

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act
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AND

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of the Proposed Natural Resources
Plan for the Wellington Region

MEMORANDUM GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE EVIDENCE LATE FROM WELLINGTON WATER LTD

Hearing Stream 3

1. The Hearing Panel, on Thursday 3 August 2017, received a request seeking leave to file evidence late, from Wellington Water Limited (Submission #135) dated 2 August 2017.
2. Mr Slyfield, counsel for Wellington Water Limited, had previously sought a one-week delay to file expert evidence from one witness for Hearing Stream 3; that evidence being due at 5pm on Monday 21 August 2017. The reason for that delay in filing of the evidence related to the resignation of an intended witness from Wellington Water Ltd and that the sufficiently knowledgeable and qualified replacement expert, Mr Blakemore, being overseas from 21 July 2017 to 21 August 2017. We granted that request and directed that Mr Blakemore's evidence is due at 5pm on Monday 28 August 2017.
3. The current request arises because WWL anticipates filing two other expert statements of evidence in addition to Mr Blakemore's – one on planning matters and another on water quality issues. WWL advise that both those statements will be integrated with the asset management evidence that Mr Blakemore is to give. WWL believes its other expert statements will not be properly integrated with Mr Blakemore's unless the same extension is applied to those other statements. Accordingly, WWL now seeks that the extension to allow Mr Blakemore's evidence to be filed by 28 August 2017, be enlarged to apply to the other expert statements supporting WWL's submissions for Hearing Stream 3. We agree, and thus that request is granted, and we direct that all WWL evidence is due at 5pm on Monday 28 August 2017.
4. This will still allow adequate time for this evidence to be considered by the Panel, the Council and other submitters before the hearings commence on 4 September 2017.



DJ McMahon

For and on behalf of
Mark St. Clair
Panel Chair

Date: 3 August 2017