

Resource Management Act (RMA) 1991 Hearings Commissioners' Panel

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| Reports to: | The Council |
| Chairperson: | As Appointed |
| Membership: | With up to three sitting at any one time (including the Chairperson, if required.) |
| Meeting Frequency: | As required |

Purpose:

To undertake certain hearings under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), unless otherwise reserved by full Council.

Terms of Reference

1. The power to hear and decide any of the following RMA matters:
 - a. Application for a resource consent or change to conditions of resource consent;
 - b. Notice of objection;
 - c. Notice of requirement to designate land and later a designation; for a heritage order and alteration to a heritage order; and
 - d. Any other RMA matter as directed by Council
2. The power to exercise all procedural powers under the RMA relevant to the matter to be heard from the date selection being confirmed by the Group Manager Regulatory Services until the date the final decision is delivered by the hearings commissioner(s).

Special Notes:

- The Group Manager Regulatory Services is delegated authority to select the Hearings Panel Commissioner/s from the Ministry of Environment list of certified RMA decision makers.
- The Group Manager Regulatory Services is delegated authority to appoint a Commissioner as Chairperson to a Hearings Panel who has chair certification from the Ministry for Environment list of certified RMA decision makers.
- It is noted that, in accordance with Section 100A of the RMA, if an applicant or submitter requests that the Council delegate its functions, powers, and duties to

hear and decide an application to one or more hearings commissioners who are not councillors, then the Group Manager Regulatory Services must action this request and delegate the hearing and decision-making responsibilities accordingly.