

**Before the Canterbury Regional Council**

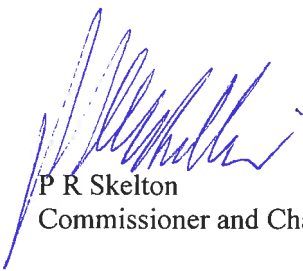
**In the Matter of:**

Applications associated with  
the take and use of water in the  
Hakataramea Catchment

**Third Minute to Parties**

1. On 3 December 2009 we issued a Minute to Parties in respect of all these applications seeking the Parties' advice on a number of matters. We sought written responses in the first instance by 15 January 2010. On 4 December 2009 we issued a Second Minute advising that if a resumed hearing was required that would take place on 2 and 3 March 2010 at a venue to be advised.
2. On 18 January 2010 we received a memorandum from counsel for the Central South Island Fish and Game Council. On 15 January we received a memorandum from David Newey on behalf of the Director-General of Conservation. Both memoranda respond to the matters raised in our Minute of 3 December 2009.
3. On 19 January 2010 we received a joint memorandum from counsel for Mr R H Robertson and the MRNAG applicants seeking an extension of time to 5 February 2010 for responding to our Minute of 3 December 2009.
4. This extension is granted and these parties will have until 5 February 2010 to respond accordingly. Any other party who still wishes to respond to the First Minute will similarly have until the same date. There will be no further extensions beyond that date.
5. Notwithstanding the above it would be helpful if the applicants in particular could advise Mr Donald Fraser as soon as possible if the hearing of these applications will need to be resumed in March. This will enable the necessary venue and notification arrangements to be made. We have advice from the Central South Island Fish and Game Council that it would want to be heard at such a resumed hearing.

Dated at Christchurch this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2010



P R Skelton  
Commissioner and Chair