

BEFORE THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL

UNDER The Resource Management Act 1991 (**Act**)

AND

IN THE MATTER OF Application CRC190445 by the Christchurch City Council for a comprehensive resource consent to discharge stormwater from within the Christchurch City area and Banks Peninsula settlements on or into land, into water and into coastal environments

MINUTE OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING RECONVENING OF HEARING

- 1 This minute addresses the reconvening of the hearing of this application.
- 2 In our Minute of 4 March 2019, we made directions suspending the hearing and providing for the timetabling for production of supplementary evidence, water quantity experts amended joint statement and a flood map.
- 3 By Minute of 6 March 2019, we clarified our directions in relation to mapping.
- 4 The information sought from the applicant was provided on 15 March 2019.
- 5 Our directions of 4 March 2019 further directed that any submitter responses to the new information were to be provided by Friday 22 March 2019. We also directed that the applicant is to file its right of reply, final proposed consent conditions and Environmental Monitoring Programme on or before 27 March 2019.
- 6 On 21 March we received advice, from the Hearings Officer, that a number of submitters had expressed concern in relation to the direction that submitter responses were to be provided by 22 March 2019. We understand there had been delays in some of the submitters receiving that information.
- 7 We sought the applicant's view on an extension of time for the submitter responses.
- 8 We were advised the applicant was content for there to be an extension of time for the submitters to provide their responses, provided the date for the final right of reply, proposed consent conditions and the final Environmental Monitoring Programme was extended to 1 April 2019.
- 9 After considering the relevant matters, we agreed to that extension. We understand that was conveyed to the applicant and the submitters by the Hearings Officer.
- 10 The Commissioners met on Friday 22 March 2019 as part of our deliberation process. We considered, among various other documents, the Joint Statement of Water Quantity Witnesses dated 5 February 2019, the submitter responses to that, and the Joint Statement #2 of

Water Quantity Witnesses. We have not as yet considered responses to the Joint Statement #2.

- 11 That joint statements and associated responses have been helpful. We do have a number of questions arising. We have considered how those questions can be best addressed. Overall, we consider the most efficient way of addressing those is to reconvene the hearing for the limited purpose of enabling us to question the stormwater quantity experts. We would expect Mr Pizzey's reply and the associated documents to be provided at the conclusion of our questioning.
- 12 The Commissioners are all available for a reconvened hearing on either 9 or 11th April 2019. We request urgent advice as to whether the stormwater quantity witnesses who were signatories of the joint statement are available on either of those days.
- 13 If there are difficulties with availability which cannot be resolved, we seek advice as to when those witnesses are available.
- 14 We intend to have the relevant stormwater quantity witnesses appear before us together in what is colloquially known as "hot tubbing". We anticipate that would take no more than half a day. We would then hear the applicant's reply. We consider that would be efficient and would provide the opportunity for any questions we may have for Mr Pizzey.
- 15 If there are any matters arising from this Minute, they can be raised by way of Memorandum
- 16 Our direction extending the time for submitter responses to the Joint Statement #2 (who have not already done so) remains 27 March. The applicant need not provide its final Reply until the reconvened hearing.



David Caldwell

Chair

For and on Behalf of the Panel

Dated: 26 March 2019