

Otago Regional Council

Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021

(excluding parts determined to be a freshwater planning instrument)

Response to Kāi Tahu memorandum in respect of Minute 6

[Minute 8]

1. Kāi Tahu have filed a Memorandum seeking directions from the Panel enabling a response by it to any wording advanced by infrastructure providers/rural industry submitters following their caucusing.
2. The Panel has revisited the directions in Minute 6 and notes that the informal caucusing opportunity was extended to some named parties, and at paragraph 15 to *'any submitter who has made a similar request'* for amendments. If Kāi Tahu consider themselves to fall within that latter description the Panel would encourage them to seek to engage in the informal causing process.
3. However, to ensure beyond any question that a fair process is in place the Panel accepts that opportunity to other submitters should be provided, as requested by Kāi Tahu, if they wish to respond to any amended wording advanced. The Panel considers that that opportunity should be open to any other submitters, including Kāi Tahu, who wish to make any such response.
4. The timetable set in Minute 6 required any co-ordinated amended wording proposals by the proponents of changes to be provided by the end of March, 2023.
5. Taking into account the Easter period the Panel sets the date for any responses by any other submitters as 5 p.m. on Friday 21 April, 2023.
6. That timetable will enable the reply by ORC to address all inputs from any interested submitter.

Dated 20 February 2023

Ron Crosby
Panel Chair