

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act 1991 ("**RMA**")

AND

IN THE MATTER

of the Auckland Proposed Plan Change 78 ("**PC78**")

**SUBMISSIONS ON BEHALF OF
AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED**

SUBMISSIONS ON PAUSE OF PC78

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MAY IT PLEASE THE COMMISSIONERS:

1. These submissions are provided in respect of the Panel's directions for positions on Auckland Council's proposal to pause the PC78 plan changes (Panel Minute, 26 April 2023).
2. Auckland Airport takes a neutral position as to Auckland Council's request for additional time on the broader hearing topics (eg zoning) which may interrelate with the above exercise, and will abide by the Panel's decision on that matter.
3. However, should the Panel be minded to proceed with some hearings on discrete elements of PC78 while the above information is being prepared, Auckland Airport respectfully suggests the Topic 009R Aircraft Noise qualifying matter can proceed. This qualifying matter relates to the existing High Aircraft Noise Area and Moderate Aircraft Noise Area provisions which restrict development within the direct flight paths of Auckland's airports. Auckland Airport considers this topic is unlikely to overlap or be affected the Council's further work on stormwater or the ALR corridor. As such, Auckland Airport does not consider there would be any significant benefit in delaying the preparation of evidence and hearings to wait for the work yet to be undertaken by the Council. Mediation between parties on Topic 009R has already occurred, and confirmed this is a matter requiring evidence and hearings. Auckland Airport does however respectfully request an additional fortnight be provided to the current schedule for circulation of evidence / hearings, but is otherwise ready to proceed.
4. To the extent the Panel would also be willing to split up topics, Auckland Airport suggests those elements of the Topic 009Q Designations which relate to Auckland Airport's designations (and specifically Designation 1102 which protects the Obstacle Limitation Surface for Auckland Airport), could similarly proceed given the relevance of that qualifying matter to PC78 is limited to height restrictions within flight paths and not general zoning or design matters.

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