

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

SEVENTH MINUTE OF HEARINGS PANEL

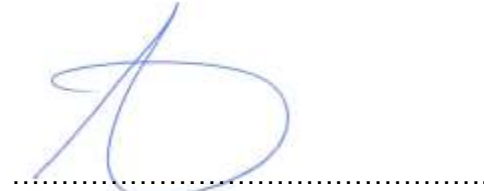
1. The Panel has now received and considered the responses from the applicant (Wairoa District Council) to the further information on outstanding issues raised and requested in the Panel's First and Third Minutes, along with the outputs of expert conferencing (version 25 of the consent conditions as received from the Regional Council on 2 July 2021).
2. In addition, the Panel has received:
 - (a) A joint witness statement (Dr Shane Kelly and Mr Phil Lake) regarding references to ammoniacal nitrogen in the proposed consent conditions;¹ and
 - (b) Advice from the Regional Council regarding proposed wording for determining median river flows for the purpose of those conditions.²
3. In filing the requested information from the District Council, Mr Lawson has signalled the wish to now file final submissions in reply, and to liaise with the Regional Council's hydrologist regarding the median flow definition now being proposed.
4. Having considered the information received and these requests, the Panel now directs as follows:
 - (a) Applicant (through appropriate independent expert or Council engineer) to confer with Regional Council's hydrologist regarding median river flow definition, with an agreed statement to be filed by 5.00 pm Friday 20 August 2021; and
 - (b) Applicant's final submissions in reply to be received by 5.00 pm Friday 27 August 2021.
5. The Panel should record its understanding that further submissions in reply from the applicant would be confined to matters not previously addressed in the interim reply and response for information since received (but may of course refer to the content of that information, and the outputs of expert conferencing over conditions).

¹ Received on 7 July 2021.

² Received on 23 July 2021.

6. Once the reply is received, the Panel will formally close the hearing.

Dated: 5 August 2021

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Martin Williams
Chair Hearings Panel