

Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury)

**Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan and Proposed
Plan Change 2 to the Waimakariri River Regional Plan**

DECISION OF THE HEARING COMMISSIONERS

on Egg Producer Federation NZ and Poultry Industry Association NZ request

for extension of time for lodging statement of evidence-in-chief

[Decision 2]

1. By Minute 1 issued on 3 March 2020 we directed that evidence-in-chief was to be received by the Council by 20 April 2020; and rebuttal evidence by 4 May 2020.
2. Due to intervention of the Covid 19 emergency, by Minute 3 issued on 24 March 2020, we revoked those directions.
3. By Minute 6 issued on 8 June 2020 we directed that submitters' statements of evidence in chief are to be lodged by 17 July 2020; and statements of rebuttal evidence are to be lodged by 18 September.
4. On 15 July 2020 a consultant planner preparing evidence for two joint submitters has sent the following unsigned message:
Due to unforeseen circumstances we will not have our statement of evidence-in-chief prepared by Friday 17 July 2020.
May we please request an extension of time to submit our evidence by Friday 24 July 2020?
5. This is scarcely an adequate request, giving no indication of what circumstances are referred to, how they could not have been foreseen, nor why even on 15th July, a statement of evidence (which presumably must have already been in preparation) could not have been completed in the remaining two days and lodged in time.
6. For the commissioners to grant this request on this scanty basis would compromise the general direction, given as long ago as 8th June, that statements of evidence-in chief are to be lodged 17th July. To grant it without some detailed explanation of the unforeseen

circumstances relied on would be unfair to, and disrespectful of, other submitters who will have managed to complete and lodge evidence statements in time.

7. Absent detail to support this request, we grant only a limited extension until 4:00 pm on Tuesday 21 July 2020.

For the Hearing Commissioners:



David F Sheppard

Chair

16 July 2020