

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 IN RELATION TO FURTHER RESPONSES,
CLOSING OF HEARING AND EXTENSION OF TIME**

- 1 We received the applicant's final response and the requested additional maps on 26 April 2019, in accordance with the directions in our Minute of 16 April 2019.
- 2 Mr Pizzey, in the response, noted that the increased depth shown in the MPD model map is a combination of the effects of climate change and the effects of future development. In order to provide maps that differentiate the effects of development from those of climate change, that would require the ED model to be run with a hypothetical adjustment for those climate change effects. Mr Pizzey advised it would take an extra three to four weeks and noted that would place the processing of the application on hold again to enable time to produce those maps, if we considered that would be to our assistance.
- 3 We have considered that issue. We are of the view that we do not require the production of further 1 in 10 year maps.

Issues Raised

- 4 We were provided with a letter from a submitter, Ms Rodriguez, which raised issues with the further maps provided, and Mr Pizzey's response. Mr Pizzey responded to that letter by Memorandum of 3 May 2019.
- 5 We consider that the maps provided are not new information. They reflect information which was provided to us in evidence and submissions throughout the hearing. They are a visual reflection of the evidence we have already heard.
- 6 Nevertheless, we are prepared to provide a short period for any submitter in the Styx catchment to provide a response to the 1 in 10 year maps and Mr Pizzey's explanation of the same if they wish to do so. We record that we are aware, as Mr Pizzey has reminded us, that the LIDAR data for which the maps were created is the 2011 set¹. We also of course understand that they are based on modelling. They are, as stated, simply a visual aid to our consideration.
- 7 We understand Mr Pizzey's response of 26 April incorporating the maps was posted on the CRC website and made available to submitters. As noted in the preceding paragraph, we are prepared to grant a short time for any submitter in the Styx catchment to provide any written comment on the maps that they wish to make. We are also prepared to provide the applicant with a very brief window to provide any response to any further comments received.

¹ Response of Christchurch City Council to Mrs Kerrie Rodriguez's letter 3 May 2019

- 8 We therefore direct that any submitter in the Styx catchment who wishes to raise any issue in relation to the maps provided with Mr Pizzey's written response of 26 April 2019 is to do so no later than 4pm on Thursday 9 May 2019. Any such response must be directly related to the 1 in 10 year maps and Mr Pizzey's explanation of the same. Any response from the applicant is to be provided no later than 5pm on Friday 10 May 2019.

Extension of Time for Closing of Hearing and for Delivery of Decision

- 9 We understand that the statutory timeframe for delivery of the decision is 7 May 2019. Given the contents of this Minute, such a timeframe is obviously not achievable. At the reconvened hearing we discussed with Ms Leeming that it was likely an extension would be required. Ms Leeming confirmed that the applicant was agreeable to that.
- 10 We have considered the relevant matters under s37A. As recorded, we understand the applicant agrees to an extension. We have taken into account the interests of the community in achieving an adequate assessment of what is a somewhat complex proposal, and our duty under s21.
- 11 Having considered all of those matters, we extend the time for closing of the hearing to 5pm Monday 13 May 2019. We extend the time for delivery of the decision to Tuesday 4 June 2019.
- 12 If there are any issues arising from these directions, they are to be raised, as a matter of urgency, with Ms Cooper.



David Caldwell

Chair

For and On Behalf of the Panel

Dated: 6 May 2019