

Southland Regional Council (Environment Southland)

Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan

MINUTE AND DIRECTIONS OF HEARING COMMISSIONERS

Minute 15

INTRODUCTION

1. This Minute contains the Hearing Panel's decision on a request for an extension to the timeframes for lodging evidence-in-chief and rebuttal evidence by Fish and Game.
2. 14 previous Minutes have been issued by the Hearing Panel. A list of these Minutes is attached in Appendix 1.

REQUEST BY FISH AND GAME

3. In Minute 6, the Hearing Panel directed a timetable for the lodging of evidence-in-chief and rebuttal evidence for all submitters before the hearing of the submissions. In Minute 7 in response to a request from Fish and Game specific dates were provided for their evidence-in-chief and rebuttal evidence.
4. On 9 May 2017 the Hearing Panel received a request from Fish and Game outlining their request for an extension to the timeframes directed by the Hearing Panel in Minute 7 specifically for the lodging of their evidence-in-chief and rebuttal evidence. Fish and Game has requested an additional extension as follows:
 - a. Fish and Game's evidence-in-chief to be filed by **19 May 2017**.
5. Fish and Game has set out the following reasons for the request:
 - a. The s42A report contains recommendations to change parts of the plan based on technical advice, which the submitters only just have access to and the s42A report is a detailed report. In light of these matters and the breadth of their original submission more time is requested to prepare the evidence.
 - b. The evidence filing dates coincide with the opening of the 2017 game season which is traditionally a busy time for staff, of which some are involved in preparing evidence.

DIRECTIONS

6. The Panel has considered the request and agrees to grant the extension as requested in paragraph 4.
7. the Panel does not consider it necessary to extend the date (26 May 2017) for filing rebuttal evidence opposing Fish and Game's evidence-in-chief.



Rob van Voorthuysen (Chair) for and on behalf of the Hearing Panel

11 May 2017

Appendix 1 – Record of Minutes Issued

Minute Number	Date Issued	Purpose
1	10 October 2016	Late submissions
2	15 December 2016	Transpower waiver application
3	16 February 2017	Late further submissions
4	10 March 2017	Hearing panel conflict of interest
5	28 March 2017	Response to memorandum of Counsel for Ngāi Tahu about cultural evidence
6	6 April 2017	Notice of hearing and procedural matters
7	13 April 2017	Decision on extension request from Fish & Game
8	13 April 2017	Decision on extension request from Ngāi Tahu
9	13 April 2017	Decision on extension request from Beef + Lamb
10	13 April 2017	Decision on extension for all submitters
11	27 April 2017	Decision on extension request from Federated Farmers
12	3 May 2017	Decision on extension request from Chris Hansen
13	10 May 2017	Decision on extension request from B and A Hunt
14	11 May 2017	Decision on extension request from Councils
15	11 May 2017	Decision on extension request from Fish and Game