



THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

NOTICE OF FURTHER EXPERT WITNESS CONFERENCE

Further expert witness conferencing has been arranged for expert witnesses giving evidence related to the development of *cultural and ecological health indicators* with regards to the proposed Southland Land and Water Plan.

The conference of the **combined cultural and science** experts has been set down for **3 days** and will take place as follows:

DATE:	Wednesday 20 November 2019 – Friday 22 November 2019
TIME:	10:00 AM
VENUE:	Conference Room Transport World 491 Tay Street Invercargill

The purpose of the expert witness conferencing is to enhance the efficiency of the Court hearing process by providing for the experts to confer and identify the issues on which they agree and on which they disagree, with reasons. This will enable the Court to focus primarily on matters that remain in dispute while understanding the basis for agreed matters.

DIRECTIONS

Counsel are to provide their respective experts with a copy of the Environment Court's Expert Witnesses Code of Conduct (Part 7, Environment Court Practice Note 2014) and Protocol for Expert Witness Conferences (Appendix 3, Environment Court Practice Note 2014) and to brief them on their responsibilities under these. Particular attention is to be drawn to those parts which require experts to express their views independent of counsel and the parties who have engaged them.

Experts are to be provided with all documentation relevant to the appeals updated as appropriate, pre-circulated evidence and reports necessary to enable them to thoroughly understand the issues in the proceeding. The experts must attend the conference fully up-to-date with the relevant information.

Counsel are to liaise with conferencing experts to prepare a conference agenda addressing key issues identified and pre-circulate it in electronic form to all conference participants, including the facilitators **five working days** prior to the conference.

Counsel are to liaise on the provision of a suitable recorder to attend the conference to assist with preparation of the Joint Witness Statement under the direction of the experts and facilitator. The Recorder is to be supplied with the necessary technical equipment, including a laptop computer, projector and screen to facilitate preparation and recording of the Statement.

The Joint Witness Statement agreed from the conference will identify the issues, both agreed and not agreed, accompanied by the experts' reasoning set out as succinctly as the circumstances allow. The final Joint Statement is to be filed by **Friday 29 November 2019**. Counsel are to arrange for one of their number to be responsible for circulation of the joint statement to the parties, the facilitator and filing with the Court.

Participants are to be advised by counsel that all aspects of conferencing are privileged except for the signed joint witness statement prepared by the experts, which will become part of the public record.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ENQUIRIES

Information on the Environment Court and the Court's Practice Notes which serve as a guide, are available at www.justice.govt.nz/courts/environment-court. Please direct to me all correspondence or enquiries about this notice or the procedures at the conferencing. If you have any special requirements please advise me, preferably well in advance, so that they can be attended to.

Dated at Christchurch Environment Court Registry on 4 November 2019



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SCHEDULE OF PROCEEDINGS

TOPIC: Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan – Ecological and Cultural Indicators of Health

ENV-2018-CHC-27	Fonterra Co-Operative Group Ltd
ENV-2018-CHC-28	Horticulture New Zealand
ENV-2018-CHC-29	Aratiatia Livestock Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-30	Wilkins Farming Co
ENV-2018-CHC-31	Gore District Council, Southland District Council and Invercargill City Council
ENV-2018-CHC-32	DairyNZ Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-33	H W Richardson Group Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-34 & 35	Beef + Lamb New Zealand
ENV-2018-CHC-36	Director-General of Conservation
ENV-2018-CHC-37	Southland Fish & Game Council
ENV-2018-CHC-38	Meridian Energy Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-39	Alliance Group Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-40	Federated Farmers of New Zealand
ENV-2018-CHC-41	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga
ENV-2018-CHC-42	Stoney Creek Station Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-43	The Terraces Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-44	Campbell's Block Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-45	Robert Grant
ENV-2018-CHC-46	Southwood Export Limited, Southland Plantation Forest Company of NZ, Southwood Export Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-47	Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Hokonui Rūnaka, Waihopai Rūnaka, Te Rūnanga o Awarua & Te Rūnanga o Oraka Aparima
ENV-2018-CHC-48	Peter Chartres
ENV-2018-CHC-49	Rayonier New Zealand Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-50	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ Inc