

Before Greater Wellington Regional Council

Under the Resource Management Act 1991

In the matter of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan
for the Wellington Region

And

In the matter of Submissions #124; 327 and 365 by
Wairarapa Water Users Society;
Ongaha Farms and AJ Barton

MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL SEEKING EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING

EXPERT EVIDENCE FOR HEARING STREAM 3

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May It Please The Panel:

1. This memorandum seeks a one week extension of the date for filing expert evidence by two experts for Wairarapa Water Users Society, Ongaha Farms and AJ Barton Hearing Stream 3 (Water Allocation and Natural Form and Function). The expert evidence is due to be filed by 22 August 2017, with the hearing due to commence on 4 September 2017.
2. The reason for the request is twofold. First, there has been a relatively recent agreement between the parties to share and coordinate expert hydrogeological evidence and planning evidence. The planning evidence will naturally rely heavily on the hydrogeological evidence.
3. Secondly, an administrative error has resulted in the hydrogeological expert working to the wrong date for the lodging of evidence – 25 August, instead of 22 August.
4. As a result, the experts have not been able to finalise their evidence and coordinate their response to the recommendations in the s42A reports will not be able to do so now until 25 August at the earliest.
5. Counsel notes the reasons given for extensions granted to other parties and respectfully suggests that this application is similarly reasonable with potential for streamlining the hearing for these parties.
6. For those reasons, Wairarapa Water Users Society, Ongaha Farms and AJ Barton seek leave to file their hydrogeological and planning evidence on 28 August 2017. It is respectfully submitted that this delay is unlikely to prejudice any other party, will have streamlining benefits, and should allow sufficient time for the Panel to read and consider the evidence in advance of the hearing.

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