

Canterbury Regional Council
Resource Management Act
Hearing of Resource Consent applications CRC222040, CRC222041 and CRC222043 by
Canterbury Regional Council

MINUTE #2 OF THE HEARING COMMISSIONERS

1. This Minute relates to an application by the Rivers Unit of the Canterbury Regional Council ('the Applicant'), otherwise known as Environment Canterbury (or ECan), for global resource consents to discharge agrichemicals within and adjacent to all water ways in the Canterbury Region (referenced as resource consent applications CRC222040, CRC222041 and CRC222043).
2. The hearing for these consent applications commenced on Monday 25th March 2024 and was adjourned on Wednesday 27th March.
3. Prior to adjourning the hearing, the Hearing Commissioners requested the following information from the Applicant:
 - An updated set of proposed conditions that clearly show the differences between the Applicant's final proposed conditions and those of the s42A reporting officers' final recommended conditions. We consider that this update may benefit from further discussions between the Applicant and the s42A officers, and we encourage this to take place.
 - A summary of how the setback distances listed in Table 1 of Schedule 2 attached to the evidence in chief of Ms Jolene Irvine were derived.
 - Clarification on what is meant by 'Riverine environments' as presented in the definitions section of the Applicant's proposed consent conditions set out in Appendix 1 of Ms Irvine's evidence in chief. In particular, we are interested in how this term relates to the coastal environment and the CMA (coastal marine environment).
 - Provide an assessment of the relevance of Policy 23, and any other relevant policies, of the NZ Coastal Policy Statement to these applications, specifically to application CRC214073.
 - Provide comment on why herbicide discharges to air from ground-based applications (e.g., trucks, back-packs) should not be captured under the discharge to air consent (CRC222043), including comment on the consequences of ground-based applications being captured under the CRC222043. The Applicant may wish to provide this comment in its right of reply.
4. We have requested that this information, along with the Applicant's right of reply, be forwarded to the Hearing Commissioners by 5pm Monday 15th April 2024.

5. Any further communications relating this Minute in the first instance should be directed to:

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Dated 2nd April 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Greg Ryder', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Greg Ryder (Chair)
On behalf of the Hearing Commissioners