

BEFORE THE HEARING PANEL

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by Fonterra Limited to the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council for application **APP-2003010585.03** for the discharge of treated process wastewater from the Fonterra and Goodman Fielder Longburn Manufacturing sites to the Manawatū River near Walkers Road, Longburn.

MINUTE 1 OF THE HEARING PANEL

A. PURPOSE OF THIS MINUTE

1. Ms Maria Pomare, Dr Greg Ryder and I have been appointed by the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council ('Horizons Regional Council') as Independent Commissioners to hear and decide the above application lodged by Fonterra Limited ('the Applicant') under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA or 'the Act').
2. This minute gives notice of the hearing date and sets out the proposed timetable for the provision of evidence leading up to the commencement of the hearing.

B. NOTICE OF HEARING

3. **The hearing will commence at 9.00 am on Tuesday 30 May 2023 at the Distinction Hotel, 140 Fitzherbert Avenue, Palmerston North.**

C. TIMETABLE TOWARDS HEARING

a. Section 42A Report:

Horizons Regional Council has commissioned a report on the application and submissions (pursuant to section 42A of the Act). In accordance with section 42A of the Act, this report will be made available to parties (on the Council's website) **no later than 3.00 pm on Monday 8 May 2023.**

b. Applicant's Evidence:

Pursuant to section 41B (1) of the Act, the Applicant is directed to provide to Horizons Regional Council all statements of evidence it proposes to present to the hearing **no later than 3.00 pm on Monday 15 May 2023.** Evidence is to be supplied in electronic 'pdf' format, by email, to Mrs

Carina Hickey at carina.hickey@horizons.govt.nz. Council staff will endeavour to make all evidence received available on its website as soon as practicable that day.

c. Submitters' Expert Evidence:

Pursuant to section 41B (3) of the Act, all submitters who intend to call expert evidence are directed to provide to Horizons Regional Council all statements of expert evidence they propose to present to the hearing **no later than 3.00 pm on Monday 22 May 2023**. Evidence is to be supplied in electronic 'pdf' format, by email, to Mrs Carina Hickey at carina.hickey@horizons.govt.nz. Council staff will endeavour to make all evidence received available on its website as soon as practicable that day.

d. Other Evidence of Submitters, Legal Submissions and Representation Statements:

Any written statements that non-expert people wish to present to the hearing may be tabled at the hearing and do not need to be provided to the Council in advance of the hearing. Submitters are not required to present written statements of evidence and may make oral presentations at the hearing. However, it would greatly assist the Hearing Panel if oral presentations are accompanied by written notes summarising the points made. Please bring ten printed copies of any written material to be presented to the hearing.

e. Hearing Assistance:

Any party who intends to present any material using electronic equipment, such as PowerPoint slides, is requested to contact Mrs Hickey as soon as practicable prior to the hearing to ensure the appropriate technology is in place and working at the outset of the hearing.

f. Interpreters

Any party who intends to make oral or written presentations in a language other than New Zealand English is requested to contact Mrs Hickey **no later than 15 May 2023** to ensure appropriate translation and transcription services can be provided to assist the Hearing Panel and parties.

4. If any party has any questions about this minute or the hearing process, please direct these to Carina Hickey at Horizons Regional Council (email carina.hickey@horizons.govt.nz). Mrs Hickey will confer with the Hearing Panel as necessary.



Sharon McGarry (Chair)

On behalf of the Hearing Panel

6 April 2023