

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

**I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHI**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND appeals under clause 14 of the First
Schedule of the Act

BETWEEN ARATIATIA LIVESTOCK
LIMITED

(ENV-2018-CHC-29)

(and all other appellants listed in
the Schedule attached)

Appellants

AND SOUTHLAND REGIONAL
COUNCIL

Respondent

MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT

**Water quality – expert conferencing
(5 July 2022)**

Introduction

[1] This Minute addresses attributes of ecosystem health and human contact values that are the subject matter of evidence by Drs Depree and Snelder.

[2] Having spent some time analysing their evidence we find that we are unable to reconcile whether the experts are considering the same attribute thresholds for the two values.



[3] I will direct the experts conference and address the court on aspects of their evidence where they appear to agree. Note: the court would not be assisted by commentary on their differences as these may arise in relation to modelling methodology, model outputs or the relevance of the attributes to any matter in issue in this case.

[4] On those matters about which the experts may be agreed, we have prepared a table summarising the key points of evidence.

[5] The experts are to use their best endeavours to agree on the contents of the table with limited explanatory material (as may be required). With respect to the matters raised by the court, their explanation may include any points of difference and reasons for that difference.

[6] Note: We have not included DIN or DRP, however parties are not to assume that this indicates a view of the court in relation to Schedule X. Presently the court has no view.

[7] Counsel may come back to the court if their witnesses have any question(s) of clarification.

Directions

[8] Dr Snelder and Dr Depree are to confer and file a joint witness statement by **Friday 8 July 2022 at 9.00am**. The court will decide whether to make directions to recall the experts once the joint witness statement is received.

Jane S.



J E Borthwick
Environment Judge

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Schedule – List of appellants

ENV-2018-CHC-26	Transpower New Zealand Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-27	Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-29	Aratiatia Livestock Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-30	Wilkins Farming Co Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-31	Gore District Council & others
ENV-2018-CHC-32	DairyNZ Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-33	H W Richardson Group Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-34	Beef + Lamb New Zealand
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-40	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Southland Province) Inc
ENV-2018-CHC-44	Wilkins Farming Co Limited (previously Campbell's Block Limited)
ENV-2018-CHC-45	Wilkins Farming Co Limited (previously Robert Grant)
ENV-2018-CHC-46	Southwood Export Limited & Others
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-49	Rayonier New Zealand Limited
ENV-2018-CHC-50	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated