Otago Regional Council

Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021

FIFTH MINUTE

Friend of the Submitter

<u>Minute 5</u>

INTRODUCTION

- 1. The Hearings Panel has appointed two people to act in the role of Friend of the Submitter (FoS) from 1 July. The FoS service is freely available to any person or party who have submitted on the proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021.
- 2. These two people are Jane Whyte, and Charlotte Wright.
- 3. The role of a Friend of Submitter is to
 - (a) Provide advice and support on the hearing process for the proposed Regional Policy Statement, including any timetabling instructions before the hearing, and during the hearing; and
 - (b) Guide parties on the difference between speaking to submissions, and giving evidence; and
 - (c) Co-ordinate meetings at arranged venues to encourage the sharing of resources and joint presentations by parties with similar interests.
- 4. To this end, the availability of the Friend of Submitters are:
 (a)For Jane Whyte, she is available between 8am 9p.m daily. Ms
 Whyte's contact details are:

Email: jane@responseplanning.co.nz

Telephone: 027 2595303 or 03 332 7449

(b) For Charlotte Wright, she is available on weekdays from 8am – 8pm. Ms Wright's contact details are:

Email: <u>charlotte@element.org.nz</u> Telephone: 021 986 783

For the panel,

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Judge Laurie Newhook, Chair and Chief Freshwater Commissioner.

6 July 2022.