

BEFORE THE SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER OF The Resource Management Act 1991 (**Act**)

and

IN THE MATTER OF an application by Woldwide One Ltd and Woldwide Two Ltd for various land use, discharge and water permits associated with expansion of a dairy farm (**APP-20191052**); and

an application by Woldwide Four Ltd and Woldwide Five Ltd for various land use, discharge and water permits associated with expansion of two dairy farms (**APP-20191140**)

**MINUTE OF HEARING COMMISSIONERS
REGARDING PROCESS TO DETERMINE NEW HEARING DATE**

- 1 On 27 July Commissioner Enright and I issued a minute directing that the hearings for the Woldwide One and Two and Woldwide Four and Five applications be delayed, and the applicant provide information on its proposed amendments and any revised assessment of effects. We encouraged the applicant to confer with Council staff to see if an agreed position could be reached on a new timeframe.
- 2 In response, Mr van der Wal, Counsel for the applicant, acknowledged that the original timeframe for the hearing and exchange of evidence did not provide the best opportunity for parties to assess the proposed amendments (which take the form of additional mitigation) and proposed an alternative timeframe. This timeframe included the applicant circulating a summary of the proposed changes by 1 August, with an amended s42A report to be prepared by 14 August.
- 3 Ms Grant, for the Council, proposed meeting with the applicant to discuss the proposed changes. She advised Council staff were available on the 2nd August and requested that the applicant's information be provided by 12pm on the 1 August. The next date that Council staff would be available to meet would be 8 August.
- 4 Consequently, we requested Ms Bragg to advise the parties that a meeting should take place between the applicant and Council staff as soon as possible, preferably on Friday 2 August as suggested, to discuss the changes and agree on a process for auditing them. This was intended to be an informal meeting to move the process forward and determine a new timeframe for the hearings.
- 5 A meeting was subsequently arranged by Council staff, but at a time inconvenient to the applicant. Mr van der Wal then advised us that the applicant is willing to meet with Council staff at a time agreeable to it, to provide Council with reasonable clarification and to endeavour to narrow down matters if possible. Ms Grant advised that some information on the amendments were provided to Council staff on 1 August, but further information is anticipated.
- 6 It is in the interests of all parties to agree as soon as practical on a new timeframe for exchange of information and hearing dates. To achieve this it is necessary that all parties endeavour to work with each other.
- 7 We therefore make the following directions:

- a. The applicant circulates a summary of the additional mitigation measures proposed, along with all Overseer modelling, and provides access for auditing of the new modelling, as soon as practical but no later than 5 August;
- b. Any party may advise of issues with the scope of the amended applications by 7 August;
- c. The applicant and Council meet at the earliest opportunity at a time acceptable to both parties, to allow any necessary clarification of the amendments and agree on acceptable timeframe for the hearings and circulation of evidence;
- d. Having received advice from the parties following that meeting, we will issue further directions as necessary.

8 If any submitter wishes to be involved in discussions regarding new hearing dates they should advise Ms Bragg and are welcome to attend the meeting between the parties.



Emma Christmas

Chair

Dated: 2 August 2019