

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH
I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHI**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND of a notice of motion under section 149T(2) to decide proposed Plan Change 8: Water for Otago (referred to the Environment Court by the Minister for the Environment under s142(2)(b) of the Act)

BETWEEN OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

(ENV-2020-CHC-128)

Applicant

**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
PLAN CHANGE 8 HEARING DATE
(14 September 2021)**

Introduction

[1] One of the purposes of this Minute is to advise parties that PC8 has now been transferred in its entirety to my division of the court.

Hearing date and venue

[2] The second purpose is case management of this file. The hearing date for this matter was tentatively set down for the week of 1 November 2021. However, due to staffing restraints the court cannot accommodate that week and instead looks to confirm the hearing date for the **week of 8 November 2021** at the Hutton Theatre of the Otago Museum, Dunedin.



[3] I have been advised that the venue is unavailable on Thursday 11 November 2021 and as such, we cannot use it on that day¹. To make efficient use of the court's time, I am inclined to arrange the site visit for **Thursday 11 November 2021**, as was indicated by Commissioner Edmonds at the PHC.

[4] I will issue directions that if any party has an issue with these arrangements, they should notify the court as soon as possible.

AV support

[5] In terms of AV support, Shipleys will not be assisting us this time as we will be using the court's equipment for the hearing. This means that there will be no video or audio files uploaded to the website, however, there will still be a hearing transcript being transcribed contemporaneously.

[6] I have directed a 24-hour turnaround for this transcript and updates for the transcript will be posted on the website daily.

[7] As we are using the court's equipment, we cannot accommodate any witness or party appearing via video link, such as Zoom. All parties who wish to attend the hearing will need to attend in person.

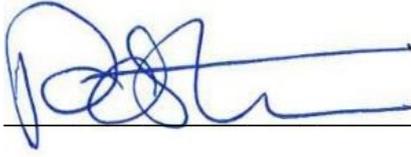
Directions

[8] Accordingly, I direct:

- (a) the hearing is now set down for the week of **Monday 8 November 2021** in Dunedin. Parties are to advise the court of any insurmountable issues with this week by **Friday 17 September 2021**.

¹ We will have the venue for Monday 8 – Wednesday 10 November 2021 and Friday 12 November 2021.

[9] Leave is reserved for any party to apply for further (or other) directions.



P A Steven
Environment Judge

Issued: 14 September 2021