

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER discharge and land use resource consents for the operation and maintenance of the Wairoa wastewater treatment plant and sewer pump station overflows

BY **Wairoa District Council**
Applicant

SIXTH MINUTE OF HEARINGS PANEL

1. This minute is issued further to a request made by the applicant (Wairoa District Council) for a time extension to the reporting date of Wednesday 30 June 2021. Specifically, the applicant seeks an extension for a period of one month, to 5.00 pm Friday 30 July 2021.
2. The 30 June date was set through the Panel's first and third minutes directing that the applicant provide information on a number of outstanding matters of concern to the Panel, in order to better enable the Panel to make a substantive decision on the applications before it.
3. In counsel for the applicant's memorandum seeking this extension, it was explained that the District Council is unable to provide the directed information for a range of reasons, including in relation to the status of the concession application before the Matangirau Reserves Board and the Long Term Plan.
4. Given the significance of the required information to the issues raised by the application, at the hearing and for the purpose of deliberations, and having regard to the reasons for requesting the extension in the applicant's memorandum, the Panel is minded to grant the extension requested.
5. We need to record however that the Panel would not likely entertain a further request for an extension but instead conclude its deliberations and make a decision, formally closing the hearing for that purpose on Friday 30 July 2021 regardless.
6. If the Panel's substantive concerns regarding the outstanding issues subject of its previous directions for further information are not able to be definitively addressed by that date, those matters will need to be determined on such information as is then available to the Panel, in the context of the overall set of considerations informing our deliberations.
7. Simply put, this application process has now been running for over two and a half years, and must be concluded.

Dated: 24 June 2021

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Martin Williams
Chair Hearings Panel