IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT AT CHRISTCHURCH

I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA KI ŌTAUTAHI

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND an appeal under clause 14 of the First

Schedule of the Act

BETWEEN GLENPANEL LIMITED

PARTNERSHIP

(ENV-2024-CHC-031)

Appellant

AND OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Respondent

MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT (15 July 2025)

[1] On 30 June 2025 the court issued an email direction in response to a reporting memorandum from the Otago Regional Council (ORC) on 27 June 2025. ORC's memorandum sought directions requiring clarification of the relief sought by Glenpanel Limited Partnership (Glenpanel) in its unresolved points on appeal.

[2] The court directed that:



- 1. Glenpanel is to provide the ORC and interested parties with the specific relief it is seeking by 11 July 2025; and
- 2. By **11 August 2025** all parties are to state their position on scope and propose an agreed timeframe for an exchange of submissions, after which

the court would be willing to determine scope on the papers unless a hearing is requested.

- [3] The court has received a memorandum from Glenpanel dated 14 July 2025.¹ Glenpanel refers to its involvement in the fast-track process which is currently delayed by an application for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court.
- [4] Counsel states that this fast-track process is a matter of "public knowledge", noting that the outcome of the Supreme Court appeal process will determine whether the appeal on the ORPS is to be pursued.

[5] Glenpanel seeks orders from the court:

... that its appeal be put on hold, with a reporting date of 3 weeks following the Supreme Court's decision (if leave is granted), or, alternatively, any fast-track application being granted (or declined).

- [6] Counsel does not refer to the direction issued by the court.
- [7] The court declines to adjourn Glenpanel's appeal. Glenpanel's appeal was filed in May 2024. Parties have participated in mediation on the appeals in good faith. It is unsatisfactory that at this stage of the case management process, the relief being sought by Glenpanel remains "unspecified".
- [8] It is also unsatisfactory that Glenpanel is not in a position to say whether it is willing to pursue its unresolved appeal. The outcome of the Supreme Court process could be 1-2 years away, if leave is granted for the appeal to be pursued.
- [9] The court's case management process should not be influenced by Glenpanel's involvement in the fast-track process, that being a process that is not closely followed by this court. There is no reason why the appeal process cannot

An extension was granted for the late filing of this memorandum.

continue to be advanced in parallel.

Directions

- [10] Glenpanel is directed to comply with the direction issued by the court on 30 June 2025, by **Friday 25 July 2025.**
- [11] Failing compliance with that direction, the ORC is granted leave to seek to strike out Glenpanel's appeal.

P A Steven Environment Judge

Issued: 15 July 2025

