

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

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

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

BETWEEN

TRANSPOWER NEW ZEALAND LIMITED
(ENV-2018-CHC-26)

FONTERRA CO-OPERATIVE GROUP LIMITED
(ENV-2018-CHC-27)

HORTICULTURE NEW ZEALAND
(ENV-2018-CHC-28)

ARATIATIA LIVESTOCK LIMITED
(ENV-2018-CHC-29)

WILKINS FARMING CO
(ENV-2018-CHC-30)

GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL, SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL & INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL
(ENV-2018-CHC-31)

DAIRYNZ LIMITED
(ENV-2018-CHC-32)

H W RICHARDSON GROUP LIMITED
(ENV-2018-CHC-33)

BEEF + LAMB NEW ZEALAND
(ENV-2018-CHC-34 & 35)

DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION
(ENV-2018-CHC-36)



SOUTHLAND FISH & GAME COUNCIL

(ENV-2018-CHC-37)

MERIDIAN ENERGY LIMITED

(ENV-2018-CHC-38)

ALLIANCE GROUP LIMITED

(ENV-2018-CHC-39)

FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW
ZEALAND

(ENV-2018-CHC-40)

HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POHERE
TAONGA

(ENV-2018-CHC-41)

STONEY CREEK STATION LIMITED

(ENV-2018-CHC-42)

THE TERRACES LIMITED

(ENV-2018-CHC-43)

CAMPBELL'S BLOCK LIMITED

(ENV-2018-CHC-44)

ROBERT GRANT

(ENV-2018-CHC-45)

SOUTHWOOD EXPORT LIMITED,
SOUTHLAND PLANTATION FOREST
COMPANY OF NZ, SOUTHWOOD
EXPORT LIMITED

(ENV-2018-CHC-46)

TE RŪNANGA O NGĀI TAHU, HOKONUI
RŪNAKA, WAIHOPAI RŪNAKA, TE
RŪNANGA O AWARUA & TE RŪNANGA
O ORAKA APARIMA

(ENV-2018-CHC-47)



PETER CHARTRES

(ENV-2018-CHC-48)

RAYONIER NEW ZEALAND LIMITED

(ENV-2018-CHC-49)

ROYAL FOREST AND BIRD
PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NZ INC

(ENV-2018-CHC-50)

Appellants

AND

SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Respondent

**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
(2 August 2018)**

[1] The registrar has referred to us the memorandum of counsel on behalf of the Southland Regional Council ('the Council') dated 1 August 2018 in relation to the proposed pre-hearing conference ('PHC') date.

[2] The Council's memorandum records that two Council officers would not be available to attend the pre-hearing conference tentatively indicated to be on 17 August 2018 and asks whether this could be rescheduled for either 21 or 23 August 2018. It notes that one of those officers, Ms Hicks, should preferably attend in view of her role in regard to the proposed plan. It does not disclose the circumstances that make those officers unavailable.

[3] Unfortunately, 21 and 23 August are unsuitable dates for the court (Judge Hassan). The circumstances that preclude those dates are personal and it is sufficient to record that they are not moveable. That leaves two options, namely proceeding on 17 August (undesirable if Ms Hicks cannot attend) or scheduling the PHC for some time in early September (at this stage, after the first week in September). Before the choice for a September date is made, given it has implications for all parties, urgent further



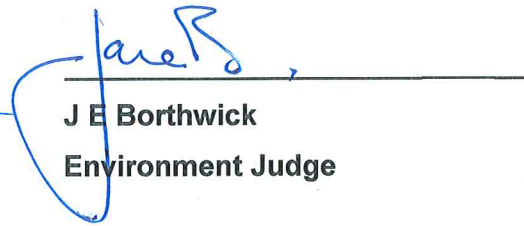
clarification is sought of why Ms Hicks is not available on the proposed date and whether those circumstances are not moveable.

[4] The Council is directed to file a further memorandum giving explanation of the circumstances precluding Ms Hicks' availability, and whether this cannot be resolved, or covered by counsel and/or another officer, by **Friday 3 August 2018**. In the meantime, parties should keep 17 August 2018 available.



J J M Hassan
Environment Judge

Issued: 2 August 2018



J E Borthwick
Environment Judge

