

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Resource Management Act  
1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Proposed Natural Resources  
Plan for the Wellington Region

**MEMORANDUM GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE EVIDENCE**

**Hearing Stream 1**

1. The Hearing Panel, on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017, received a request seeking an extension of time to lodge evidence from GE Free New Zealand (Submission #139).
2. Ms Davis, legal advisor for GE Free New Zealand, sought a one (1) week extension to file expert evidence from Ms J Hutchings due to Ms Hutchings being away until the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Expert evidence for Hearing Stream 1 being due at 5pm on 5 May 2017.
3. We note that all parties were advised on 21 February 2017 that expert evidence was to be filed on 5 May 2017. The reason provided by Ms Davis five (5) working days before that date, that the expert was away, is not very satisfactory. The purpose of requesting pre-circulation of expert evidence is in part to contribute to an efficient hearing process, as well as to give all the parties and the panel the opportunity to read the material before the hearing.
4. In this case, the request has been granted in part, with the filing date for Ms Hutchings evidence being extended to 5pm on Wednesday 10 May 2017. This will still allow adequate time for this to be considered by the Panel, the Council and other submitters before the hearings commence on 22 May 2017. We are satisfied there will be no prejudice to any party as a result of this delay in lodgement.



Mark St.Clair

Panel Chair

Date: 1 May 2017