

Date: Tuesday 4 April 2023
Time: 10.00am
Meeting Room: Reception Lounge
Venue: Auckland Town Hall
301-305 Queen Street
Auckland

Komiti mō te Waeture me te Haumarutanga / Regulatory and Safety Committee

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Memorandum

28 February 2023

To: Regulatory and Safety Committee
Craig Hobbs, Director Regulatory Services
John Duguid, GM Plans and Places

Subject: Appointment of panel members to the National Policy Statement –
Urban Development plan changes Independent Hearing Panel

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Purpose

1. To update the committee on the withdrawal of a panel member and to appoint independent hearings commissioner Dr Stephanie Mead to the position of panel member on the independent hearings panel responsible for the hearing of submissions and making recommendations back to the Governing Body on plan changes and variations concerning urban intensification associated with giving effect to Policy 3 and Policy 4 of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 and incorporating the Medium Density Residential Standards in the Auckland Unitary Plan Operative in part as required by the provisions of the Resource Management Act 1991. This memo specifically relates to the appointment for Plan Change 78 – Intensification. This panel is referred to as the NPS-UD IHP.

Summary

2. Panel member Sheena Tepania has withdrawn from the NPS-UD IHP as she has been appointed as an Environment Court Judge. The delegation of the Regulatory Committee has appointed Dr Stephanie Mead as the replacement panel member.

Context

3. The Regulatory Committee in the 2019-2022 term appointed a delegation of the chairperson, deputy chairperson of the Regulatory Committee and the chair of the Independent Māori Statutory Board to appoint the chair and panel members for the National Policy Statement on Urban Development independent hearings panel.
4. The delegation duly appointed:
 - Greg Hill, chair
 - Richard Knott
 - Karyn Kurzeja
 - Gavin Lister

- Kitt Littlejohn
 - Sheena Tepania, deputy chair
5. In August 2022, member Lister withdrew from the panel and the delegation appointed Juliane Chetham as his replacement.

Discussion

6. Ms Tepania stood down from the NPS-UD IHP in December 2022. Her appointment to the Environment Court was only formally announced by the Government on 27 February 2023.
7. In December 2022, the committee delegation considered the necessary skills for the replacement panel member and concluded that having a second legal panel member would benefit the panel.
8. The committee delegation also took into consideration the time commitment required by the panel members. It is anticipated that the chair and most panel members will be required for the majority of 2023 and into early 2024. Dr Mead is able to commit to this time period.
9. The committee delegation appointed Dr Stephanie Mead as the replacement panel member. For confirmation, the full panel for the National Policy Statement – Urban Development plan change being Plan Change 78 - Intensification is:

| Panel Member | Expertise |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Greg Hill (Chair) | Planning |
| Kitt Littlejohn | Legal |
| Karyn Kurzeja | Planning |
| Dr Stephanie Mead | Legal |
| Juliane Chetham | Tikanga Maori and Planning |
| Richard Knott | Special Character and Planning |

10. Additional Tikanga Maori commissioners, Reginald Proffit and James Whetu continue to be appointed by the committee delegation to be utilised on a 'as required' basis.

Next steps

11. The NPS-UD hearing processes commence on Monday 6 March 2023 with a pre-hearing conference.