

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

IN THE MATTER

of a notice of motion under section 149Y(2) to decide proposed Plan Change 7 to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago (referred to the Environment Court by the Minister for the Environment under section 142(2)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Applicant

**MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF THE ROYAL FOREST AND BIRD PROTECTION
SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED**

23 November 2020

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

1. Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society Inc. ("Forest & Bird") has received and reviewed the Court Minute dated 2 November 2020.
2. At [3] of the Minute the Court has set down a pre-hearing conference on Plan Change 7 for Friday 27 November 2020. At [4] of the Minute the Court identifies that a party may choose not to attend and that if a party chooses not to attend that the party is agreeing to abide by the directions made during the pre-hearing conference.
3. Forest & Bird, advises that it will not attend the pre-hearing conference and will abide by the directions made during the pre-hearing conference.

Dated 23 November 2020



William Jennings
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