

EXPERT WITNESS CONFERENCING

Proposed Natural Resources Plan

Topic: Water Allocation

Date: **20 October 2017**

Witnesses:

Name	For
Dr Mark Gyopari	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Brydon Hughes	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Mike Thompson	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Jon Williamson	S124 Wairarapa Water Users Society, S327 and S365 Ongaha Farms Ltd, AJ Barton

Request for time extension

Expert conferencing on the Lower Ruamahanga Groundwater Management Zone is underway as directed by Minute #15 from the pNRP Hearing Panel. A Joint Witness Statement issued on 6 September 2017 committed to providing a further statement to the Hearing Panel on 20 October 2017 (to present findings from modelling work undertaken).

The development of the model structure, parameters and scenarios has been more involved than initially anticipated and model results are still being finalised. As a consequence, the implications and conclusions from the modelling work have not yet been fully considered. We therefore request an extension from the Hearing Panel until Friday, 27 October 2017 to submit the witness statement.