

**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 198E 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

(17 JULY 2023)

[1] The Court thanks the parties for the various memoranda and email comments filed in the above proceedings. I am advised that Waka Kotahi is drafting a further proposed timetable for expert witness conferencing and mediation in light of the comments received. That document will be circulated as soon as it comes to hand. I forward this minute prior to receipt of the further timetable to give parties effected the most notice possible as to the Court's present intentions.

[2] I understand that in general terms the further timetable will propose identical dates to those proposed earlier. Commissioner Buchanan advises that the deadline for filing of "will say" statements by s 274 parties will be two working days prior to commencement of the relevant expert witness conference. A schedule of expert witnesses conferencing dates will issue in the next day or so.

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[3] I have been advised by the Registry that due to Justice Department security policies there is a technical issue with the Court's website for these proceedings which prevents the uploading of very large documents or those containing many images. Parties are requested to ensure that documents they file are below the 32MB threshold for uploading to the website. This can be achieved by splitting large documents into multiple smaller documents.

[4] I advise that the hearing dates as originally proposed will remain. Not all members of the Court are available on the suggested 6 November week.


B P Dwyer
Environment Judge

