

BEFORE THE SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER OF:

Resource Consent Application: **APP-20211135**

APPLICANT: **Catchment Operations Division, Environment Southland**

Minute 4 of Hearing Commissioner Allan Cubitt

1. The Joint Witness Statements requested by Minute 3 were duly lodged with Council on Wednesday the 13th of November 2024. Counsel for the applicant then filed a memorandum with Council on the 15th of November that proposed that next steps for finalising the hearing process.
2. The memorandum advised that the applicant had contacted both the Department of Conservation and TAMI to obtain their views on next steps and both confirmed that they do not wish to be heard further on the matter. This then leaves the s 42A reporting officer's final review and recommendation, and the Applicant's final right of reply.
3. Counsel for the applicant has indicated that their preference is to reply in writing without the need to reconvene the hearing. Counsel has also indicated that he would not be available after 6 December and proposed that date as the last day to file the reply. Mr West has confirmed that he can provide his final review and recommendation in writing by the 25th of November 2024.
4. Accordingly, I make the following directions:
 - (a) That Mr West provide his final review and recommendation in writing no later than 4pm, Monday the 25th of November 2025.
 - (b) That the applicant provides their right of reply, along with an amended set of conditions, in writing no later than 4pm, Friday the 6th December 2024.
5. These timeframes may mean that the statutory timeframe for issuing the decision may extend into the new year. However, I will endeavour to ensure that the decision is issued prior to the Christmas break.
6. All responses and other correspondence shall be directed to the Consents Co-ordinator, Ms Ongko, at catherine.ongko@es.govt.nz.

Dated: 18 November 2024



Allan Cubitt
Hearing Commissioner