

**Directions/Minute of the Commissioner #3
SUB21/47803**

**Application for Robe and Roche Investments
56 Pohutukawa Place, Bell Block**

1. On 7 April 2025, I received a memorandum from Mr Grieve, counsel for the Applicant seeking leave for Mr Bruce, archaeologist for the Applicant, to appear at the hearing remotely.
2. Similarly, on 8 April 2025, I received a memorandum from Mr Whittaker, section 42A Reporting Officer for the District Council, seeking leave to appear at the hearing remotely.
3. Through Ms Straka, the Manager of Governance for the Council I clarified the reasons for the requests which are of personal nature. I have considered the requests and find that no party will be prejudiced in Mr Bruce or Mr Whittaker attending the hearing remotely. As such the requests are granted.
4. In terms of timing on the first day of hearing, it would be helpful if Mr Grieve could liaise with Ms Straka so that Mr Bruce can be available so as not to require the interruption of the presentation or questioning of other witnesses.
5. The hearing remains scheduled to commence at **9am on Monday 14 April 2025** at the New Plymouth District Council Civic Centre, 84 Liardet Street, New Plymouth. At this stage the hearing is scheduled for two days (14 and 15 April 2025), with the 16th of April 2025 set aside as a reserve day and will only be used if required.
6. Any correspondence to the Commissioner should be directed through Julie Straka, Manager Governance (julie.straka@npdc.govt.nz).



Mark St.Clair
Independent Commissioner - Chair
Date: 9 April 2025