

Southland Regional Council (Environment Southland)

Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan

MINUTE AND DIRECTIONS OF HEARING COMMISSIONERS

Minute 7

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 Southland Fish & Game Council (Fish & Game)
2. Six previous Minutes have been issued by the hearing panel. A list of these Minutes is attached in Appendix 1.

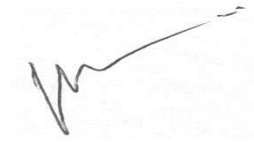
REQUEST FROM FISH & GAME

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.
4. On 11 April 2017 the hearing panel received a memorandum from Fish & Game outlining their request for a one week extension to the timeframes directed by the hearing panel in Minute 6 for lodging evidence-in-chief and rebuttal evidence. Fish & Game has requested the following timeframes:
 - a. Fish & Game evidence-in-chief to be filed by 12 May 2017.
 - b. Fish & Game rebuttal evidence to be filed by 26 May 2017.
 - c. Any evidence for other submitters in rebuttal of the evidence in chief for Fish & Game to be filed by 26 May 2017.
5. Fish & Game has set out the following reasons for the request:
 - a. Fish & Game is funded by freshwater anglers and gamebird hunters and therefore operates with a minimal staffing structure.
 - b. Opening Weekend for the 2017 gamebird hunting season is 6 – 7 May. The period prior to Opening Weekend is extremely busy for Fish & Game.
 - c. One of Fish & Game's expert witnesses will be visiting the Tītū Islands from mid-April until early May to participate in the cultural harvest with his whanau. His unavailability will hinder Fish & Game's preparation of planning evidence within the specified timeframes.

DIRECTIONS

6. The panel has considered the memorandum and agrees to grant the extension requested.

7. The panel notes that Fish & Game have lodged a comprehensive submission which addresses a large range of issues. Given the reasons for Fish & Game's request, and the timeframes proposed by Fish & Game, the panel considers the extension is appropriate.



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

13 April 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