

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH
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)

BETWEEN OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

(ENV-2020-CHC-127)

Applicant

**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
PLAN CHANGE 7
Cross-examination (23 February 2021)**

Introduction

[1] This Minute is released in relation to the cross-examination of witnesses.

[2] The court directed that unless leave is granted, cross-examination of witnesses by each party is not to exceed 30 minutes and that any application for leave to exceed this limit should be filed ten (10) working days before the hearing commences, giving reasons.¹

[3] The Otago Water Resources Users Group (OWRUG) and Otago Regional

¹ Minute dated 2 November 2020 at [23]; Record of Pre-hearing Conference of 27 November 2020 at [16].



Council (ORC) have made applications to exceed the 30-minute limit in respect of certain witnesses.² No other applications have been received.

[4] OWRUG's and ORC's applications appear reasonable and leave is granted as sought.

[5] The court notes that all parties are granted leave to question witnesses in relation to any issues arising from questions from the court. We will not adjust the hearing schedule to allow for the same as the court's questions are generally in the nature of clarification. If further questions are necessary, as a guideline they should not exceed 10 minutes.

Jane S.



J E Borthwick
Environment Judge

Issued: 23 February 2021

² OWRUG application dated 19 February 2021; ORC notice of cross-examination dated 19 February 2021.