

**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 8: 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-128)
Applicant

**MEMORANDUM OF ROYAL FOREST AND BIRD PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NEW
ZEALAND (FOREST & BIRD) REGARDING THE PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED 14 JULY 2021**

PLAN CHANGE 8

(9 July 2021)

May it please the court

[1] Forest & Bird is party to Otago Regional Council's proposed Plan Change 8 to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago (PC8)

[2] This memorandum is filed in response to the Environment Court Minute dated 21 April 2021 in which parties were given until 3pm 9 July 2021 to seek amendments to the Court's proposed directions.

[3] Forest & Bird attended all six days of court-facilitated mediation on the primary sector related topics of PC8.

[4] Forest & Bird notes that all matters of this mediation were able to be satisfactorily mediated and are a signatory to all mediation agreements. We acknowledge the work of Council, parties, and the mediator in helping achieve this outcome.

[5] Forest & Bird has read the memorandum of counsel for Otago Regional Council dated 9 July and supports the proposed directions contained at paragraph 23 of that memorandum.

[6] We remain available if the Court decides to continue with a pre-hearing conference on 14 July 2021.

[7] Forest & Bird notes there remains other topics in PC8 yet to be mediated and remains party to those mediations.

Dated this 9th day of July 2021



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