

**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 #7**

1. In Minute #3, dated 10 July 2025, the Panel set out its proposed site visit to the opening locations and other places scheduled for Monday 28 July 2025 and sought for the submitters to liaise amongst themselves to suggest three (3) example sites of issues identified by the submitters, with the site visits scheduled for Friday 1 August 2025. The Panel requested the submitters to table a draft schedule for the visits to the three sites at the commencement of the hearing on Tuesday 29 July 2025.
2. As part of the organisation of the site visit to the proposed opening locations, which is to occur by boat, the Panel has been advised that if the weather is not favourable, the Panel may not be able to undertake that component of the site visit on Monday 28 July 2025. If that situation were to arise, then the alternative would be to undertake the site visit on Friday 1 August 2025. That would potentially conflict with the scheduled site visit to the three submitter-identified locations.
3. To address this matter, the Panel requests that the submitters, please organise the visits so that the Panel could potentially visit the three example sites on Monday 28 July 2025, should the Panel be unable to visit the proposed opening locations on that day.
4. This will also require the submitters to identify the three example sites and advise the Panel in the week before Monday 28 July 2025. Therefore, the Panel requests that the submitters liaise amongst themselves to identify and arrange a draft schedule of the properties to visit for Friday 1 August 2025 and as a backup alternative Monday 28 July 2025. The submitters are requested to provide a draft schedule for the site visits to Ms Catherine Ongko (ResourceConsents@es.govt.nz), Hearing Administrator at SRC, via email by **12noon on Thursday 24 July 2025**. The schedule should include contact phone numbers so that Ms Ongko can advise the three example site property owners. The Panel will review the draft schedule and make a determination as to which properties to visit.
5. The Panel understands that this is somewhat inconvenient, but is necessary to ensure that the Panel can visit all of the locations within the time available.
6. 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

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