

**BEFORE THE FRESHWATER HEARINGS PANEL CONVENED BY THE CHIEF
FRESHWATER COMMISSIONER**

IN THE MATTER

of the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement
2021

MEMORANDUM ON BEHALF OF THE OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

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May it please the Commissioners:

Direction sought

- 1 The ORC seeks the Panel's indulgence to allow that the posting of the s42A report to the hearings website be delayed by one week until 4 May 2022.

Reasons

- 2 The primary reason is that the ORC staff member responsible for the significant resource management issues for the region chapter has left the ORC.
- 3 Responsibility for this chapter has passed to a consultant planner.
- 4 Understandably she wishes to review the work and make any amendments needed to ensure that she can present it as her own independent expert opinion.
- 5 This potentially impacts other parts of the s42A report.
- 6 There have also been staff departures resulting in author changes for the air and the historical and cultural values – wahi tupuna chapters.
- 7 Noting the deferred timetable in Minute 3, it is submitted that an additional week for the s42A report would not prejudice any party (and may be beneficial for the now directed alternative dispute resolution, and for subsequent evidence preparation).



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