

**Before the Hearing Commissioners appointed by Hawke's Bay
Regional Council**

In the matter of the Resource Management Act 1991
(the Act)

And in the matter of applications APP-123534, APP-123548, APP-123526, APP-123550, APP-123535 & APP-123536 by the Regional Assets Section, Hawke's Bay Regional Council to remove gravel and undertake other earthworks at various locations along the Ngaruroro River, Tukituki Catchment Rivers and Tutaekuri River to the coast

Memorandum to Hearing Commissioners

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Introduction:

1 The applicant has provided statements of evidence from the following witnesses:

- 1.1 Mr Chris Dolley;
- 1.2 Dr Robin Holmes;
- 1.3 Mr Jose Beya;
- 1.4 Dr Adam Forbes; and
- 1.5 Mr Simon Bendall.

Attendance by video conference/Zoom

2 Dr Robin Holmes has asked whether it would be possible for him to attend the hearing by video conference, Zoom or using some similar means. The reason for this request is two-fold:

- 2.1 Dr Holmes is employed by Cawthron. Cawthron has rules about inter-regional travel (it now requires approval from the Chief Executive) and Dr Holmes has been finding it difficult to get approval for such travel pursuant to those rules; and
- 2.2 Dr Holmes has a vulnerable person in his family and so would prefer not to risk the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 through inter-regional travel.

3 Counsel for the applicant would be grateful if the Hearing Panel could confirm whether Dr Holmes can attend the hearing by video conference or by Zoom and, if so, that suitable facilities will be available for that to occur at the hearing on 10 December 2021.

Dated 29 November 2021



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