

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991  
AND of appeals under clause 14 of the First  
Schedule to the Act  
BETWEEN VARIOUS  
Appellants  
AND WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL  
Respondent

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**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
(20 NOVEMBER 2019)**

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[1] This minute records directions made a judicial conference in Wellington. Numerous parties were in attendance. Parties who/which made observations to the Court were:

- Ms K Anderson, Ms E Manohar, Ms K Rogers and Ms M Cross for Wellington Regional Council;
- Mr I Gordon for Wellington Water Limited;
- Mr C Thomson for Beef + Lamb New Zealand Limited;
- Ms Burt for New Zealand Transport Agency;
- Ms R Conner for Masterton District Council, South Wairarapa District Council and Carterton District Council;
- Ms G Baumann for Heritage New Zealand;
- Ms N McIndoe for Transpower New Zealand and Wellington City Council;
- Mr H Tapper for Meridian Energy Limited;
- Ms A Dewar for Wellington International Airport Limited;
- Ms M Thomas for Fire and Emergency New Zealand;
- Ms S Ongley for Wellington Fish and Game Council;
- Mr M Lucas for Queen Elizabeth the Second National Trust;
- Ms L Lincoln for CentrePort Limited, CentrePort Properties Limited, Titahi Bay Residents Association and Kainga Ora Homes and Communities;
- Mr M Meier for Federated Farmers of New Zealand;
- Mr P Anderson for Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand;
- Mr S O'Donoghue for Castlepoint Rate Payers Association;

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- Ms K Antoun for the Minister of Conservation;
- Ms K Viskovic for Porirua City Council and Kapiti Coast District Council;
- Mr E Guttke for himself;
- Mr C Gillam for Regional Public Health;
- Ms J Landers for Horticulture New Zealand;
- Ms M Smith for Waa Rata Estate;
- Mr B Holmes for Land Matters Limited;
- Ms S Allan for Wellington Civic Trust and Winstone Aggregates.

[2] The process suggested by memoranda from Wellington Regional Council (the Council) was approved. The Council proposes a period of direct engagement between the Council and the various parties before mediation commences in early March. Mediation is proposed to occur between March – May 2020 and has now been included in the Court's roster under supervision of Commissioner Edmonds.

[3] The Council is directed to file and serve on all Appellants and s274 parties an updated mediation programme in light of the discussion at the conference within 10 working days. The Court suggested that:

- Mediations be scheduled for Tuesdays – Fridays;
- Break weeks are to be scheduled to give parties some relief from pressure and allow measured consideration of issues being discussed at mediation. It was noted that this might extend the mediation period into June;
- The request to avoid a school holiday period in April is accommodated;
- The Court's intention is to schedule mediations at the earliest possible opportunity.

[4] Any party may seek further directions by notice in writing, served on all other parties, at any time.

  
B P Dwyer  
Environment Judge



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