

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act) of Notice of Motion under Section 87G requesting the granting of resource consents to WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED for the WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EXTENSION OF RUNWAY: CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

(ENV-2016-WLG-000058)

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**EIGHTEENTH MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
(19 MARCH 2018)**

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- 1) The Court has received four memoranda from various parties in response to the request by Wellington International Airport Ltd (WIAL) for further adjournment of its application.
- 2) Wellington City Council and Wellington Regional Council jointly support the request but have raised the issue of possible need for further notification of the application.
- 3) Strathmore Park Progressive and Beautifying Assn Inc opposes the request and (in summary) appears to seek that a fresh application be made once the requirements of the Director General of Civil Aviation (the DG) as to RESA length have been settled.
- 4) Guardians of the Bays Inc requests that the current application be withdrawn by WIAL and replaced by a fresh application with updated supporting reports irrespective of whether the WIAL proposal remains unchanged as a result of the DG's determination. Alternatively it seeks directions as to clarification of the RESA proposal being submitted to the DG for approval and monthly reporting requirements.



5) Air NZ Ltd and the Board of Airline Representatives of New Zealand Inc support the position of the Guardians.

6) I am conscious of the costs to all of the various parties which have been incurred to date should the current proceedings be abandoned as some parties apparently request. However, I have a number of concerns about WIAL's request for further adjournment. I set those out in no particular order of priority:

- The ongoing delay in processing an application which was initially filed in April 2016 and the unsatisfactory situation whereby parties cannot be certain as to the precise nature of the WIAL proposal some two years later;
- The impact which the delay might have on the accuracy/relevance of the information filed in support of it and the possibility that further relevant information may have come to hand which should form part of the application process rather than being introduced by way of evidence;
- Potential for changes in identity of persons affected. The Guardians and the Councils have raised the issue of further notification but it is not clear to the Court what power it has to direct this;
- Uncertainty as to the nature of the RESA proposal which WIAL is to put to the DG for approval;
- Uncertainty as to the nature of any approval which might be given by the DG and how that might impact on the status of the application currently before the Court;
- Uncertainty as to the time which it might take the DG to make a decision on the RESA request.

7) There will be a judicial conference to address these and any other relevant matters on Wednesday 18 April 2018. A hearing notice will issue in due course. Parties who wish to be heard at the judicial conference are required to give notice to the Court accordingly and file their submissions in writing no later than 5.00pm 13 April 2018. The submissions should address (inter alia) the provisions of s279(4)(c) RMA.

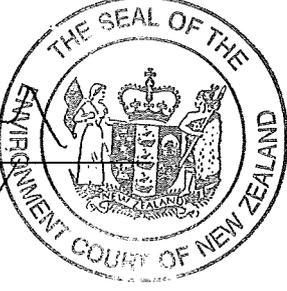
8) The Court has received no comment on Ms C Dawe's application to withdraw from these proceedings. Her withdrawal is confirmed and the Court database will be updated.



9) The Court has not determined the application by Breaker Bay Moa Point Progressive Association Incorporated to join as an interested party but will hear from that body at the judicial conference should it wish to appear. WIAL is requested to advise if it maintains its opposition to the Association's participation in the proceedings.

10) Any party may seek further directions by notice in writing at any time.

  
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**B P Dwyer**  
**Environment Judge**



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