

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

**ENV-2018-CHC-26 to 50**

**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource  
Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of appeals under clause  
14 of Schedule 1 to 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)**

**Appellants in ENV-  
2018-CHC-47**

**AND** **SOUTHLAND  
REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**Respondent**

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**MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR NGĀ RŪNANGA REGARDING PROPOSAL TO  
RESUME TRANCHE 3 HEARING IN MARCH 2023**

**5 December 2022**

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**MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT**

1. This memorandum of counsel is filed on behalf of Waihopai Rūnaka, Hokonui Rūnaka, Te Rūnanga o Awarua, Te Rūnanga o Oraka Aparima, and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (collectively **Ngā Rūnanga**).
2. This memorandum is filed in response to the Court's directions contained in the Minute dated 2 December 2022 (**Minute**), in relation to the Tranche 3 proceeding.
3. In the Minute, the Court sought the parties' views on the adjournment of the hearing on Tranche 3 until the week commencing Monday 27 March 2023.
4. Unfortunately, counsel are in a similar position to counsel for Environment Southland. Counsel for Ngā Rūnanga are also involved in a High Court fixture which has been set down for 27 and 28 March 2023.
5. However, like Environment Southland, Ngā Rūnanga does not oppose the adjournment, given the Court's indication that a decision on Tranche 1 would not be released prior to Christmas if the hearing on Tranche 3 were to proceed as scheduled.

**DATED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022



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