

**BEFORE THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HEARING COMMISSIONERS**

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Environment Canterbury  
(Transitional Governance Arrangements)  
Act 2016

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of submissions on Proposed Plan  
Change 7 to the Land and Water  
Regional Plan and Proposed Plan  
Change 2 to the Waimakariri River  
Regional Plan

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**MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL IN RELATION TO EXPERT WITNESS  
CAUCUSING**

**Dated 14 August 2020**

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## MAY IT PLEASE THE HEARING COMMISSIONERS

1. This is a joint memorandum of counsel for the Canterbury Regional Council and the Christchurch City Council (the councils). The purpose of the memorandum is to provide an update on the caucusing for groundwater quality experts referred to in Minute 11.
2. The councils have agreed that the caucusing can occur on Wednesday 19 August. The Canterbury Regional Council is providing a facilitator.
3. Other parties who have indicated that they will have experts available (subject to the final agenda topic list) are: As One Incorporated, DairyNZ and Waimakariri Irrigation Ltd.
4. The parties are currently working together to prepare an agenda, which will be provided to the Hearing Commissioners ahead of the caucusing.
5. As a result of the current uncertainty about Covid-19 alert level status next week, teleconference facilities will be available for the facilitator and parties and a physical venue in Christchurch may be available.
6. Following the caucusing on Wednesday 19 August the parties may seek further directions regarding the timetable for completion of a joint expert statement, if required.

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