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Water Limited

MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR WELLINGTON WATER LTD SEEKING EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING EXPERT EVIDENCE FOR HEARING STREAM 6 14 May 2018

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- This memorandum seeks a one week extension of the date for filing expert evidence by Wellington Water Ltd's experts for Hearing Stream 6 (Management of the Coastal Marine Area, Contaminated Land and Hazardous Substances, Natural Hazards, Significant Historic Heritage and Community Drinking Water Supplies).
- 2. The expert evidence is due to be filed by 18 May 2018, with the hearing due to commence on 28 May 2018.
- 3. The protection of community drinking water supplies is one of the main topics of Wellington Water's submissions. The Section 42A report on Community Drinking Water Supplies is supported by highly technical reports from GNS. Wellington Water Ltd does not have the technical expertise in-house to critically review these documents and provide expert evidence. Wellington Water Ltd has procured assistance from Pattle Delamore Partners, who have expertise in groundwater and contamination. The experts from Pattle Delamore Partners have particular experience as advisors to the Havelock North Inquiry and have worked on the Hutt Aquifer Model and are therefore expected to contribute valuable information for the Hearings Panel to consider.
- 4. Wellington Water Ltd will also present expert planning evidence, and factual evidence about the water supply network. In order to fully integrate the technical evidence on groundwater water supplies with that of planning, additional time is required.
- 5. For those reasons, Wellington Water Ltd seeks leave to file its evidence by 25 May 2018. It is respectfully submitted that this delay is unlikely to prejudice any other party, and will ensure that the evidence available to the Hearings Panel is properly integrated and comprehensive.

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