

**Te Rūnanga o Awarua, Department of Conservation and Environment Southland,
Resource consent applications for the periodic opening of the Waituna Lagoon,
Kapuka South, Southland. (APP-20242456)
Minute #10**

1. On 13 August 2025 at 10.30am, we reconvened the hearing to hear from and pose questions to the Applicants' expert witness, Dr Robertson. We adjourned the hearing at 12.19pm on the same day, with the remainder of the hearing timetable to follow that set out in Minute #8, dated 1 August 2025.
2. Having heard from all the parties, the Panel sets out below the matters it understands were requested for the Applicant to address in the right of reply. For completeness, this is by no means a comprehensive list and the Applicants may of course reply on any matter raised in the hearing. For the information of the parties, no new evidence may be introduced in a reply statement.
3. The matters are;
 - a. Operational Framework
 - i. How will exercising of any consent granted, work? What organisations are involved?
 - ii. Details of the governance structure and decision-making framework for the implementation of the consent?
 - b. Cultural monitoring in consent conditions
 - i. Details of any cultural monitoring conditions proposed, if any?
 - c. Alternative Gauge Location
 - i. Alternatives to Waghorn's Bridge if this site is not used?
 - d. Implementation of 5 yearly review
 - i. How will the proposed review be implemented in practice, and by whom?
 - ii. Will and how will the outcomes of the review be communicated?
 - iii. Will and how will the outcomes of the review require implementation (e.g. amendment of conditions) by the consent holders?
 - iv. What, if any, will be the opportunity for submitters/public to provide feedback/submit on any review?
 - e. Sedimentation within the lagoon
 - i. Is there any proposed monitoring of sedimentation levels and distribution in the lagoon?
 - ii. If so, what methodology for monitoring sedimentation depths and distribution within the lagoon is proposed?
 - iii. How would any proposed methodology, including any proposed measurement and establishment of triggers for sedimentation monitoring be reflected in any conditions, should consent be granted?
4. The remainder of the timetabling set out in Minute #8 remains in place.
5. Any correspondence to the Commissioners should be directed through Ms Catherine Ongko (ResourceConsents@es.govt.nz), Hearing Administrator at SRC.



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Chair and on behalf of the Panel

15 August 2025