



in the matter of: the Resource Management Act 1991

and

in the matter of: an application for resource consent for the Hunter Downs Irrigation Scheme

Memorandum by the Timaru District Council requesting to be heard

Inclusion of Timaru area

- 1 Timaru District Council (Timaru DC) wishes to be heard on the second matter set out at paragraph 9 of the Minute of the Commissioners dated 11 December 2009.
- 2 The second matter relates to the appropriateness and inclusion of an area of approximately 4,000 hectares of the Timaru District within that granted to the applicants for the Hunter Downs Irrigation Scheme (HDI) (the '*Timaru area*').
- 3 Timaru DC requests that the Timaru area be included on the basis that:
 - 3.1 it is provided for and supported by the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan (WRP);
 - 3.2 it will not preclude or prevent any other in-catchment uses that require water from the lower Waitaki River;
 - 3.3 there are no other viable or currently available sources of water for the Timaru area; and
 - 3.4 its inclusion is consistent with Canterbury Regional Water Management Strategy.
- 4 Overall, Timaru DC considers that there would be real and significant benefits in including the area within the HDI scheme. These benefits can be recognised within the framework of the WRP and would ensure that the relevant area was given access to a viable water supply.

Hearing

- 5 Should the hearing be resumed, Timaru DC will call up to 2 witnesses to briefly address the Commissioners on the above.

Dated: 15 January 2010

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "M. P. ...", is written over a horizontal line.

For the Timaru District Council