

**Before the Hearing Panel  
At Wellington**

**Under** the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

**In the matter of** Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region  
(Hearing Stream 6)

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**Memorandum of counsel seeking an extension of timeframes directed in  
Minute #49**

Date: 25 July 2018

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**MAY IT PLEASE THE PANEL:**

- 1 In Minute #45 the Panel issued directions regarding the scope of the submission from Wellington Water Ltd (**WWL**) for changes to the Waiwhetu Aquifer Groundwater Protection Area. Following these directions, the Panel was provided with legal memoranda from WWL and Greater Wellington Regional Council (**Regional Council**), and a Joint Witness Statement.
- 2 Following receipt of these documents the Panel issued Minute #49, which directed that a further technical/planning expert witness conferencing occur as follows:
  - 2.1 A joint technical/planning witness statement to be made available by 13 July 2018;
  - 2.2 Counsel for Regional Council to advise Panel as to the scope of the joint witness statement by 20 July 2018; and
  - 2.3 All interested parties to provide written submissions if they wish to do so by 27 July 2018.
- 3 Subsequent to Minute #49 Mr Loe, who is the Regional Council officer on this issue, suffered a bereavement and was not in a position to meet the timeframes directed in Minute #49.
- 4 In addition, Mr Loe was not able to meet the timeframes for filing HS5 (discharges to land) and HS6 (contaminated land/community drinking water supplies) Rights of Reply. A request for an extension to file these Rights of Reply was applied for and granted in Minute #50. The dates for that are to be determined by the Panel, after an update by the Regional Council on possible timeframes for completion. However, an extension was not sought for the timeframes in Minute #49.

- 5 Accordingly, the Regional Council now seeks the following amendments to the timetable directed in Minute #49:
- 5.1 The joint technical/planning witness statement to be available by **20 August 2018**;
  - 5.2 The Regional Council's counsel to advise on the scope of the statement by **27 August 2018**; and
  - 5.3 Any interested parties that wish to provide written submissions to provide those submissions by **3 September 2018**.
- 6 Counsel appreciates that this change in timing does impact on submitters, but the circumstances made it impossible for Mr Loe to participate in the conferencing by 13 July 2018. This then impacted on the following steps. It is submitted that this extension to the timeframes is the most appropriate way for the Panel to be provided with the information it requires.

**Date:** 25 July 2018



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