

Minute of the Hearings Panel #10
Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant
GWRC WAR170229

Introduction

1. On 26 June 2019, the Panel:
 - a. directed that the applicant and the GWRC respond to the Panel by no later than 5pm Friday 19 July 2019 to provide an update on its current approach; which shall include:
 - i. Progress to date;
 - ii. An update on consultation undertaken to date;
 - iii. An updated timetable; and
 - iv. When a hearing may be scheduled.

Response from the applicant and the GWRC

2. The applicant and the GWRC provided a response to the Panel on the 19 July 2019, which provided an update on the matters covered in our minute of 26 June 2019. The applicant and GWRC also offered to provide a progress update and updated timetable by Friday 23 August 2019, which would include a joint view of when a hearing may be scheduled.

Panel Response

3. The Panel continues to consider the approach being taken by the applicant and GWRC is appropriate for the intention of working to resolve outstanding issues and to address the submitters' concerns. Given the pending release of the decisions on submissions to the Proposed Natural Resources Plan, it would be useful for the next update to include a summary of any relevant changes.

Updated Directions:

4. Pursuant to sections 41 and 41C of the RMA, the Hearings Panel requests that the applicant and the GWRC respond to the Panel by no later than **5pm Friday 23 August 2019** to provide an update on its current approach, which shall include:
 - i. Progress to date;
 - ii. An update on consultation undertaken to date;
 - iii. An updated timetable;
 - iv. A summary of relevant changes to the Proposed Natural Resources Plan; and
 - v. When a hearing may be scheduled.
5. In terms of the above request, any response shall be provided to GWRC electronically by email or be made available for downloading from the GWRC website <http://www.gw.govt.nz/Featherston-WWTP/>.

Correspondence

6. Any correspondence to the Hearings Panel should be directed through notifications@gw.govt.nz.



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