

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA**

IN THE MATTER      of the Resource Management Act 1991  
  
AND                      of appeals under clause 14 of the First  
                                 Schedule to the Act  
  
BETWEEN              VARIOUS  
                                 Appellants  
  
AND                      WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL  
                                 Respondent

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**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
(26 SEPTEMBER 2019)**

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[1]      The Court has received 30 appeals against various aspects of the Wellington Regional Council Proposed Natural Resources Plan. A schedule of Appellants is appended to this minute.

[2]      It is noted that the expiry date for filing s 274 notices is 5pm Wednesday 9 October 2019. I have determined that it is appropriate to issue this minute prior to expiry of the s 274 period to enable the present Appellants and the Council to advance matters to the extent possible. A copy of this minute will be issued to s 274 parties as they file notices.

[3]      The Court has previously indicated that a judicial conference to make directions for management of these appeals will be held on the week of 18 November 2019. The likely date for such conference is 20 November but that will be confirmed by hearing notice in due course. I appreciate that date is some time away but it is the date most readily accommodated in light of my current commitments.

[4]      The Council and parties are directed to consult with a view to being able to submit an agreed programme to advance these appeals at the scheduled conference. To the extent that agreement cannot be reached, the Court will make directions.

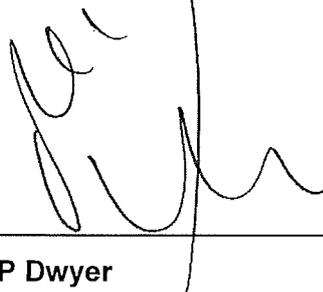


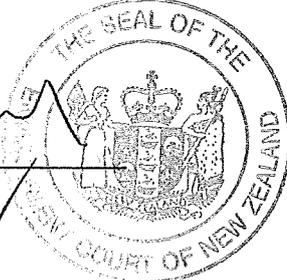
[5] The Council is directed to file no later than 8 November 2019 a memorandum identifying:

- Groups of appeals (or parts of appeals) involving topics which should be dealt with together and identifying all Appellants and s 274 parties having an interest in those appeals and topics;
- Those appeals (or parts of appeals) which it anticipates might be resolved by direct discussion between the parties and a suggested timetable for that to occur;
- Those appeals (or parts of appeals) which might appropriately be referred directly to mediation and a proposed mediation programme;
- Those appeals (or parts of appeals) which should be directed on an immediate track for hearing with a suggested evidence exchange timetable and expert witness conferencing programme. If it is considered that the evidence provided at the Council hearing provides a sufficient basis for expert witness conferencing, that should be identified;
- Any other matters of process on which the Council seeks directions.

[6] Other parties to file any memoranda in response by 15 November 2019.

[7] Any party may seek further directions by notice in writing, served on all other parties, at any time.

  
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**B P Dwyer**  
**Environment Judge**



Issued: **26 SEP 2019**

## Wellington Regional Council Proposed Plan appeals

- ENV-2019-WLG-000103 Horticulture New Zealand
- ENV-2019-WLG-000105 Wairarapa Water Users Incorporated Society (WWU)
- ENV-2019-WLG-000106 Minister of Conservation
- ENV-2019-WLG-000107 Land Matters Limited
- ENV-2019-WLG-000108 Transpower New Zealand Limited
- ENV-2019-WLG-000109 Dan Riddiford
- ENV-2019-WLG-000110 Masterton District Council
- ENV-2019-WLG-000111 Castlepoint Residents and Ratepayers
- ENV-2019-WLG-000112 Carterton District Council
- ENV-2019-WLG-000113 Wellington Civic Trust
- ENV-2019-WLG-000114 Surfbreak Protection Society
- ENV-2019-WLG-000115 Meridian Energy Limited
- ENV-2019-WLG-000116 Porirua City Council
- ENV-2019-WLG-000117 Wellington International Airport Limited
- ENV-2019-WLG-000118 Centreport Limited & Another
- ENV-2019-WLG-000119 Wellington City Council
- ENV-2019-WLG-000120 Hutt City Council
- ENV-2019-WLG-000121 Titahi Bay Residents Association Incorporated
- ENV-2019-WLG-000122 Wellington Fish and Game Council
- ENV-2019-WLG-000123 Wellington Water Limited
- ENV-2019-WLG-000124 Winstone Aggregates
- ENV-2019-WLG-000125 Rangitane Tū Mai Rā Trust and Rangitane o Wairarapa Inc Soc
- ENV-2019-WLG-000126 Federated Farmers of New Zealand
- ENV-2019-WLG-000127 South Wairarapa District Council
- ENV-2019-WLG-000128 BP, Mobil and Z Energy – ‘the Oil Companies’
- ENV-2019-WLG-000129 Powerco
- ENV-2019-WLG-000130 Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated
- ENV-2019-WLG-000131 New Zealand Transport Agency
- ENV-2019-WLG-000132 First Gas Limited
- ENV-2019-WLG-000133 Beef and Lamb New Zealand Limited

