

**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
of a direct referral of proposed Plan Change 8 to the
Regional Plan: Water for Otago under s142 2 (b) of
the Act by the Minister for the Environment.

AND

Otago Regional Council

Memorandum of Counsel for Director-General of Conservation *Tumuaki Ahurei*

Re Plan Change 8 – dated 9 July 2021

Department of Conservation *Te Papa Atawhai*

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May it please the Court:

1. The Director-General of Conservation *Tumuaki Ahurei* (Director-General) is a section 274 party to the proposed Plan Change 8 (PC8) proceedings. PC8 is set down for a pre-hearing conference on 14 July 2021.
2. The Director-General participated in the mediation on PC8 primary sector matters referred to mediation which concluded on 8 July 2021. The mediation was successful with all parties in attendance reaching agreement.
3. I have read the memorandum of counsel for the Otago Regional Council dated 9 July 2021. I agree it is unclear to what extent the PC8 pre-hearing conference is still required on 14 July 2021.
4. I also agree that a judicial conference in chambers with counsel for the Otago Regional Council may be a more appropriate way to progress PC8 and resolution of the primary sector matters.
5. I will, of course abide any directions of the Court. I remain available to attend a pre-hearing conference if the Court still wishes to proceed on 14 July 2021.

Dated 9 July 2021



Pene Williams

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