

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act
1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of the Proposed Natural Resources
Plan for the Wellington Region

MINUTE # 21

**MEMORANDUM IN RELATION TO THE FINAL JOINT WITNESS STATEMENT - HYDROLOGICAL FOR
THE LOWER RUAMAHANGA GROUNDWATER ZONE**

Hearing Stream 3

1. The Hearing Panel, on Tuesday, 7 November 2017, received the finalised Joint Witness Statement (JWS-hydrological) from the hydrological expert witness conferencing for Water Allocation – Lower Ruamahanga Groundwater Zone for Hearing Stream 3. We understand that this was received late due to the illness of one of the participants.
2. As previously noted the Hearing will reconvene on Tuesday, 21 November 2017 at 9am. The purpose of this Hearing will be to formally receive the JWS-hydrological and to provide the opportunity for those submitters who have not yet been heard namely: A J Barton (S365), A J Barton and Ongaha Farms Ltd (S327) and Wairarapa Water Users Society Inc (S124).
3. To be clear whilst the Panel may have some questions for the JWS-hydrological participants, this is not an opportunity for those participants to provide further evidence on the technical matters of the JWS-hydrological except in the matter(s) of disagreement, rather this is an opportunity for the submitters and Council's planning experts to provide an outline of any planning implications.
4. In this respect, in preparation for the reconvened hearing we request that Ms Hammond (s42A author) and Mr L Daysh (Planner for the above mentioned submitters) conference on the implications of the JWS-hydrological on the provisions of the proposed Plan. In particular to give effect to the findings of the JWS-hydrological, is there any need to alter objectives, policies, rules or methods in the Plan.
5. The outcome of that planning conferencing session will be provided to the Hearings Advisor by 5pm on Tuesday, 14 November 2017. This JWS-planning will then be made available to all hearing participants on the website.
6. If there are any areas of disagreement between Ms Hammond and Mr Daysh identified in the JWS-planning, then these witnesses are required to produce briefs of evidence to address those matters. Any such briefs are required to be provided to the Hearings Advisor by 12noon on Monday, 20 November 2017. These briefs of evidence will then be made available to all hearing participants via the website.
7. The Panel may have questions for the JWS-hydrological and the JWS-planning participants.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark St. Clair', written in a cursive style.

Mark St. Clair

Panel Chair

Date: 7 November 2017