

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 Thursday 4th May 2017, received a request seeking an extension of time to lodge evidence from the Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust ("the Trust") (Submission #279).
2. Ms Harding, counsel for the Trust, sought an extension until 5pm, Tuesday 9 May 2017 to file expert evidence from Mr J Kerehi, Mr M Kawana and Mr P Percy. Expert evidence for Hearing Stream 1 being due at 5pm on Friday 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 reasons provided by Ms Harding for the one (1) working day before that date, included volume of the material to peruse necessary for the drafting of the evidence and witness availability. While a request one (1) working day prior to expert evidence is due to be lodged, is not very satisfactory, the extension sought is only for two (2) working days. Nonetheless, we reiterate that 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, with the filing date for Mr J Kerehi's, Mr M Kawana's and Mr P Percy's evidence being extended to 5pm on Tuesday 9 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: 5 May 2017