

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

**I MUA I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHI**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991
AND of a notice of motion under section 149T(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
Act)
OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL
(ENV-2020-CHC-127)
Applicant

**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
FRIEND OF SUBMITTER
PLAN CHANGE 7**

(3 December 2020)

- [1] The court has appointed Jane Whyte as Friend of Submitter.
- [2] The role of a Friend of Submitter is to:¹
- (a) provide advice and support on the court's process in the lead up to, and including, the hearing;
 - (b) guide the parties on the difference between speaking to submissions and giving evidence; and
 - (c) co-ordinate meetings at arranged venues to encourage the sharing of resources and joint presentations by parties with similar interests.
- [3] To this end, Ms Whyte is available to meet with parties in December 2020 and January 2021 at the following locations and times:



¹ The Friend of Submitter is, however, unable to provide advice on the merits of submissions or evidence, nor can she give legal advice.

Location	Venue ²	Date	Time
Cromwell	The Boardroom, The Gate Hotel	12 ³ December 2020	10 am – 7 pm
Alexandra	Room D, Alexandra Community House	14 December 2020	<u>9 am – 2 pm</u>
Ranfurly	Hawkdun Room, Hawkdun Lodge	19 December 2020	10 am – 7 pm
Palmerston	Library, East Otago High School	14 January 2021	10 am – 7 pm
Oamaru	Moeraki Room, Brydone Hotel	15 January 2021	10 am – 7 pm
Cromwell	Bannockburn Room, Presbyterian Church	16 January 2021	10 am – 7 pm

[4] These meetings are to support parties, particularly those who are not represented by a lawyer. There is no requirement to attend.

[5] If you have not already advised that you are represented, you will be contacted by one of the Hearing Administrators to see whether you wish to meet with the Friend of Submitter. If you have indicated that you are considering presenting a joint case, it would be helpful that all potential parties attend the same meeting.

[6] Alternatively, you can contact Glen Cooper (Hearing Administrator), Rebecca Jackson (Hearing Administrator) or Jane Whyte (Friend of Submitter) **three (3) working days** before the meeting to confirm your attendance and the time that best suits you. Their contact details are:

Glen Cooper: Telephone: 027 213 1652
Email: PlanChange@orc.govt.nz



² All venues are yet to be confirmed. To that end the court will issue a notice confirming venue details prior to the event.

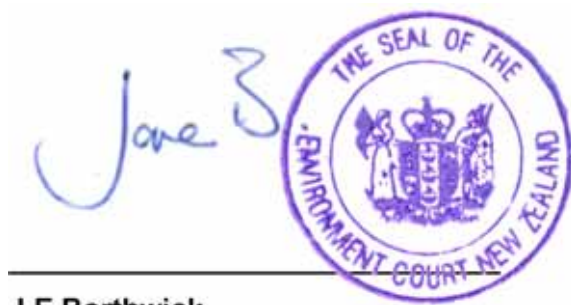
³ A Saturday meeting is proposed.

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J E Borthwick

Environment Judge

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