

**BEFORE HEARING COMMISSIONER
FOR THE MANAWATU-WHANGANUI REGIONAL COUNCIL**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by Winstone Pulp International Limited (WPI) to the Manawātū-Whanganui Regional Council (APP-2006012018.02) The discharge of up to 4,000 m³/day of treated wastewater and stormwater to the Whangaehu River.

**JOINT MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR THE APPLICANT AND REPORTING
OFFICERS**

Dated: 20 May 2026



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MAY IT PLEASE THE COMMISSIONERS:

- [1] The Panel's Minute 3 of 6 May 2026 directed the applicant and the Council reporting officers to file a joint memorandum addressing the next steps required to progress the application to a hearing.
- [2] Following the issue of Minute 3, the applicant and the reporting officers have met to discuss an approach for working through the procedural matters raised in the reporting officers' memorandum of 5 May 2026. As a first step, the reporting officers have now issued a request for further information under s 92 of the RMA. That request is also available on the Council's website for this application.
- [3] Consistent with s 92, the applicant has 15 working days to respond, with responses due by 11 June 2026.
- [4] On provision of the responses, the applicant and the reporting officers will then need to confer on next steps before the parties are in a position to propose hearing directions.
- [5] A further reporting date of **19 June 2026** is therefore requested.

Dated 20 May 2026



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