

IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
AT WELLINGTON

I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA  
KI TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA

IN THE MATTER of appeals under cl 14 of the First Schedule to  
the Resource Management Act 1991

BETWEEN VARIOUS  
Appellants

AND WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL  
Respondent

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MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
(28 APRIL 2021)

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[1] I have considered the memoranda lodged in response to the Court’s minute of 21 April 2021.

**Riddiford Interests**

[2] Mr Riddiford “confirms” that “*in all other aspects* I and my neighbours will sign the documentation recording the consensus settled at mediation” (my emphasis). It is still not clear which parts of the mediated agreement Mr Riddiford is resiling from (I understand consent documentation is being circulated). If Mr Riddiford (and associated s 274 parties) are resiling from part of that agreement, it might be that other parties are not now prepared to sign the consent documentation. Mr Riddiford and any relevant s 274 party should specifically identify the parts of the draft consent documentation that they will not agree to, by 5pm, 3 May 2021. If that changes any other party’s position with respect to that consent documentation, they may apply to the Court for further directions.



### Forest and Bird particulars

[3] I have considered the Regional Council's request for a direction that Forest and Bird provide clarity on what relief it seeks concerning its Objective O25 appeal point. Forest and Bird has said it has no objection to providing this information, but cannot do so before 23 May 2021. Forest and Bird is required to specify the relief it is seeking by 5pm, 24 May 2021.

### Consent orders

[4] Council has provided a list of outstanding consent orders. It has asked for directions to assist in their timely resolution. I agree and direct:

- once circulated by the Council in draft, the parties have 5 working days to provide comment or confirm agreement (to the Council) with the documentation; and
- once circulated by the Council in final form, the parties have 5 working days to sign and return or be deemed to have accepted. At which point, the Council will file, confirming who has signed, and who has not.

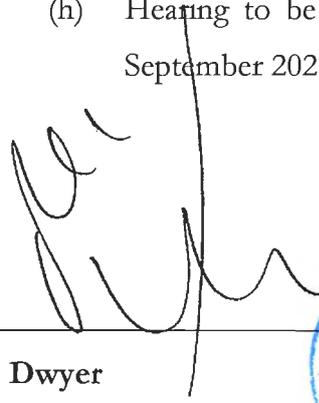
### Evidence exchange timetable

[5] I had anticipated that the Regional Council would have made significant progress preparing evidence since its 9 February 2021 memorandum suggesting an evidence exchange timetable was lodged. However, I will amend the timetable indicated in the Court's 21 April 2021 minute, as follows:

- (a) Respondent files evidence 14 June 2021;
- (b) Section 274 parties in opposition to appeal file evidence 28 June 2021;
- (c) Appellant files evidence 12 July 2021;
- (d) Section 274 parties in support of appeal file evidence 26 July 2021;
- (e) Joint Conferencing on or before 2 August 2021 in the following order:
  - (i) Ecology; and
  - (ii) Planning;



- (f) Respondent and section 274 parties in opposition to appeal file reply evidence 16 August 2021;
- (g) Common bundles and evidence bundles filed 30 August 2021;
- (h) Hearing to be held on the Court's earliest available hearing date after 6 September 2021.

  
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**B P Dwyer**  
**Environment Judge**  
Issued: 28 April 2021

