

**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

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**FURTHER MINUTE OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING  
RECONVENING OF HEARING**

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- 1 Following our Minute of 26 March 2019 we have been advised that there are difficulties with availability of witnesses on the proposed dates of 9 or 11 April 2019.
- 2 We are advised that all of the stormwater experts, being Mr Harrington, Mr Parsons, Mr Potts and Mr Law, are available on 15 April 2019. Mr Pizzey has advised that he is not available to present the applicant's reply on that date.
- 3 We have considered whether we should endeavour to find a later date, but we are conscious of both the statutory timeframes and our efficiency duties.
- 4 We have also considered whether we simply revert to asking for written responses to written questions. Overall, we do not consider that would be efficient. It will be more efficient and informative if we are able to question the witnesses directly.
- 5 We will therefore reconvene the hearing on 15 April 2019 for the purpose of our questioning of the stormwater quantity experts only. We acknowledge Mr Pizzey's advice that he is not available. Our direction that the reply be presented at the conclusion of our questioning is vacated. We have considered whether alternative counsel could provide the reply. We do not consider that would be appropriate given the scale and complexity of the application. The attendance of alternative counsel for the applicant during our questioning of the stormwater quantity experts does not raise the same concerns. We will make further directions in relation to the reply in due course.
- 6 We would find it very helpful if the applicant is able to provide its final proposed conditions by 8 April 2019 so that we may consider those prior to our questioning. If there are any remaining areas of disagreement between the CRC reporting officers and the applicant, they should be noted, together with a brief commentary explaining the disagreement. As we have previously advised the request for proposed conditions is to inform our decision making.
- 7 If there are any issues arising from this Minute, they must be raised, in writing, with the Hearings Officer.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D Caldwell".

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**David Caldwell**

For and on Behalf of the Panel

Dated: 28 March 2019