

Otago Regional Council

Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021

FOURTH MINUTE and DIRECTIONS OF HEARINGS PANEL

On preparation for hearing of submissions

Minute 4

1. On 14 April 2022, the Panel issued its third Minute and Directions (Minute 3) which included, at paragraph 13, revised preparation and hearings commencement dates. These revised dates were in response to our consideration of memoranda from parties sought in Minute 2. Minute 2 canvassed some possible approaches to maintain momentum for the hearing pending the timing and outcome of the High Court decision concerning the status of the pORPS as a freshwater planning instrument.
2. Minute 3 established dates for a number of upcoming key tasks in the hearing process, but not all. In reviewing these revised dates, the Council has noted that some of the events are now out of sequence. We agree and this Minute responds to this issue.
3. The following are the updated preparation and hearings commencement dates and replace those advised in previous Minutes:
 - a) Confirmation of wish to be heard be filed by 5pm 3 June 2022
 - b) All parties' evidence in chief be filed by 5pm 29 July 2022
 - c) All evidence in chief to be posted on the Council website by 5 August 2022
 - d) All rebuttal evidence to be filed by 5pm 26 August 2022
 - e) All rebuttal evidence to be posted on the Council website by 2 September 2022
 - f) Application for leave to cross-examine any witness to be filed by 5pm 9 September 2022
 - g) Indication of expert conferencing to be filed by 5pm 9 September 2022
 - h) Hearings to commence on 19 September 2022
4. Dates for council evidence in reply, parties closing submissions and the council's closing submission will be confirmed upon commencement of the hearing.

For the panel,



Judge Laurie Newhook,

Chair and Chief Freshwater Commissioner.

27 May 2022