



**Minute of the Hearings Panel #9  
Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant  
GWRC WAR170229**

**Introduction**

1. On 12 June 2019, the Panel:
  - a. Sets aside our previous directions dated 17 May 2019.
  - b. Directed that the applicant and the GWRC respond to the Panel by no later than 5pm Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 to provide an update on its current approach; which shall include:
    - i. Progress to date;
    - ii. How the applicant proposes to undertake further consultation; and
    - iii. An updated timetable for consideration addressing the issues set out in 9 above.

**Response from the applicant and the GWRC**

2. The applicant and the GWRC provided a response to the Panel on 21 June 2019, which included a proposed timetable for dealing with outstanding issues and how the applicant intends to undertake further consultation. The response outlines that the proposed timing to address these issues is not a limit, that there are a number of contributing factors that may extend the proposed timing, and there may need to be flexibility in the timing. The applicant and GWRC also offered to provide a progress update and updated timetable by 21 July 2019.

**Panel Response**

3. The Panel considers the approach outlined is appropriate for the intention of working to resolve outstanding issues and, given the level of submitter interest in this matter, an update by 21 July is appropriate. Given the level of submitter interest and the proposed timing provided in the memo, which is coming close to the dates in the s37 extension of time for the close of the hearing, the 21 July response is also to address when a hearing is likely to be scheduled.

**Updated Directions:**

4. Pursuant to sections 41 and 41C of the RMA, the Hearings Panel directs 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.
5. In terms of the above Directions, 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](mailto:notifications@gw.govt.nz).



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