

**BEFORE THE FRESHWATER HEARINGS PANEL CONVENED BY THE CHIEF
FRESHWATER COMMISSIONER**

Under the Resource Management Act 1991

In the matter of the proposed Otago Regional Policy
Statement 2021

**MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR CONTACT ENERGY LIMITED
RESPONDING TO PANEL'S SECOND MINUTE AND UPDATING CONTACT
INFORMATION**

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Memorandum on behalf of Contact Energy Limited

1. This memorandum is filed on behalf of Contact Energy Limited (**Contact**), in response to the second minute and direction of the Hearings Panel dated 18 March 2022 (with clarifications dated 24 March 2022) (the **Minute**).

Scheduling matters

2. Contact acknowledges the difficulties the Hearing Panel has outlined in the Minute in respect of scheduling hearings on the proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021 (**pORPS**), given the outstanding declaratory proceedings in the High Court regarding the status of the pORPS under the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).
3. Contact is neutral in respect of the possible approaches to hearing the pORPS outlined at paragraphs 24 to 28 of the Minute and will respect the decision of the Hearing Panel on this matter.

Contact information

4. Contact wishes to update its contact information for these proceedings, and respectfully requests that the Hearings Administrator update the relevant records to include the following contact persons for Contact:

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DATED at Wellington this 4th day of April 2022



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