

Friday 18 December 2015

Judge David Kirkpatrick  
Chair, Auckland Unitary Plan Independent Hearings Panel  
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**Permitting Late Submissions On Out-Of-Scope Issues**

Dear Judge Kirkpatrick

I am writing to ask you to allow home-owners now caught up in Auckland Council's amended residential zone proposals to make a late submission if they so desire.

I understand from council officers that you have the authority to make this decision.

You will be aware many thousands of Aucklanders will now find council's proposed residential zone for their property has changed from the notified PAUP. I have already been contacted by several constituents concerned about this.

I appreciate this is just council's new submission to you and the Panel will need to consider its response. However as part of informing the Panel's decision, I urge you to accept submissions from people who now have concerns about these changes and who had not previously submitted.

You will appreciate a number of these people did not previously submit because they were satisfied with the proposed zone.

I understand you have considerable time constraints and this will likely constrain the numbers of those who may wish to make late submissions. However in the interests of Auckland getting the best quality Unitary Plan possible I urge you to consider this.

I am writing in my personal capacity as member of the Orakei Local Board of Auckland Council but as someone who has attended many of the recent Auckland Council Unitary Plan Committee meetings which considered the map changes.

Kind regards,



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