

**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

(19 JULY 2023)

Expert Conferences O2NL

[1] I have reviewed the requests by Counsel for the Applicant in his memorandum of 17 July 2023 and all previous correspondence from the parties on matters related to expert conferencing for the O2NL Direct Referral. The requests for directions leading into the conferences are reasonable, given the very concentrated time available for each conference.. In issuing the following Directions I am mindful that unforeseen matters may come up during the course of the 2 weeks of conferencing that may require attention and I remain flexible to accommodate these if indeed they occur.



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[2] Directions

- a. Section 274 Will Say statements are to be filed at least 2 working days in advance of the relevant witness conference. The only exception to this is that the JML transport statement can be filed up until 21 July 2023.
- b. Experts being called by the 4 Councils are to file a short note of issues that remain in dispute after reviewing Waka Kotahi evidence. These notes are to be filed at least 2 working days in advance of the relevant conference and served directly on all parties with experts attending that conference.
- c. All conferences are to be in-person as per the schedule attached to the Notice of Expert Witness Conferences dated 18 July 2023, with the exceptions noted in the schedule.


I Buchanan
Environment Commissioner

