

The Hearings process and allocation of decision making powers and responsibilities.

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| Decisional maker | Devonport-Takapuna Local Board | Devonport-Takapuna Local board with Independent Chairperson | Independent Hearings Panel (3 members) |
| LB ownership of finals decision | High | High | Medium – This decision must be ratified by the Local Board |
| Quality of advice/expertise specific to Reserves Act, its interpretation and implementation | Medium | High | High |
| Local knowledge | High | High | Medium |
| Timeline | Minimum delays | Minimum delays | Further report must be prepared for consideration by the members of the local board to ratify decision. |
| Cost Cost will be met by Auckland Council - Democracy Services | Lowest | Medium | Highest |
| Possible perceived conflict of interest or bias of parties considering submissions | High | Medium | Low |

Hearings following the public notification of community leases may be complex depending on the matters raised through the submissions process.

Knowledge of the Reserves Act is critical in order to guide decision making that relates to that act and the future use of reserve land.