



THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

NOTICE OF MEDIATION

The parties to these proceedings in the attached schedule have been directed to attend court-assisted mediation. The prerogative for setting a date for the mediation lies solely with the Registrar and is made first and foremost in terms of the availability of an Environment Commissioner. Accordingly this matter has been set down for mediation at the date, time and at the venue specified below:

DATE: Monday, 3 August 2020

TIME: 10:00 AM

VENUE: Courtroom 5.03
District Court Building
5th Floor
49 Ballance Street
Wellington
Ph: (04) 9188300; Fax: (04) 9188303

Note To Participants:

Participation in the mediation process is mandatory, and each party must participate in person or by a representative unless leave is granted by the Court not to attend. Any application for leave to be excused **must be made in writing** to the Registrar, giving reasons and be served upon all other participants to the proceedings.

The Court has released a Practice Note on Alternative Dispute Resolution, which may assist parties in the protocols around the Mediation Process. A copy of this Practice Note can be obtained through this Environment Court Registry.

Information on the Environment Court and the Court's Practice Notes which serve as a guide, are available at www.justice.govt.nz/courts/environment-court.

If any party has special needs (for example in relation to disability and access, deafness), they are to advise the Court in writing of this not later than 10 working days from the date of the mediation so that appropriate arrangements can be considered.

<https://www.justice.govt.nz/courts/going-to-court/pre/interpreters-language-and-disability-access/>

Should any party wish to contact the Mediator either before or after the mediation, then all contact should be through the Court's Registry.

Dated at Wellington Environment Court Registry on 27 July 2020

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SCHEDULE OF PROCEEDINGS

1. Topic: **DR: Te Ahu a Turanga; Manawatū Tararua Highway Project, a proposed new road to replace the section of State Highway 3 through the Manawatū Gorge.**
 - i. **Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency v Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Council**
Direct Referral From Consent Authority Of Resource Consent Application pursuant to Section 87 of the Resource Management Act 1991
Court Reference: **ENV-2020-WLG-000014**