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Proposed One Plan Hearings – Administration and Finance, Air, Natural Hazards, Infrastructure, Energy and Waste, Landscape and Natural Character and Management of Production Soils

We act for Winstone Pulp International Limited ('WPI'). WPI has reviewed the Staff Reports relating to the above provisions of the Proposed One Plan (POP) and which were made available on your webpage in March 2009.

As a result of the review, on behalf of WPI, we wish to advise that we will accept the recommendations contained in the various Staff Reports in relation to WPI's submissions and further submissions.

However, besides this general acceptance, there is one matter that we would request is brought to the attention of the Hearing Panel. It is considered that the 'Infrastructure, Energy and Waste' Staff Report (dated July 2008) only considered one of the two points raised in WPI's submission in relation to the Anticipated Environmental Results in Section 3.6 of the POP (refer to Section 4.31 of the Staff Report and submission 288/11). WPI's submission opposed the third Anticipated Environmental Result and requested that it be amended to address the matters in the submission. The second point in the submission, not incorporated into the summary in the Staff Report, which WPI would request that the Hearing Panel now considers was as follows:

“Submission

The third Anticipated Environmental Result states that, by 2017, the amount of residual waste to be disposed of within the Region will be less than prior to the POP becoming operative. WPI opposes this provision of the POP for the reason outlined below.

Reasons for Submission

The Anticipated Environmental Result effectively establishes a static level, meaning that any residual waste, within the Region, which exceeds this level can not be

disposed of. Such intent, irrespective of the role the waste hierarchy may play in relation to future waste management, does not necessarily provide for growth in the region, including from a production perspective. In fact, it may have the potential to restrict future regional growth, thus adversely affecting the ability of the Region's people and communities to provide for their social and economic well being..."

Subject to the tabling of this letter at the hearing, we wish to reconfirm that WPI will not be attended the hearing in relation to the above provisions of the POP.

Yours faithfully
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