BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA

IN THE MATTER	of the Resource Management Act 1991
AND	of the direct referral of applicants for resource consents for activities associated with Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway Project
BETWEEN	WAKA KOTAHI NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY (ENV-2020-WLG-000014) Applicant
AND	MANAWATŪ-WHANGANUI REGIONAL COUNCIL Regulatory Authority

MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
(13 JULY 2020)

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[1]   Further to the Court Minute of 24 June 2020 and the request from Counsel for QEII Trust dated 10 July 2020. This request is to postpone the resumed mediation from 21 July to 24 July to give parties more time to consider the matters contained in the Joint Witness Statements, including the supplementary statement from the terrestrial ecologists, which will not be available until 21 July. I have sought responses from the parties to this request. I am now comfortable that postponing the mediation as sought is appropriate and that it can be accommodated within the overall timetable for the case as set in the Court's Minute. In any case, this post-mediation timetable can be reviewed at the resumed mediation. An amended Notice of mediation will be issued.

[2]   Meridian Energy representatives have informed the Court that they are not available to attend mediation on the morning of 24 July. Leave is granted for Meridian representatives to attend the afternoon session on that day only, and any matters related to their interests will be held over until they are in attendance.

[2]   I direct:

- The resumed mediation currently scheduled for 21 July 2020 is to be vacated and replaced with resumed mediation to be held in Wellington on 24 July 2020.

- The supplementary Joint Witness Statement of the terrestrial ecologists is to be filed and served by 21 July 2020.

- The expert planners are to confer and recommend any further changes to the draft Conditions in a supplementary joint statement to be filed and served by 23 July 2020.

I M Buchanan

Environment Court Commissioner

Issued: