

9 February 2010

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**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991
RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS – HUNTER DOWNS IRRIGATION SCHEME AND
LOWER WAITAKI RIVER CATCHMENT APPLICATIONS - NOTICE OF RECONVENED
HEARING**

The Commissioners appointed to hear and decide the resource consent applications for the Lower Waitaki River Catchment (including Hunter Downs Irrigation Scheme) and submissions received thereto have requested that the hearing reconvene on **2 - 4 March 2010** to hear matters regarding Hunter Downs Irrigation Limited and the Hakataramea Catchment.

The Commissioners have recently released two minutes: one regarding the Hakataramea Catchment and one regarding Hunter Downs Irrigation (both dated 21 January 2010). At the request of the Commissioners in these two minutes the hearing will reconvene to hear further information on Hunter Downs Irrigation and the Hakataramea Catchment.

The details of the hearing are as follows:

DATE: **2 – 4 March 2010**

VENUE: Council Chamber
1st Floor, Pegasus Building
Environment Canterbury
58 Kilmore St, Christchurch

TIME: **9:30am**

Please note the **4th of March** has been set aside as a reserve day in case it is needed for the completion of evidence.

Please note Environment Canterbury has received written responses to the Commissioners' Second Minute on Hunter Downs Irrigation Scheme from the following parties:

- Aoraki Development Trust
- Alison and Dugald MacTavish

Our Ref: CO6C/26008H
Your Ref:
Contact: Ciana Cerri

- North Otago Irrigation Company
- Lower Waitaki River Management Society Inc
- Central South Island Fish and Game Council
- South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce
- Timaru District Council
- Opuha Water Partnership
- Meridian Energy Limited and South Canterbury Irrigation Trust

Environment Canterbury has received written responses to the Commissioners' First Minute on the Hakataramea Catchment from the following parties:

- The Department of Conservation
- Central South Island Fish and Game Council
- RPNZ Properties Limited
- RG and ZL Pringle
- RW and ME Sutton
- Star Holdings Limited
- NJ Small
- Hakataramea Station (1990) Limited
- Robert Hay Robertson

Copies of the above submissions are available on the Lower Waitaki website (www.ecan.govt.nz).

All matters regarding Hunter Downs Irrigation Scheme will be heard first on 2 March 2010.

The proposed order of proceedings for the resumed hearing is as follows:

Hunter Downs Irrigation:

- Submissions by legal counsel for Hunter Downs Irrigation Scheme (Meridian Energy)
- Any submissions from submitters on the three matters raised in the minute

Please note, as directed in the First Minute for Hunter Downs Irrigation Ltd (dated 11 December 2009), the Commissioners will only hear information from parties relating to the three matters outlined in the minute.

Hakataramea Catchment:

- Submissions by legal counsel and applicants for Hakataramea Catchment
- Any submissions from submitters.

Any evidence that parties wish to present at the reconvened hearing must be received by Environment Canterbury (Attention: Ciana Cerri or Donald Fraser) by **23 February 2010**. All evidence received will be made available for downloading from the Lower Waitaki webpage (www.ecan.govt.nz).

Please include on your written evidence *all* the application CRC numbers to which your evidence relates.

I would also like to draw your attention to the requirement to provide hard copies of evidence for use by the decision-makers, staff and other parties at the hearing. Please note that the numbers below do **NOT** include copies for any technical witnesses, applicants and or legal

counsel that you may choose to have present at the hearing. You are required to provide the following:

- 4 Copies for the commissioners and the file by **23 February 2010**.
- 10 Copies for supporting staff and other parties on the day of the hearing

Should you have any further question please contact me on DDI: 03 364 9808 or email: ciana.cerri@ecan.govt.nz.

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Ms Ciana Cerri
CONSENTS HEARINGS OFFICER
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