

IN THE MATTER OF

The Resource Management Act 1991

AND

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An application made to Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC)

(Consent Authority)

BY

Tuki Tuki Awa Limited, Buchanan No. 2 Trust, Plantation Road Dairies Limited, Te Awahohonu Forest Trust, I and P Farming Limited, Springhill Dairies Partnership, Papawai Partnership and Purunui Trust

(Collectively, the Applicant)

For the hearing of various applications for resource consents associated with the taking and use of Tranche 2 Groundwater in the Tukituki catchment

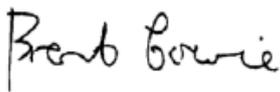
FURTHER MEMORANDUM TO PARTICIPANTS

Delay to our Decision

24 January 2023

- 1 In our final memorandum dated 14 December 2022 we closed the hearing and said our decision would be issued no later than 25 January 2023.
- 2 However as previously notified by e-mail there was a possibility that we may not finish the decision by the due date because one panel member had suffered a significant concussion and had been unable to work.

- 3 Mr Cussins was concussed by a cattle beast on his farm a few days before Christmas. He has had several visits to a concussion specialist, along with a CT scan and numerous other tests, and as a result has been instructed not to work at all. At this stage it is probable – but certainly not guaranteed - that he can return to work next week.
- 4 S37A (4) of the RMA enables us to double the timeframe for making our decision provided special circumstances apply, or the applicant agrees to the extension. We are relying on Mr Cussins expert inputs to complete our decision. Once he is fit to work again, Mr Cussins intent is to complete his work as soon as possible. Those parts of the decision that do not rely on his contributions are largely complete, so once we have those it will take little time to finalise the decision.
- 5 We apologise for the delay, and we promise the decision will be completed as soon as Mr Cussins contributions are finalised. We will advise a new completion date once he is “good to go” again.



Signed by Brent Cowie (Chair)
on behalf of the Hearing Panel