

### **Minute 19 of the Non -Freshwater Hearing Panel as to Timetable for consideration of NPS IB 2023**

1. The original timetable set by Minute 15 for materials to be lodged as to the potential impact of the NPS IB 2023 was as follows:

*11.1 ORC to provide by 8 September, 2023 its evidence and supporting submissions solely on those aspects of the implications of the NPS IB for non freshwater issues.*

*11.2 Submitters to have right to respond solely on those aspects of the implications of the NPS IB for non freshwater issues by 15 September, 2023.*

*11.3 ORC to have opportunity of final response on those limited issues by 22 September, 2023.*

2. Counsel for Waka Kotahi has sought an extension of time to respond to the Memorandum and supporting evidence lodged by ORC's counsel. The basis of that request is that a timing issue as to the posting of that material on the ORC website has meant that instead of submitters having a full week, (including a weekend), to consider the materials lodged by ORC, in fact only 4-5 working days in practical terms are left.

3. The Panel has been advised that delay occurred because the ORC materials were not received until after 5 p.m. on Friday 8 September and hence were not posted on the website until early on the morning of Monday 11 September, 2023. An extension to 5 p.m Monday 18 September will clash with the closings being presented by ORC on the Freshwater hearing which some counsel in the non-freshwater process may wish to be present to hear, either in part or in whole.

4. Given those facts the Panel agrees to amend the balance stages of the timetable as follows:

(a) Submitters to have right to respond solely on those aspects of the implications of the NPS IB for non freshwater issues by 5 p.m. Tuesday 19 September, 2023.

(b) ORC to have opportunity of final response on those limited issues by 5 p.m. Tuesday 26 September, 2023.

Dated 13 September, 2023

Ron Crosby

Chair Non Freshwater Hearings Panel