

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991
AND of appeals under clause 14 of the First
 Schedule of the Act
BETWEEN TRANSPOWER NEW ZEALAND LIMITED
 (ENV-2018-CHC-26)
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 Appellants
AND SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
 Respondent

**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
(9 May 2019)**

[1] I have been referred the memorandum of counsel on behalf of the Southland Regional Council, dated 2 May 2019. Evidently this memorandum responds to my previous Minute¹ declining mediation and addresses matters in relation to the Initial Planning Statement.

[2] In July 2018 the court asked the Regional Council to prepare an Initial Planning Statement to provide the court with an explanation of the proposed plan's underpinnings and design approach. Judge Hassan carefully distinguished between the proposed Statement and the ss 32 and 32AA reports. The statement produced is an updated s 32 evaluation which is not consistent with the court's directions.

[3] The hearing commences in a little over three weeks. Because of the delay in expert conferencing, the court has already expressed concerns that it may not have time to read the evidence.² While the Regional Council has offered to prepare a report, it is

¹ Minute of the Environment Court: re Mediation dated 2 April 2019.

² Minute dated 30 April 2019.



estimated that it will amount to 120 pages. Given the court is already under some pressure to read the evidence, we have no time to read the report prior to the hearing.

[4] For these reasons the court will not make any directions concerning the production of a further report.

J E B.
J E Borthwick
Environment Judge



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List of appellants

ENV-2018-CHC-27	Fonterra Co-Operative Group Ltd
ENV-2018-CHC-28	Horticulture New Zealand
ENV-2018-CHC-29	Aratiatia Livestock Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-30	Wilkins Farming Co
ENV-2018-CHC-31	Gore District Council, Southland District Council and Invercargill City Council
ENV-2018-CHC-32	DairyNZ Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-33	H W Richardson Group Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-34 & 35	Beef + Lamb New Zealand
ENV-2018-CHC-36	Director-General of Conservation
ENV-2018-CHC-37	Southland Fish & Game Council
ENV-2018-CHC-38	Meridian Energy Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-39	Alliance Group Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-40	Federated Farmers of New Zealand
ENV-2018-CHC-41	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga
ENV-2018-CHC-42	Stoney Creek Station Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-43	The Terraces Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-44	Campbell's Block Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-45	Robert Grant
ENV-2018-CHC-46	Southwood Export Limited, Southland Plantation Forest Company of NZ, Southwood Export Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-47	Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Hokonui Rūnaka, Waihopai Rūnaka, Te Rūnanga o Awarua & Te Rūnanga o Oraka Aparima
ENV-2018-CHC-48	Peter Chartres
ENV-2018-CHC-49	Rayonier New Zealand Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-50	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ Inc

