



THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

TAKE NOTICE that the Environment Court is to conduct a pre-hearing conference of all that wish to take part in the proceedings listed in the attached schedule.

The conference will take place as follows:

DATE: Friday, 27 November 2020

TIME: 10:00 AM

VENUE: Fullwood Room
Dunedin Centre
1 Harrop Street
Dunedin
03 479 2823

Parties wishing to attend (or who have instructed someone to attend on their behalf) are to advise us by email or memo to ORC@justice.govt.nz by no later than **3.00 pm on Monday 23 November 2020**. If you choose not to attend, or have someone attend on your behalf, you are agreeing to abide by the directions made by the court at the pre-hearing conference (a record of which will issue shortly after the event).

PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE

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The purpose of the conference will be to ensure that proper preparations are made for the hearing of the proceedings at a later time.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Everyone who wishes to take part in the proceedings should attend the conference or be represented at it by someone who is familiar with the part to be taken and the submissions and evidence to be made.

SECURITY

As this is a court event, the normal security measures apply, including screening upon entry.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

The matters to be considered at the conference may include:

- (a) Recording the names of all who wish to be heard in the proceedings, and their counsel or other representatives (if any).
- (b) Recording the particular issues in which each person or body seeks to take part, and any witnesses to be called, and where necessary, to obtain better particulars of the case of each party.

- (c) Whether there are any legal questions as to the Court's jurisdiction or the standing of the parties or otherwise which should be argued as preliminary points to the substantive hearing.
- (d) Whether persons and bodies having similar interests should be encouraged to have joint representation.
- (e) Whether any directions are justified about access to information held by other parties or by anyone else.
- (f) Whether any party wishes to have witness summonses to require witnesses to attend to give evidence or produce documents at the substantive hearing of the proceedings.
- (g) Whether any arrangements or directions are appropriate for the orderly production and identification of exhibits, and whether an agreed file of documents can and should be compiled.
- (h) Whether any party proposes that the Court itself should call any witness, and any proposals for the use of other supplementary sources of information or aids to understand the issues.
- (i) Any proposals for a timetable for parties to deliver documentation to other parties, prior to the hearing of the proceedings, for example any statements of evidence they propose to give or call.
- (j) Any suggestion about the time and place of the hearing, the procedures to be followed at the hearing and the likely duration of the hearing.
- (k) Any other matters on which arrangements should be made or directions given to ensure the fair, orderly and efficient hearing of the proceedings.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ENQUIRIES

Information on the Environment Court and the Court's Practice Notes which serve as a guide, are available at <https://environmentcourt.govt.nz/>. Information about Otago Regional Council's proposed Plan Change 7 in the Environment court is available here: <https://environmentcourt.govt.nz/cases-online/orc-pcs-1-7-8/pc7/>.

Please direct all correspondence or enquiries about this notice or the procedures at the conference to ORC@justice.govt.nz. If you have any special requirements please advise us, preferably well in advance, so that they can be attended to.

Dated at Christchurch Environment Court Registry on 17 November 2020



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SCHEDULE OF PROCEEDINGS

1. Topic: **Decision on the provisions and matters raised in submissions**

Topic Number: **ENV-2020-309-000015**

i. Otago Regional Council

Pursuant to s 149T(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991

Court Reference: ENV-2020-CHC-000127