

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Resource Management Act  
1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Proposed Natural Resources  
Plan for the Wellington Region

**MEMORANDUM GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE EVIDENCE**

**Hearing Stream 1**

1. The Hearing Panel, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017, received a request seeking an extension of time to lodge evidence from GE Free New Zealand (Submission #139). That extension being in addition to an extension we granted on 1 May 2017.
2. Ms Davis, legal advisor for GE Free New Zealand, sought unspecified extension to file expert evidence for Ms Hutchings due to an unexpected personal matter, the details of which we do not go into. Ms Davis noted that GE Free New Zealand, was not scheduled to appear until 7 June 2017. Ms Davis requested, in the alternative, if there was any issue with the expert appearing as a lay witness instead of an expert witness at the hearing.
3. On the last matter, the decision on whether the witness appearing as a lay witness instead of an expert witness, is one for GE Free New Zealand to seek their own counsel on and reach a decision.
4. The fact that GE Free New Zealand is not appearing until 7 June 2017, does not necessarily assist us in reaching a decision on the requested extension, because we need to be mindful that other parties may wish to address matters raised in the evidence at their presentation to us. Nonetheless, in the circumstances, the request has been granted in part with the filing date for Ms Hutchings evidence being extended to 12noon on Monday 22 May 2017. This will still allow adequate time for the evidence to be distributed to the parties and considered before we hear from those parties on 23 May 2017. We are satisfied there will be no prejudice to any party as a result of this delay in lodgement.



Mark St.Clair

Panel Chair

Date: 9 May 2017