

TABLED AT HEARING
Date 24/06/08

IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act
1991

AND

IN THE MATTER OF Applications for resource
consent by the Central Plains
Water Trust and a notice of
requirement for the designation
of land by Central Plains Water
Limited associated with the
construction and operation of
the Central Plains Water
Scheme

**MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR
THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION**

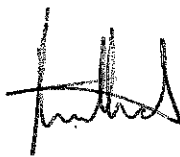
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1. I refer to the response of 20 June by the Applicants Counsel to the Commissioners' Minute No 4. Minute No 4 sets a timetable for the filing of additional information from the applicant and response to that by submitters (and council officers).
2. The Applicant has requested an extension in the time for the filing of additional information on a range of topics from 26 June to 4 July (and for photo simulations 15 July). That evidence would be presented in early August rather than 27 June.
3. The timeframe set out in Minute No 4 originally provided for the submitters response the week of 12 August or later.
4. It is understood that the request for the extension has been granted and that the timeframe for submitters to respond to this information will be extended if required.
5. In response to the suggested timeframes I can advise that Associate Professor McIntosh will be overseas from the 11-18 August. The delay in the presentation of the Applicant's evidence in respect of the Canterbury Mudfish will mean that he could not present evidence in reply before he went overseas. If the presentation of additional information in respect of Canterbury Mudfish occurs in the first week of August, any response by Prof McIntosh would need to be made after his return.
6. In respect of any other additional evidence on section 6 matters which is presented in 'early August' it is similarly suggested that the timetable for response enables the Department to present its evidence at the same time as the Mudfish.
7. I hope that an extension in the time for the Department to respond to any additional information provided by the Applicant on the Canterbury Mudfish and other section 6 matters will be acceptable to the Commissioners.



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