

BEFORE THE

Canterbury Regional Council

IN THE MATTER OF:

The Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER OF:

The Proposed Canterbury Land and
Water Regional Plan

Evidence of Leigh Skerten

Qualifications and Experience

1. My full name is Leigh Frances Elizabeth Skerten. I am a Senior Engineering Advisor for the River Engineering Section at Environment Canterbury.
2. I hold a Bachelor of Science (honours) from the University of Canterbury.
3. I was first employed by Environment Canterbury in 2005 as a Consent Planner. In 2006 I took a position with River Engineering managing the sections Quality and Environmental Management System and resource consents. In 2009, on a leave of absence, I was employed by the Environment Agency in the United Kingdom as a Flood Risk Officer for a seven month period. My main responsibilities for the Engineering Section now involve assisting and providing advice to the Regional Engineer, ensuring our assets are protected and agreed levels of service with the community are delivered, managing applications and submissions on resource consents and giving internal and external advice on flood protection and drainage matters.
4. In the past 12 months I have been involved in two Local Government Act planning processes for Environment Canterbury:

- a. The Canterbury Regional River Gravel Management Strategy (operative as of November 2012); and,
- b. The Flood Protection and Drainage Bylaw 2012 (going to Council for adoption – or otherwise – on March 14 2013).

Code of Conduct

- 5. I confirm I have read part 5 of the Environment Court of New Zealand Practice Note 2011 and agree to comply with it.