

**Directions/Minute of the Commissioner #3
SUB21/47781**

**Application for resource consent for B, M and R Sim for a 6 lot subdivision at 6 and 42
Leith Road, Okato, New Plymouth.**

- a) Last evening, 30 May 2022, via the hearings' administrator, I received an email from Counsel for the Applicant, Mr Grieve, which included attached supplementary planning evidence. The email from Mr Grieve, indicates that expert witness conferencing has taken place and that the supplementary evidence is in response to matters raised in conferencing.
- b) I have not read or opened the supplementary evidence attached to the email. At this stage I am not prepared to accept the supplementary evidence without leave to file such evidence being sought, as well as a fuller explanation as to what expert conferencing, if any, has occurred, and what experts were involved.
- c) I find it highly unusual to be advised that expert conferencing has occurred, yet there is no resulting joint witness statement/s from the experts involved before me.
- d) If Mr Grieve could provide an explanation addressing the above matters, including reasons for the request to file supplementary evidence to Jane Hickmott (jane.hickmott@npdc.govt.nz), Hearings' Administrator at NPDC, by way of email, no later than **3pm on Wednesday 1 June 2022**.
- e) If the other parties, including the Council reporting officers have any information or wish to respond to this matter, they should provide that material to Jane Hickmott (jane.hickmott@npdc.govt.nz), Hearings' Administrator at NPDC, by way of email, no later than **3pm on Thursday 2 June 2022**.



Mark St.Clair
Independent Commissioner - Chair
Date 31 May 2022