

**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

(12 OCTOBER 2023)

[1] The Court conducted a pre-hearing conference at Levin on 09 October 2023. At the conference the Court worked through counsel's joint memorandum of 20 September 2023 which identified outstanding issues and a suggested timetable for the hearing and invited parties to comment further as to these matters.

[2] Paragraph 17 of the memorandum seeks directions in relation to parties identifying those witnesses whom they intend to cross-examine. I make those directions accordingly:

- a) All parties are to advise counsel for Waka Kotahi of all witnesses for all parties, that they wish to cross-examine by **4pm on Tuesday 17 October 2023**; and,
- b) Counsel for Waka Kotahi are to collate that information and advise the Court



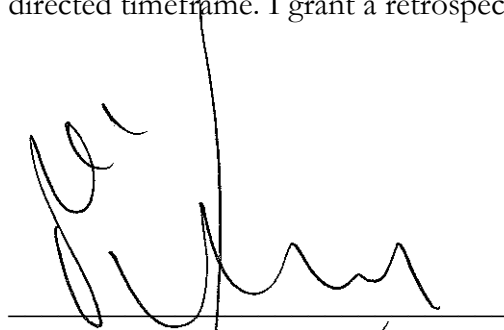
by **4pm on Wednesday 18 October 2023.**

[3] Witnesses not required for cross-examination and whom the Court does not intend to question will be excused from attending the hearing

[4] Discussions were had in relation to Waka Kotahi's proposed hearing timetable contained in appendix A of the memorandum of 20 September. The Court indicated that the hearing timetable as proposed is generally suitable, with a few exceptions, however refinement will be expected as further clarification of matters occurs in the coming days.

[5] Utilizing the information regarding cross-examination intentions and in collaboration with the Councils and the Court, I direct Waka Kotahi to file and circulate a final proposed hearing timetable by **4pm on Thursday 19 October 2023.**

[6] I also note that Waka Kotahi filed some of its rebuttal evidence outside of the directed timeframe. I grant a retrospective waiver in relation to this filing.



B P Dwyer
Environment Judge

