

Otago Regional Council
Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021
(excluding parts determined to be a freshwater planning instrument)

DECISION OF HEARING COMMISSIONERS
on requests for evidence filing time extensions by
Dunedin City Council, Department of Conservation, Wayfare Group and
Otago Fish and Game Council

BACKGROUND

- 1 In our Minute 3, dated 3 October 2022, we set out time limits for the procedural steps in preparation for the hearing which required all evidence in chief including expert evidence to be received by ORC by Wednesday 23 November 2022.
- 2 Today, Dunedin City Council, the Department of Conservation and counsel for Wayfare Group Ltd and Otago Fish and Game Council have all made written requests for extensions of time for filing expert evidence until Monday 28 November 2022 because of Covid illness effects on witnesses.

DECISION

- 3 The Panel considers the grounds advanced for the extensions requested are reasonable and notes that the extensions sought are appropriately limited.
- 4 However, to ensure the timetable set is not affected as to following stages it is important that the extension now granted is fixed to require such evidence to be filed by 12 noon on Monday 28 November 2022.

Ron Crosby for and on behalf of the Panel

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22 November 2022