

**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 8: Water for Otago (referred to the Environment Court by the Minister for the Environment under s142(2)(b) of the Act)

BETWEEN OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

(ENV-2020-CHC-128)

Applicant

**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
PLAN CHANGE 8
(16 February 2022)**

Introduction

[1] This brief Minute is issued in light of the filing of the memorandum of counsel on behalf of Willowridge Developments Limited ('Willowridge') dated 10 February 2022.

[2] Counsel advises that Willowridge seeks a slight amendment to the current evidence exchange timetable outlined in the Minute of 14 December 2021.

[3] Counsel submits that the timetable currently provides for both supporting and opposing s274 parties to lodge their evidence on the same day (25 February 2022) and then for supporting s274 parties to lodge evidence in reply to that of opposing s274 parties by 11 March 2022. There is no corresponding provision for



opposing s274 parties to lodge evidence in reply to that of the supporting s274 parties.

[4] Counsel confirms that there is no opposition from the applicant regarding the amendment.

[5] I am inclined to agree with counsel that the amendment is appropriate, and an opportunity of reply should be allowed. I can confirm that no other opposition has been received by the court and I see no real prejudice to any party by granting the amendment.

Change of counsel for Willowridge

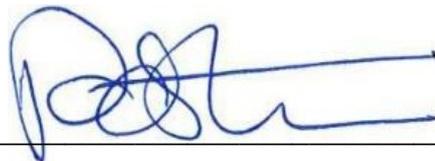
[6] The memorandum also advises that counsel instructed for Willowridge is now Bal Matheson of Richmond Chambers. I acknowledge the change and direct the Registrar to update the court record accordingly.

Directions

[7] I direct that direction [12](e) of the Minute of 14 December 2021 is hereby amended to the following:

- (a) the applicant and any s274 party in support of or opposed to the mediated agreement is to lodge and serve any evidence in reply, including any updated recommendations by the policy planner, by **Friday 11 March 2022**.

[8] Leave is reserved for any party to apply for further (or other) directions.



P A Steven
Environment Judge

Issued: 16 February 2022

