BEFORE THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL AND ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991 ('the RMA')

AND

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION by Rangitata Diversion Race Management Limited under section 88 of the RMA for Klondyke Water Storage Facility

THIRD MINUTE OF THE HEARINGS PANEL

13 APRIL 2018

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this minute is to respond to a request made by submitters, Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu by way of email dated 12 April 2018 and a request by submitter Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Co made by way of email dated 13 April 2018.

INFORMATION / DIRECTIONS

- 2 On 29 January 2018, the Panel issued a minute setting out hearing directions.
- Paragraph 10 of that minute directed all submitters intending to present expert evidence at the hearing to provide a written brief of that expert evidence to Alison Cooper, Hearings Officer at the Canterbury Regional Council no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 11 April 2018.
- Two submitters, Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, by way of email dated 12 April 2018, requested the above timeframe be extended to 5pm Monday 16 April with respect to the expert cultural evidence of Mandy Waaka Home to be filed on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua.
- 5 The reasons provided to the Panel for seeking the extension are:
 - (a) Ms Waaka-Home has recently experienced health issues which have affected her availability to prepare evidence;
 - (b) A close whānau member of Ms Waaka-Home passed away last week, and this has also affected her availability; and
 - (c) As a consequence, previously scheduled conferencing with the cultural expert for Rangitata Diversion Race Management Limited, Mr Mikaere, was not able to be completed until Wednesday 11 April.
- Additionally, the Panel has, by way of email dated Friday 13 April 2018, received a request from submitter Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Co to extend the timeframe referred to in paragraph 3 above to Friday 20 April 2018 with respect to expert evidence of Mr Richard Brunton which is to be filed on behalf of Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Co. Accompanying this request was a summary of the evidence that Mr Brunton will give at the hearing.
- Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Co explained Mr Brunton was unable to meet the timetable imposed due to a breakdown in communications and prior commitments.

- 8 The Panel has considered the above requests and has decided that it is appropriate to grant the following extensions:
 - (a) submitters Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu are granted an extension to file expert evidence of Ms Waaka-Home until 5pm Monday 16 April; and
 - (b) submitter Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Co is granted an extension to file expert evidence of Mr Brunton until 5pm Friday 20 April 2018.
- The Panel acknowledges that the extension in 8(b) falls close to the commencement of the hearing (Monday 23 April 2018). The Panel requests that notwithstanding the extension of time granted in paragraph 8(b) that Mr Brunton endeavours to complete and file his evidence as soon as possible but no later than 5pm Friday 20 April 2018.
- We hope that any inconvenience caused to the applicant or any other parties as a result of the late filing of evidence by Mr Brunton is superseded by the circulation of the attached summary of evidence Mr Brunton will give at the hearing.
- If the applicant considers it is inconvenienced by the late filing of Mr Brunton's evidence, the applicant is to let the Panel know as soon as possible and we will do our best to accommodate that.

Any correspondence to the Panel should be directed through Alison Cooper, Hearings officer at CRC. Email: Hearings@ecan.govt.nz or Private Bag 345, Christchurch, Phone 027 549 7661.

Paul Rogers

Independent Commissioner - Chair

13/04/2018