

Environment Court of New Zealand

Court-assisted mediation for Wellington Regional Council Proposed Natural Resources Plan appeals

Attached is a list of mediations, times and parties for identified topics and sub-topics scheduled for mediation sessions proposed for 29 June to 31 July 2020.

The first week (from 30 June) involves remote mediations. Attached are the Environment Court's directions under which AVL mediations with participants joining by video or audio link are to occur.

Please study these carefully. Note particularly the requirement to pre-circulate any proposal, whether in concept or redrafted provisions, a party wishes to table at the mediation by 9am one day ahead of the mediation at the latest and preferably earlier. Also note the desirability of parties indicating in writing ahead of the mediation any response to the Regional Council's summary statement that will assist with improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the mediation process.

There are further Regional Council's summary statements to come, although there are some that have already been pre-circulated.

The Environment Court needs to be advised **three** working days before AVL mediation of the names of those attending, their position, email address and phone number for each session and whether they will be joining the mediation session (on MS TEAMS) by phone or video link. Once we have the details of participants, we will send to each of them instructions on how to join MS TEAMS and a date and time for them to try out the technology.

The later face-to-face mediation sessions will take place in accordance with the Court's guidelines for face-to-face sessions.

If parties have any difficulty with the proposed arrangements please advise Jennifer Gerritsen at the Environment Court (and copy parties in) as quickly as possible.

Thank you

Environment Commissioner Kathryn Edmonds

22 June 2020