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## DIRECTIONS OF THE COMMISSIONERS MINUTE 3

### INTRODUCTION

- [1] In Minute 1 we provided a timetable for the submission of evidence and expert witness conferencing leading up to a Hearing scheduled to commence on Monday 1 February 2020. The Mackenzie District Council (the Council) has now received two requests for an extension of time to submit expert evidence and one request to delay the hearing until 1 March 2021.

### REVISED HEARING DATE AND EVIDENCE FILING TIMETABLE

- [2] The Commissioners acknowledge the existing tight timeframes leading up to the Hearing and note that the Christmas holiday period means that parties have even less time to prepare their evidence than would otherwise be the case. Accordingly, the following revised timeframes are proposed.
- [3] The hearing is now proposed to commence on **Monday 8 March 2021** in the Mackenzie District Council Chamber located in Main Street, Fairlie. It will run up to and including Thursday 11 March 2021. If additional days are required, they will be scheduled thereafter.

### PRE-CIRCULATION OF MATERIAL


- [4] A section 42A report and associated technical reports and evidence will still be made available to participants on or before **Monday 14 December 2020**.
- [5] Pursuant to section 41B(3) of the RMA, submitters who intend to call expert evidence in support of their submissions are directed to provide written briefs of that evidence to the Hearings Administrator no later than 2.00pm on **Friday 12 February 2021**.
- [6] If submitters intend to provide written evidence themselves, or have non-expert people appear on their behalf, then they are requested and strongly urged to also provide a written statement of that evidence to the Hearings Administrator no later than 2.00pm on **Friday 12 February 2021**.
- [7] If any party intends to have legal counsel present legal submissions, they are requested to provide those submissions to the Hearings Administrator no later than 2.00pm on **Wednesday 3 March 2021**.

### EXPERT CONFERENCING / CAUCUSING

- [8] If expert conferencing occurs then a Joint Witness Statement (JWS) is to be prepared for each specific topic of expertise and be provided to the Hearings Administrator by 2.00pm on **Friday 26 February 2021**.

### RESPONSE FROM THE PARTIES

- [9] Submitters who wish to be heard are requested to promptly advise, and by **Friday 18 December 2020** at the latest, if they oppose the revised timetable (and to give reasons for any opposition) by email to Cathy Matheson [cathy.matheson@mackenzie.govt.nz](mailto:cathy.matheson@mackenzie.govt.nz)
- [10] All other procedural directions and requests set out in Minute 1 stand.



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