

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act
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AND

IN THE MATTER of the Proposed Natural Resources
Plan for the Wellington Region

MINUTE # 19

**MEMORANDUM GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE A FURTHER STATEMENT LATE FROM THE EXPERT
WITNESS CONFERENCING FOR WATER ALLOCATION – LOWER RUAMAHANGA GROUNDWATER
ZONE**

Hearing Stream 3

1. The Hearing Panel, on Friday, 20 October 2017, received a request seeking leave to file late a further statement from the expert witness conferencing for the Water Allocation – Lower Ruamahanga Groundwater Zone for Hearing Stream 3. The conferencing participants are:
 - a) Dr Mark Gyopari GWRC;
 - b) Brydon Hughes GWRC;
 - c) Mike Thompson GWRC;
 - d) Jon Williamson S124 Wairarapa Water Users Society, S327; and S365 Ongaha Farms Ltd, A J Barton.
2. Expert conferencing on the Lower Ruamahanga Groundwater Management Zone is underway as directed by Minute #15 from the PNRP Hearing Panel. A Joint Witness Statement issued on 6 September 2017 committed to providing a further statement to the Hearing Panel on 20 October 2017 (to present findings from modelling work undertaken).
3. The request, sought leave for the filing of the further statement due to the development of the model structure, parameters and scenarios been more involved than initially anticipated and model results are still being fully considered and finalised.
4. The expert witness conferencing participants therefore request an extension from the Hearing Panel until 5pm Friday, 27 October 2017 to submit the witness statement.
5. The request is granted. The delay is considered minor and the Panel considers that there are no persons directly affected by this extension of time.



Mark St. Clair

Panel Chair

Date: 24 October 2017