

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

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991
AND of appeals pursuant to clause 14 of the First
Schedule of the Act
BETWEEN ARATIATIA LIVESTOCK LIMITED
(ENV-2018-CHC-029)
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Appellants
AND SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
Respondent

**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
(6 April 2020)**

Introduction

[1] Due to disruption caused by New Zealand's response to COVID-19, Ngā Rūnanga have sought directions that the timetable agreed at the pre-hearing conference on 10 February 2020 be enlarged by a week.¹ Federated Farmers, the Director General of Conservation and Horticulture NZ have confirmed via email² that they have no objection to the enlargement sought.

[2] In the circumstances, Ngā Rūnanga's request is reasonable and I will amend the directions as proposed. Given that the COVID-19 situation in New Zealand remains dynamic, and as I have not heard from all parties, I will reserve leave for parties to seek amended (or other) directions.

Directions

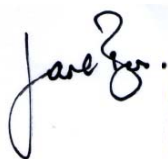
[3] I direct the timetable directions set out in the Record of Pre-hearing Conference of 10 February 2020 are enlarged as follows:

¹ Memorandum of Ngā Rūnanga dated 6 April 2020.
² Email dated 6 April 2020.



- (a) Southland Regional Council and Ngāi Rūnanga are to file and serve evidence by **Friday 17 April 2020**. Should it be necessary to support their interpretation of the plan, the parties are to propose amending the wording of the plan;
- (b) all other parties are to file and serve evidence in response by **Friday 8 May 2020**. Again, if any party proposes amendments to the wording of the plan, such wording should be set out;
- (c) Southland Regional Council and Ngāi Rūnanga are to file any evidence in reply by **Friday 22 May 2020**;
- (d) Southland Regional Council, having conferred with the other parties, will file a memorandum identifying any issue as between the parties in respect of which a determination is required and seek further case management directions by **Friday 29 May 2020**. The reporting memorandum should indicate whether the parties wish to examine any witness and/or be heard in person by the court.

[4] Leave is reserved for the parties to seek amended (or other) directions.



J E Borthwick
Environment Judge

Issued: 6 April 2020

List of appellants

ENV-2018-CHC-26	Transpower New Zealand Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-30	Wilkins Farming Co
ENV-2018-CHC-36	Director-General of Conservation
ENV-2018-CHC-37	Southland Fish and 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-47	Waihopai Rūnaka, Hokonui Rūnaka, Te Rūnanga o Awarua, Te Rūnanga o Oraka Aparima and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu
ENV-2018-CHC-50	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated