

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

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991
AND of appeals under clause 14 of the First Schedule of
the Act relating to the proposed Southland Water
and Land Plan

BETWEEN **WAIHOPAI RŪNAKA, HOKONUI RŪNAKA,
TE RŪNANGA O AWARUA, TE RŪNANGA O
ORAKA APARIMA, and TE RŪNANGA O
NGĀI TAHU
(collectively NGĀ RŪNANGA)
(ENV-2016-CHC-47)**
Appellants

AND **SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL**
Respondent

**MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION
SUPPORTING KARAKIA AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE HEARING**

Dated 1 June 2019

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May it please the Court

1. The Director-General of Conservation/ te Tumuaki Ahurei (the Director-General) is an appellant (Env-2018-CHC-36) and section 274 party to the various appeals on the proposed Southland Water and Land Plan, including the appeal by Ngā Rūnanga.
2. I refer to the memorandum from Counsel for Ngā Rūnanga dated 31 May 2019 respectfully requesting the Court accommodate a karakia from a kaumātua for Ngā Rūnanga at the commencement of the Topic A hearing on 4 June 2019.
3. The Director-General supports the request of Ngā Rūnanga as recognising the partnership Ngā Rūnanga have with the Southland Regional Council, and to recognise and acknowledge the Court and the various appellants and parties.

Dated 1 June 2019



Pene Williams

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