

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act
1991

AND

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

MINUTE #33

MEMORANDUM GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE RIGHT OF REPLY REPORTS LATE FROM

GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

Hearing Stream 5

1. The Hearing Panel, on Friday, 16 March 2018, received a request seeking leave to an extension of time in which to file the written Right of Reply for Hearing Stream 4, from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC).
2. The memorandum from Counsel for GWRC, sought an extension for filing the written Right of Reply for Hearing Stream 4; those reports being due at 5pm on Wednesday, 4 April 2018.
3. The reason for the request in the delay in filing of the written Right of Reply Reports for Hearing Stream 4 relates to the significance and complexity of the issues, the volume of evidence provided by submitters and the questions that arose throughout the hearing.
4. The request sought is an extension for the filing of the written Right of Reply Reports until Friday, 28 April 2018. In addition the Council seeks that the presentation date for the Right of Reply be moved to Wednesday, 16 – Friday, 18 May 2018 (in Wellington).
5. Having considered the matter in terms of Section 37A of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Panel grants the request. The Panel agrees that the issues are significant and complex, and wish for the officers to fully consider and respond to the matters raised in Hearing Stream 4. In addition, the Panel note as these reports are in the form of reply statements, there is no opportunity for additional submitter input. As such the Panel do not consider that any party is unduly disadvantaged by granting the request.
6. The written Right of Reply Reports for Hearing Stream 4 are now due at 5pm on Friday, 27 April 2018. The presentation of the Right of Reply Reports for Hearing Stream 4, are now scheduled for Wednesday, 16 – Friday, 18 May 2018 (in Wellington).



Mark St. Clair

Panel Chair

Date: 16 March 2018