

**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 ARATIATIA LIVESTOCK LIMITED
(ENV-2018-CHC-29)

MERIDIAN ENERGY LIMITED
(ENV-2018-CHC-38)

FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW ZEALAND
(ENV-2018-CHC-40)

TE RŪNANGA O NGĀI TAHU, HOKONUI RŪNAKA, WAIHOPAI RŪNAKA, TE RŪNANGA O AWARUA & TE RŪNANGA O ORAKA APARIMA
(ENV-2018-CHC-47)

ROYAL FOREST AND BIRD PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NZ INC
(ENV-2018-CHC-50)

Appellants

AND SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
Respondent

**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
(20 August 2018)**

[1] The Southland Regional Council, in its 17 July 2018 memorandum, raised an issue of the Waiau Rivercare Group and Waiau River Liaison Committee's standing under s274 RMA. The Council also considers the issue should be dealt with prior to any mediations being set down.



[2] The registrar has referred to me the recently filed memorandum of counsel for Waiau Rivercare Group advising that they wish to file submissions in response (and be heard, if the court wishes to hear from the parties). The court's present view, subject to any further views of the parties, is that the issues could be determined on the papers or, if a hearing is needed, that this could be by AV. Directions are made accordingly.

[3] Accordingly, it is directed:

- (a) Submissions (and any supporting affidavit(s)) for Waiau Rivercare Group must be lodged and served by **Friday 31 August 2018**;
- (b) Submissions in reply (and any reply affidavit(s)) for the Respondent (or any party opposing Waiau Rivercare Group's standing) must be lodged and served by **Friday 7 September 2018**;
- (c) Any party seeking to cross examine any affidavit witness must inform the court and parties of that and a related time estimate by memorandum of counsel informing filed by **Monday 10 September 2018**;
- (d) Any party seeking either an AV hearing or hearing in person, rather than determination on the papers, must inform the court and parties of that and of the party's preferred alternative form of hearing by memorandum of counsel to be filed by **Monday 10 September 2018**;
- (e) Leave is reserved for any party to apply for further (or other) directions.

J J M Hassan
Environment Judge

Issued: 20 August 2018

