

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Resource Management Act  
1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Proposed Natural Resources  
Plan for the Wellington Region

**MINUTE # 16**

**MEMORANDUM GRANTING LEAVE TO EXTENSION TO REPLY TO QUESTIONS FROM THE PANEL  
DURING THE REPLY STATEMENTS FOR REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE AND AIR  
QUALITY FROM COUNCIL**

**Hearing Streams 1 and 2**

1. The Hearing Panel, on Thursday, 14 September 2017, received a memorandum request from Counsel for GWRC (Council) for an extension of time to respond to the questions asked of Mr Paul Denton regarding regionally significant infrastructure and various matters in respect of the air quality hearing topic.
2. The request, sought a delay until 5pm on Friday, 15 September 2017 to respond to the Panels questions during the reply statements for Hearing Streams 1 and 2 regarding regionally significant infrastructure and air quality matters; that reply being due at 5pm on Thursday, 14 September 2017.
3. The reason for the request in the delay is due to Mr Denton being unwell and unable to present orally to the Panel. Mr Denton will respond to the Panel's questions in writing by 5pm Friday, 15 September 2017.
4. The request is granted. It is submitted that no person is directly affected by the extension. The extension is being sought for the provision of a Council Officer's response to oral questions asked during presentation of reply statements. There is no opportunity for any party to provide further response to the Council Officer's response whether it be on 14 September or 15 September.
5. It is in the interests of the community to ensure that the Panel has the best available information before it when it makes its decision on the proposed Plan. Allowing an additional delay will ensure the Panel's questions are comprehensively responded to.
6. The delay proposed is not unreasonable and would not delay the Panel's decision on the matter. It is entirely reasonable that a delay take place so that the Council can provide the Panel with a considered response.



Mark St.Clair

Chair

For and on behalf of

Proposed Natural Resources Plan Hearing Panel

Date: 15 September 2017