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Dear Karina and parties

Forest & Bird and Fish & Game are concerned by the proposal by Dairy NZ and Fonterra to change its witness at this late stage, post conferencing.

There has been a detailed sequence of expert conferencing involving significant resourcing by all parties. My clients rely on the Science Joint Witness Statement as demonstrating matters that are accepted (or not) between the science witnesses and the scope of their witness' evidence will be tailored to issues where agreement is not reached. The change in witness means that my clients cannot know until they receive Mr Dupree's evidence whether additional matters are now "not agreed". While this might be inevitable if Mr Kitto had suddenly become unavailable, the reason given ("priority workstreams") is unclear but suggests Mr Kitto is available but Dairy NZ and Fonterra have made a resourcing decision to swap witnesses.

I have contacted counsel for Dairy NZ and Fonterra in this regard but I have not received a response.

I therefore reserve my client's position with respect to:

- any evidence produced by Mr Dupree
- the potential necessity to produce additional evidence to address issues raised by Mr Dupree where he does not agree with content of the Joint Witness Statement that had been agreed to by Mr Kitto

- the need for further expert witness conferencing
- any costs incurred by my clients as a result of the above

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### Dear Karina and parties

Please see **attached** Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of DairyNZ Limited and Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited, regarding a change of expert witness.

Kind Regards

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