

Joint Memorandum

To: Hearing Commissioners:

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Deferral of Hearing Date – Application for Resource Consents APP-20191339 - Alliance Maitua

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of the deferral of the scheduled hearing of the above application, which was set down for the period Monday, 28 September 2020 to Wednesday, 30 September 2020 in Invercargill.

This is now to be rescheduled to target dates in the last week of November 2020, or early December, with exact dates to be confirmed.

This deferral has been agreed between Alliance Group, as applicant, and Environment Southland, as consent authority, under special circumstances, with these being:

- to allow for the consideration of matters raised by the implementation of relevant content of the Government's Actions for Healthy Waterways package, some key provisions of which take effect from 3 September 2020, as you will no doubt be aware;
- to recognise that the Environment Southland processing officer assigned to this application in mid-2019 has recently resigned and left the organisation. A new external processing officer, Mr Ian Mayhew of 4Sight, has been appointed by agreement. However, Mr Mayhew requires sufficient time to familiarise himself with the application and supporting information and submissions thereto, and to prepare a Section 42A report of an appropriate standard and scope and which also reflects the relevant new provisions of the Actions for Healthy Waterways package;
- to provide time for experts to caucus on technical and planning matters prior to the hearing.

Hence, the intended timetable for the progression of this application is now as follows:

- a pre-hearing meeting with all parties is intended to be held at the end of September 2020 to work out initial issues and decide what expert caucusing is required;
- expert caucusing will occur during the month of October 2020, including planning caucusing session(s) to find agreement or narrow areas of debate on the AHW and associated NPS and

NES 2020 provisions and the objectives and policies of the pSWLP as decided by the Environment Court between now and then;

- between the end of October 2020 and the hearing date, evidence is circulated by respective parties as required.

Your feedback is now respectfully sought on availability for hearing dates (4 working days is suggested) in late November/early December 2020. If that timing is likely to be problematic, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please advise accordingly.

Thanking you in advance, and apologies for any inconvenience which this deferral causes.

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Aurora Grant
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