Private Plan Change 83 for The Rise Limited be approved by Council, it will be incorporated into the Operative District Plan 2013.

Financial implications

The commissioners are contractually appointed by Kaipara District Council with set rates. The Council commissioner is remunerated according to the Local Government Members (2022/23) Determination. The full cost of the hearing is on-charged to the applicant as the application is for a Private Plan Change.

Risks and mitigations

The risk of not appointing Commissioners could lead to the delay of the hearing, which could pose a risk to Council meeting the statutory timeframes set out in Schedule 1 of the RMA for processing a Private Plan Change application.

Impacts on Māori

There are no known impacts on Tangata Whenua / Mana Whenua. However, it is noted that Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust (Environs) has provided a Cultural Impact Assessment for the applicant as requested by Council as part of the Clause 23 of Schedule 1 of the RMA request for further information.

Significance and engagement | Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

The decisions of this report are considered to have a low degree of significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. No feedback is required, and the public will be informed of Council's decision via the agenda and minutes publication of this meeting, on the website and through other channels if appropriate. The appointment of Commissioners is undertaken in accordance with Council's adopted Hearings Commissioners Policy and it is noted that the public hearing is part of the RMA Schedule 1 (formal) process.

Next steps | E whaiake nei

Following this decision, staff will continue planning for the hearing, which is tentatively scheduled for 5-7 March 2024.

As this report is being approved under the urgent decision-making delegations, it will be reported to the first Council meeting in 2024.

Attachments | Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Appointment of Hearing Commissioner Policy 2023
B	Commissioner Availability Details – December 23

**Recommendation approved by
Deputy Mayor Jonathan Larsen**

Signature: 

Date: 18 December 2023

Councillor Gordon Lambeth

Signature: 

Date: 19 December 2023

 KAIPARA DISTRICT Te ōkaihi Te ōrangahau	Title of Policy	Appointment of Hearing Commissioners Policy		
	Sponsor	General Manager Engagement and Transformation / Chief Executive	Authorised / adopted by	Council
	Authors	District Planning Team Leader/Resource Consents Manager	Date authorised / adopted	(TBC)
	Type of Policy	Administration	Last review date	2020
			Next review date	(TBC – 2026?)

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Version	Date	Author(s)	Comments
2	19 July 2023	District Planning Team Leader/Resource Consents Manager	Draft Appointment of Hearing Commissioners Policy for Council Briefing (2 August 2023)
3	17 August 2023	District Planning Team Leader/Resource Consents Manager	Final Draft Appointment of Hearing Commissioners Policy for Council Meeting (30 August 2023)

1. Background

1.1. Both the Resource Consents and District Planning Teams require the appointment of external independent hearings commissioners from time to time to hold hearings on individual resource consent applications; plan changes (including private plan changes); and any reviews to the district plan. In many cases these teams may only require one commissioner to be appointed, however usually more than one commissioner is required for Council processes.

1.2. This policy outlines:

- how Kaipara District Council (the Council) will appoint External Hearings Commissioners under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and delegate to them, the functions, powers and duties under section [34A\(1\)](#) of the RMA to hear or hear and decide RMA hearing matters also having regard to section [34A\(1A\)](#) of the RMA referring to tikanga Māori knowledge.
- how Council will appoint appropriately accredited elected members to act as Council Hearing Commissioners alongside External Hearing Commissioners.

1.3. Hearing Commissioners are required to provide sound advice and make sound decisions, following robust practice, without any conflicts of interest or bias. The processes outlined in this Policy are designed to support Hearing Commissioners to achieve this.

1.4. While this policy outlines the process to be followed in appointing accredited hearing commissioners, nothing in this policy will restrict the ability of Council to appoint accredited hearing commissioners to a hearing on a needs basis.

2. Objectives

2.1. Provide guidance, transparency and consistency on:

- Recruitment of External Hearing Commissioners to the Council's External Hearing Commissioners List.
- The process for selecting and appointing External Hearing Commissioners to a hearing/hearing panel.
- Elected members serving as Council Hearing Commissioners.

- 2.2. Ensure hearings involving Hearing Commissioners comply with legislation and the principles of fairness and natural justice.
- 2.3. Ensure appropriate expertise is available and that Commissioners have an understanding of local issues and context.

3. Definitions

- 3.1. In this policy, the following terms and phrases shall have these meanings:

Appointment means the formal process by which the Council appoints individuals to serve as Hearing Commissioners on behalf of the Council under this Policy.

Authorisation means the formal process by which the Council delegates specific authority to individuals to undertake RMA functions of Hearing Commissioners on Council's behalf.

Council, unless stated otherwise, means the Kaipara District Council.

External Hearing Commissioner means a person who is not an elected member, nor an employee of the Council, who has been appointed by the elected Council to be a Hearing Commissioner to conduct hearings and/or who has been authorised to either make decisions on behalf of, or recommendations to, the elected Council.

External Hearing Commissioner List ('the List') means a list of those persons who have been appointed and authorised by resolution of the elected Council to be External Hearing Commissioners.

Council Hearing Commissioner means an elected member of the Council, who has been appointed by the elected Council to be a Hearing Commissioner to conduct hearings, who is appropriately accredited and who has been authorised to either make decisions on behalf of, or recommendations to, the elected Council.

Recruitment means the process of advertising for, interviewing and recommending External Hearing Commissioners to the elected Council for appointment to the External Hearing commissioner list.

Selection means the selection of an appropriate External Hearing Commissioner from the External Hearing Commissioner List or a Council Hearing Commissioner to hear a specific matter on behalf of the elected Council.

NB: All statutory references are references to the Resource Management Act 1991 unless stated otherwise.

4. Policy Statement

4.1. External Hearing Commissioners List

- 4.1.1 Council will maintain a list of External Hearing Commissioners who collectively have the range of skills needed for future hearings. There is no set number of External Hearing Commissioners that can be included on the List.
- 4.1.2 Council must review this list at least every three years, following the triennial local body elections, or as required if the number of commissioners drops below the

minimum number required or if there are any specialist skills required that are not available on the existing list.

- 4.1.3 Council will advertise for applications from External Hearing Commissioners to be on the List every three years, or as required.
- 4.1.4 Applicants should complete the Standardised Commissioner Curriculum Vitae (**Appendix 1**) which may be accompanied by a full curriculum vitae and such other supporting information as the applicant desires.
- 4.1.5 Skilled persons sought will generally have some legal, planning, community, political, scientific, technical, landscape, heritage, ecological, urban design, engineering or tikanga knowledge and experience. Their previous work should demonstrate sound unbiased decision making, effective report writing and analytical skills and demonstrate their process of thought (i.e. how and why the decision was reached).

4.2 Hearing Panel Members

- 4.2.1 Final approval and inclusion on the list of selected External Commissioners will be based on the following attributes:

A. Mandatory Pass or Fail

- Must be accredited by the Ministry for the Environment as a Commissioner with evidence provided and not due to expire.
- Must accept all terms and conditions of the Council contract provided.
- Applicants must provide written acceptance of proposed charge-out rates.

B. Relevant skills - 40% ranking

- Ability and experience to work efficiently and effectively on a hearing panel.
- Demonstrates a personable, but professional approach to being a member of the Hearing Panel and ensuring lay people understand the process.
- Ability to assess information and facts, with a working knowledge of the RMA.
- Sufficient cultural, legal, planning or technical background and wide experience across a range of matters anticipated to arise in future hearings e.g. tikanga Māori, coastal development, engineering, landscape architecture, highly productive soils, freshwater issues.

C. Relevant experience - 40% ranking

- Ability to assess information, with a working knowledge of the RMA.
- Have been involved in projects with successful outcomes over last five years.
- Sound references.
- Demonstrate other relevant life experience e.g. experience operating a local business, developing properties or managing a farming operation.

D. Local knowledge and proximity - 20% ranking

- Local knowledge particularly knowledge of local and regional strategic documents e.g. District Plan, Spatial Plan and Regional Policy Statement (RPS).
- Proximity to Kaipara District in relation to accessibility and minimising travel costs/disbursement.

4.3 Hearing Panel Chairs

- 4.3.1 Hearing Commissioners who are endorsed as Chair by the Ministry for the Environment are required in order to convene a hearing.
- 4.3.2 Where the hearing panel consists of an even number of members, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 4.3.3 Final approval and listing of Chairs will be based on the following attributes:
- A. Mandatory Pass or Fail
 - Must be accredited by the Ministry for the Environment as an RMA Commissioner with evidence provided of Chair endorsement and not due to expire.
 - Must accept all terms and conditions of the KDC contract provided.
 - Applicants must provide written acceptance of proposed charge-out rates.
 - B. Report writing skills - 20% ranking
 - Proven ability to write good reports including effective analysis, demonstration of process of thought and clear written decisions.
 - C. Relevant skills - 30% ranking
 - Ability and experience to work efficiently and effectively when chairing a Hearing Panel or as a sole Commissioner.
 - Demonstrates a personable, but professional approach to chairing a Hearing Panel and ensuring lay people understand the process.
 - Ability to assess information and facts, with a working knowledge of the RMA.
 - Sufficient cultural, legal, planning or technical background and wide experience across a range of matters anticipated to arise in future hearings e.g. tikanga Māori, coastal development, engineering, landscape architecture, highly productive soils, freshwater issues.
 - D. Relevant experience - 30% ranking
 - Experience in assessing information, with a working knowledge of the RMA.
 - Have been involved in projects with successful outcomes over last five years, as a Commissioner and/or as a Chair.
 - Sound references.
 - Demonstrate other relevant life experience e.g. experience operating a local business, developing properties or managing a farming operation.
 - E. Local knowledge - 20% ranking

- Local knowledge particularly knowledge of local and regional strategic documents e.g. District Plan, Spatial Plan and Regional Policy Statement (RPS).
- Proximity to Kaipara District in relation to accessibility and minimising travel costs/disbursements.

4.3.4 All applicants who demonstrate that they have the above attributes will be put forward to a Council meeting for a resolution that they be approved and included on the List. This resolution appointing Hearing Panel Chairs to the List will include conferring on them the necessary delegations under the RMA e.g. sections [34A\(1\), 37, 41, 41A, 41B, 41C, 41D, 42, 99 and 99A](#). Once approved by Council, final contracts will be issued to the successful External Hearing Panel Chairs.

4.4 Council Hearing Commissioners List (Elected Members)

4.4.1 The Council will maintain a list of current elected members who are accredited to serve as Council Hearing Commissioners. The Council will review this list every three years, following the triennial local body elections, or as required. Training will be offered to elected members who are interested in becoming Hearing Commissioners at the beginning of their term. On the successful completion of the Ministry for the Environment Making Good Decisions training programme, the elected member is to be included on the list as an Council Hearing Commissioner.

4.5 Delegations and approval

This policy is predicated on the following delegations:

Resource consent hearings

4.5.1 For resource consent hearings, authority is delegated to Council staff to decide appointments to hearings and the composition of hearing panels in accordance with the process set out in the policy. However, for resource consent hearings where a panel is appointed, and Council hearing commissioners are available, at least one will be appointed to the hearing panel.

4.5.2 In exercising the delegation staff will provide council with a quarterly summary of hearing commissioners appointed to consent hearings.

Proposed plan/ plan change hearings

4.5.3 For proposed plan and plan change hearings, recommendations will be made using the process set out in the policy, however the final decision on panel composition will be made by Council resolution.

4.6 Appointment of External Hearings Commissioners to a Hearings Panel

4.6.1 When appointing External Hearing Commissioners to hear an application, appeal, plan change etc., staff will apply the following selection criteria:

- a) For technical/ special hearings, the expertise (specialist subject knowledge, skills or experience of the Commissioner(s) in relation to likely issues to be heard and good decision making;
 - b) The availability of Commissioners and minimising travel/ disbursement costs
- 4.6.2 Secondary to the above two criteria, the workload of hearings will be shared amongst the Commissioners. Commissioners will be listed alphabetically (by surname). Once selected and used Commissioners will drop to the bottom of the selection list unless overridden by the other criteria.
- 4.6.3 Appointed Commissioners will be expected to identify and declare any actual or perceived conflicts of interest. A declaration to that effect will be signed as a condition of engagement. All External Hearing Commissioners must confirm as part of their engagement agreement that they will comply with the direction set out in Chief Executive's memorandum to all staff, consultants and contractors dated 8 June 2023.
- 4.6.4 Council reserves the right to appoint External Hearing Commissioners who are not on Council's List to a hearing panel on a case by case basis. This will typically only be done for hearings where the necessary subject knowledge to hear an application cannot be sourced from the List. In such cases, the appointment and delegation must be approved by Council resolution.
- 4.6.5 The External Hearing Commissioners appointed to any given hearing panel and the process used to appoint them shall be disclosed to the public and communicated to the applicant.
- 4.6.6 Council staff will record when an External Hearing Commissioner is used, including what knowledge was required, the short list and why selected. This information will be made readily available upon request.
- 4.6.7 Ideally at least one of the hearing panel Commissioners will have an understanding of tikanga Māori

4.7 Appointment of Council Hearing Commissioners to a Hearings Panel (Elected Members)

- 4.7.1 Suitably qualified elected members of the Council may be appointed to serve as Council Hearing Commissioners provided they:
- a) fulfil the accreditation requirements of the RMA by holding a current Ministry for the Environment certificate under the Making Good Decisions programme; and
 - b) do not have any actual or perceived conflict of interest or potential bias; and
 - c) are able to take on the workload involved; and
 - d) can be available as required for the duration of the hearing and any workload associated with supporting the Chair to write the decisions report.

- 4.7.2 Qualified Council Hearing Commissioners will be contacted in alphabetical order, to confirm their availability for a hearing. In the event that the first person refuses, staff will check the availability of the next person and so forth in order, until the required number of Council Hearing Commissioners is selected.
- 4.7.3 If selection is required for another hearing panel, the listing order will start from where it finished for the previous selection process (i.e. the person who accepted the position last time shall be the last to be offered the position next time), so that an equal opportunity is afforded to all.
- 4.7.4 Appointment of a Council Hearing Commissioner to a plan change or private plan change the hearing panel shall be by Council resolution, with that resolution to include the necessary delegations under the RMA.

4.8 Appointment of a Council Hearing Commissioner to chair a Hearing Panel

- 4.8.1 Suitably qualified elected members of the Council may be appointed to serve as Hearing Panel Chairs provided, they:
- a) fulfil the accreditation requirements of the RMA by holding a current Ministry for the Environment certificate under the Making Good Decisions programme with a chair's endorsement; and
 - b) do not have any actual or perceived conflict of interest or potential bias; and
 - c) are able to take on the workload involved with being a chair; and
 - d) can be available as required for the duration of the hearing and any workload associated to coordinate the writing of the decisions report.

4.9 Disputes over Appointments

- 4.9.1 Where any person wishes to dispute one or more appointments under 4.6, 4.7 and 4.8 to the hearing panel, the matter shall be referred to the Chief Executive Officer of the Council for resolution.

4.10 External Hearing Commissioner Remuneration to be Standardised

- 4.10.1 External Hearing Commissioners' remuneration shall be standardised and will be reviewed not less than every three years.
- 4.10.2 All External Hearing Commissioners must agree to these standard rates as part of their contract when being appointed to the List. Disbursements such as travel and accommodation expenses shall be negotiated individually.
- 4.10.3 In such cases that External Hearing Commissioners with special skills are required and are not available through the List, Council shall engage and remunerate such Commissioners at a rate agreed between Council and that Commissioner. In the event that the agreed rate is higher than the standard rates, the agreed rate must be approved by Council's Chief Executive Officer.
- 4.10.4 Remuneration for Council Hearing Commissioners is set by the current Local Government Members Determination.

4.11 External Hearing Commissioners on non-RMA Hearing Panels

- 4.11.1 Beyond the RMA, there are numerous situations within local government which require consultation and the presenting of submissions to a hearing e.g. Bylaws, Reserve Management Plans and the Long Term Plan.
- 4.11.2 These hearings may be heard by the full elected Council or by a hearing panel consisting of a subset of elected members. Depending on the situation, the elected Council may delegate the function to hear and make decisions and then report back, or delegate to hear and make recommendations to the elected Council, for the elected Council to adopt. Non-elected members may also be appointed, by resolution of the elected Council, to sit on these hearing panels alongside elected members. These individuals may be representatives from Mana Whenua, members of a Council Committee (e.g. the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee) or External Hearing Commissioners depending on the nature of the matter being discussed.
- 4.11.3 This Policy directs that one or more External Hearing Commissioners may be appointed to non-RMA hearing panels where Council determines that specialist expertise would benefit the panel's deliberations.
- 4.11.4 Elected members serving on non-RMA hearings panels are acting as elected members, not as Council Hearing Commissioners, and as such no special qualifications are required.

4.12 Appendix 1: Standardised Hearing Commissioner Curriculum Vitae

Hearing Commissioner Contact Details				
Name:				
Company:				
Contact Phone:	Mobile:	Work:		
Contact E-mail:				
Relevant Qualifications and Experience:				
Address:	Postal:	Physical:		
	Post Code:			
Identify the last five Hearings you have been involved in.	Hearing Title	Date	Organisation	Outcome
References:				

KDC COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner	Valid Till	Availability	Area of Expertise
Melean Absolum	31 December 2028✓	Not available Did the most recent hearing for PPC82	Landscape architecture, landscape assessment
Dr Lee Beattie	30 June 2024✓ Chair endorsed	No reply Did the most recent hearing for PPC82	
Justine Bray	31 December 2028✓ Chair endorsed	Available but not as chair	Planning, designations, social impact assessment
Philip Brown	31 December 2024✓ Chair endorsed	Conflict	All aspects of planning and resource management, including resource consenting and plan development
Michael Campbell	30 June 2024✓	Conflict Member PPC81	
Mark Farnsworth	30 June 2028✓ Chair endorsed	Available Chaired recent hearing on PPC81	Coastal issues, Plan Changes, Notices of Requirement, Land use and Water allocation, Good understanding Maori and RMA, Aquaculture, Panel Chair
David Hill	30 June 2024✓ Chair endorsed	Not available February Available 4-8 March 2024 Member on PPC78	Planning, social science, Te Ao Maori, Environmental science
Greg Hill	31 December 2028✓ Chair endorsed	Not available Chaired PPC78	Planning - District (landuse and subdivision) and Regional (particularly coastal management, but also air, land and water quality) and Growth Management Strategy/Issues
Burnette O'Connor	30 June 2027 Chair endorsed	Conflict	All aspects of resource management planning - resource consents, plan changes
Bill Smith	30 June 2028✓ Chair endorsed	Not Available	Local Government
Alan Watson	30 June 2028✓ Chair Endorsed	Not available	Planning and resource management, chair of hearings panels

