

Otago Regional Council
Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021
SIXTH MINUTE and DIRECTIONS OF HEARINGS PANEL

On preparation for hearing of submissions

Minute 6

1. The panel has considered the memorandum of counsel for ORC dated 8 July 2022, and two responses on behalf of some submitters supporting it.
2. Although no decision has yet come from the High Court in the declaration proceedings, the panel is keen to maintain momentum so far as reasonably possible.
3. The panel commends all parties who have engaged in negotiations to settle and or narrow points of submission, even though at this stage the topics discussed remain under “without prejudice” protection. It also perceives that the 31 May memorandum on behalf of Wise Response Society Inc has been overtaken by events initiated by ORC in June.
4. The panel has deliberated about ORC’s proposed new timetable (in its paragraph 6) reflecting these circumstances, and approves it with the addition of some words to 6.8.
5. The new timetable is therefore directed as follows:
 - 5.1. Section 42A authors’ supplementary evidence be filed by 5pm 5 August 2022.
 - 5.2. All parties’ evidence in chief be filed by 5pm 2 September 2022.
 - 5.3. All evidence in chief to be posted on the Council website by 9 September 2022.
 - 5.4. All rebuttal evidence to be filed by 5pm 30 September 2022.
 - 5.5. All rebuttal evidence to be posted on the Council website by 7 October 2022.
 - 5.6. Application for leave to cross-examine any witness to be filed by 5pm 14 October 2022.
 - 5.7. Indication of expert conferencing to be filed by 5pm 14 October 2022.
 - 5.8. Hearings to commence on 25 October 2022, and continue in the weeks of 14 and 28 November, and 12 December, hearing weeks if needed in the new year to be set in a further Minute to follow.

For the panel,



Judge Laurie Newhook,

Chair and Chief Freshwater Commissioner.

15 July 2022