

11 August 2009

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**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991
RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS – TO TAKE AND USE WATER IN THE UPPER
WAITAKI CATCHMENT AND OTHER ASSOCIATED APPLICATIONS - NOTICE OF
HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a hearing by Environment Canterbury has been set to hear and decide 110 resource consent applications for water and associated resource consents in the Upper Waitaki River Catchment, and submissions received thereto. A copy of the 110 resource consent applications *as publicly notified* is attached to this notice of hearing.

I draw your attention to Paragraphs 9 and 10 of Commissioner Rogers' minute of 28 July 2009 regarding the requirement for applicants to obtain derogation approval by 11 September 2009. Those applicants who have not received derogation approval from Meridian Energy Limited will be at risk of their applications not being heard. The Commissioner will confirm at the commencement of the hearing what applications will be heard and determined. Those applications without derogation approval will be deferred until such a time that approval has been given by Meridian Energy Limited.

If any applicant considers there to be an issue with a refusal of derogation approval they must advise Environment Canterbury by 11 September 2009 that they will require the matter to be raised at the commencement of the hearing when preliminary matters will be considered.

We are currently preparing a hearing timetable and confirming the time we need to allocate for the applicant's individual evidence. Shortly we will be focusing on scheduling submitters. There are submitters who have requested to be heard but have not confirmed that they will attend the hearing. Submitters who wish to be heard at the hearing must contact me by 7 September 2009 to confirm they will be attending (if not already done so). Once finalised the hearing timetable will be made available on our website (www.ecan.govt.nz) and updated regularly with any changes.

The hearing is scheduled over ten weeks from late September to mid December 2009. The details of the hearing are as follows:

Our Ref: CO6C/26005H
Your Ref:
Contact: Ciana Cerri 03-364-9808

Venue Details:

Boaters Restaurant (excluding week 2)

Ground Floor
Town Hall
Kilmore Street
Christchurch

Please note that the venue for the hearing will be in Boaters Restaurant, excluding week two (5-9 October) when the hearing will be held in Rydges Hotel Christchurch, Corner of 170 Oxford Terrace and Worcester Street, Christchurch.

Hearing Times:

Commencement time (Monday to Friday): 9:30 am
Adjournment time (Monday to Thursday): 5:00 pm
Friday adjournment time: 3:00 pm

Hearing Dates:

Week One:	21 – 25 September 2009
Week Two:	5 – 9 October 2009
Week Three:	12 – 16 October 2009
Week Four:	19 – 23 October 2009
Week Five:	2 – 6 November 2009
Week Six:	9 – 12 November 2009
Week Seven:	16 – 20 November 2009
Week Eight:	30 November – 4 December 2009
Week Nine:	7 – 11 December 2009
Week Ten:	14 – 18 December 2009

The commissioners appointed to hear and decide the consent applications are: Paul Rogers, Michael Bowden, Dr Jim Cooke and Edward Ellison.

A waiver has been granted under Section 42A (4) to not serve, in hard copy form, the officers Section 42A reports to all parties. These reports will be made available on the Environment Canterbury website (www.ecan.govt.nz) from Monday 7 September 2009. Copies of the reports will be available on CD or in hardcopy, **upon request only**. Please make your request directly to me at ciana.cerri@ecan.govt.nz or 03-364-9808. Your request must be received no later than **Monday 7 September 2009** in order for you to receive the reports 5 days prior to the hearing commencing.

In order for us to pre-circulate evidence please provide Environment Canterbury with both a hard copy and electronic copy of your evidence. The pre-circulation of evidence, as set out in Paragraph 12 of Commissioner Skelton's minute (29 May 2009), is to occur as follows:

- Applicants water quality evidence (Mackenzie Water Research Limited) to be provided 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the hearing (24 August 2009)

- Submitters evidence in response to water quality evidence to be provided 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the hearing (7 September 2009).
- All Environment Canterbury Section 42A reports to be provided 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the hearing (7 September 2009).
- Applicant's individual evidence to be provided 5 days prior to the commencement of the presentation of that evidence.
- Submitter's evidence to be provided 5 days prior to the presentation of that submission.

Evidence will only be pre-circulated in hard copy to the Hearing Panel but all evidence will be made available on our website (www.ecan.govt.nz) as we receive it.

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, other parties and the news media 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 commissioners and the file
- 20 Copies for supporting staff, other parties and the news media

Further information was sought by the Environment Canterbury under Section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991 for several of the listed consents. That information is available on CD upon request from the Council's office or on our website (www.ecan.govt.nz).

If further assistance is required please contact me on direct dial (03) 364 9808 or email ciana.cerri@ecan.govt.nz.

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Mrs Ciana Cerri
CONSENTS ADMINISTRATION OFFICER (HEARINGS)
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