

**BEFORE THE SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**IN THE MATTER OF**      The Resource Management Act 1991 (**Act**)

**and**

**IN THE MATTER OF**      An application by **INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL** for a Discharge Permit to replace 5 existing discharge permits authorising the discharge of water and contaminants into surface water bodies from the Invercargill City Council's reticulated stormwater system – APP-20168843

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**MINUTE AND DIRECTIONS OF HEARING COMMISSIONERS**

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## Introduction

- 1 The Southland Regional Council has appointed us as Hearing Commissioners for the above application.
- 2 The Hearing Commissioners are:  
Mr David Caldwell (Chair);  
Mr Hugh Leersnyder; and  
Mr Craig Pauling.
- 3 This Minute addresses two matters:
  - (a) hearing procedures / timetabling;
  - (b) potential site visit.

## Hearing Procedures

- 4 The Application is subject to the mandatory directions contained in s103B of the RMA.
- 5 Pursuant to s103B, the timetable is as follows –
  - s42A report – 18 July 2017;
  - Applicant's evidence – 25 July 2017;
  - Submitters' expert evidence – 1 August 2017;
  - s99A (pre-hearing) report – 1 August 2017.
- 6 We are required to conduct the hearing in a manner which is appropriate and fair, but without unnecessary formality. We intend, prior to hearing, to issue a further Minute detailing our proposed hearing procedures but outline some key matters below.
- 7 We intend to read the Applicant's evidence and submitters' expert evidence in advance. We will not require that evidence to be read to us. Any non -expert evidence to be provided by submitters can be presented at the hearing. Legal submissions may also be presented at the hearing, without pre-circulation.
- 8 It would be of benefit to the Panel if all expert witnesses could provide a brief summary of the key matters arising from their evidence. That summary, and any response to new issues which have arisen, can be presented orally but it would be useful if written copies can be provided.

- 9 As with all hearings of this nature, there will be no right to cross-examine. The Panel may question witnesses and it will consider any questions of clarification put through the Chair.

**Site Visit**

- 10 The Panel will of course undertake a site visit. It is anticipated that the site visit will occur on the afternoon of 8 August 2017. That will enable us to better understand the evidence. It is likely the Panel will be accompanied by an Officer of the Council (but not someone involved in the hearing).
- 11 If any party wishes to draw to our attention to any particular sites or localities which they consider we should specifically visit, it would be helpful if they do so in writing by 7 August 2017. That material should be sent to Ms Lauren Maciaszek at [lauren.maciaszek@es.govt.nz](mailto:lauren.maciaszek@es.govt.nz).



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Commissioner David Caldwell  
Chair

For and on behalf of the Panel

Dated

14/7/17