

IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT WELLINGTON

I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA

IN THE MATTER of a direct referral of applications for resource consents and notices of requirement under sections 87G and 19E of the Resource Management Act 1991 for the Ōtaki to North of Levin Project

BY NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT
AGENCY- WAKA KOTAHI
ENV-2023-WLG-000005
Applicant

MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT

(20 JUNE 2023)

[1] This minute briefly addresses the matter of the pre-hearing conference in these proceedings to be held at the Horowhenua District Council chambers, Levin on Thursday this week commencing at 11.00a.m. As previously advised the purpose of the conference is to put in place a timetable and process to prepare this application for hearing as soon as reasonably practicable.

[2] Waka Kotahi has filed a memorandum dated 16 June 2023 identifying matters for discussion at the conference. I understand that the memorandum was sent to all parties as well as being posted on the Court's website. If any party has not received or read the memorandum they should take all steps necessary to do urgently as it will provide the agenda for the conference in accordance with para 4(a)-(c) of the

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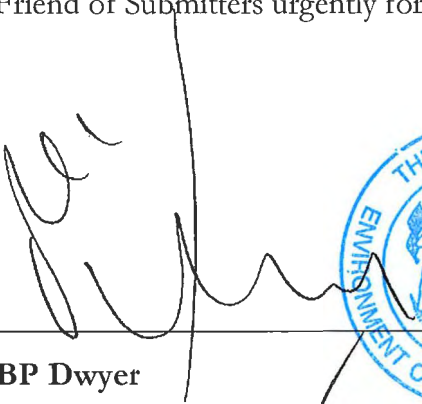


memorandum. Parties are not restricted to the matters identified in the memorandum and may raise any other matters which they wish to be discussed at the conference.

[3] Parties participating in the conference are required to complete notices of appearance which may be uplifted from the Court Registrar on Thursday. Parties should be at the conference early enough to complete these forms prior to commencement at 11.00 a.m. I note that there are a number of joint parties, partnerships and groups who have filed s 274 notices. Only one person is required to appear for such parties at the conference and should be identified accordingly on the appearance notices.

[4] Paras 11-14 of the Waka Kotahi memorandum address the matter of expert witness conferencing and request that parties identify expert witnesses to be called at the conference. In addition to or instead of expert witnesses it is usual for parties to give evidence as to fact (for example) describing how they might be affected should the application be consented. At the conference parties will be required to identify all witnesses (not just expert witnesses) who will give evidence at the hearing. This information is important to enable the Court to calculate the time required for hearing and the size of the venue required.

[5] If parties have any queries regarding these matters they should contact the Friend of Submitters urgently for clarification.


BP Dwyer
Environment Judge

