

**Before the Hearing Panel
At Wellington**

Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

In the matter of Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region
(Hearing Stream 6)

Memorandum of counsel in relation to changes to timetable

Date: 26 April 2018



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MAY IT PLEASE THE PANEL:

- 1 The Wellington Regional Council (**Council**) requests an extension of time for various dates in relation to Hearing Streams 4, 5 and 6.
- 2 Usually requests to waiver or extend time limits would be set out in an application under section 37 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**). However, as the dates Council is seeking to change have either been approved by the Panel pursuant to an application under section 37, or are not specified in the Act or any directions from the Panel, a section 37 application is not required at this time.
- 3 Instead Council provides the following memorandum to assist the Panel. The proposed date changes are set out in **Appendix 1**. In summary, the changes relate to:
 - 3.1 **Hearing Stream 4:** The date Officers Right of Reply (**RoR**) will be filed, and the date of the Officers RoR Hearing. A section 37 application to extend the date that RoR reports were due to be filed was sought and granted on Friday 16 March.
 - 3.2 **Hearing Stream 5:** The date of Hearing for Hearing Stream 5, the date Officers RoR will be filed, and the date of the Officers RoR Hearing.
 - 3.3 **Hearing Stream 6:** A section 37 application to extend the timeframe for filing evidence for both officers and submitters for Hearing Stream 6 was applied for and granted on 19 April 2018. The changes proposed in the dates for Hearing Stream 6 reflect that approval, and include the consequential date changes which follow that approval, including the date of the hearing, and the date that RoR evidence is circulated.

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APPENDIX 1

PROPOSED NATURAL RESOURCES PLAN - UPDATED TIMELINES FOR HEARING STREAMS (as at 24 April 2018)

Hearing Stream Four - Water quality and stormwater

	Revised dates
Officers' RoR reports available online	4 May
Officers' RoR Hearing HS4 (Wellington)	16, 17, 18 May

Hearing Stream 5 - Beds of lakes and rivers, wetlands and biodiversity, discharges to land

	Revised dates
Hearing (13 hearing dates):	
Week 1 (Wellington)	9-13 April
Week 2 (Masterton)	17-19 April
Week 3 (Wellington)	23-24 & 26-27 April
Officers' RoR reports available online	5 June
Officers' RoR Hearing HS5 (Wellington)	18, 19 June

Hearing Stream 6 - Coasts, natural hazards, significant historic heritage values, contaminated land and hazardous substances, discharges within drinking water supply protection areas

	Revised dates
Section 42A reports available online	4 May
Submitters to request additional time/speaker spots	7 May
Expert evidence due for pre-circulation	18 May
Evidence to be tabled in lieu of appearance	21 May
Hearing (12 hearing days): Week 1 (Wellington) Week 2 (Masterton) Week 3 (Wellington)	28-30 May 5-8 June 11-15 June
Officers' Right or Reply reports available online	16 July
Officers' RoR Hearing HS6 (Wellington)	30-31 July
Potential Integration hearing dates	YTD