

Horizons Regional Council
Winstone Pulp International Consent Applications
Hearing Panel Minute 2

1. We have received a submission on the applications today from Pukeatua Farming Limited. It is 4 working days late and requires waiver if we are to accept it.
2. Sections 37 and 37A of the RMA govern waivers. We need to take into account:
 - (a) the interests of any person who, in its opinion, may be directly affected by the extension or waiver; and
 - (b) the interests of the community in achieving adequate assessment of the effects of a proposal, policy statement, or plan; and
 - (c) its duty under section 21 to avoid unreasonable delay.
3. We do not consider the applicant is prejudiced by the delay in receiving this submission. While the submitter seeks to be heard, as noted in Minute 1, other submitters have sought to be heard. Receipt of this submission will not therefore mean the difference between holding a hearing and not doing so.
4. Nor is the submission so late as to prejudice proper preparation of the Section 42A report, or, in our view, the applicant's preparation for hearing. The delay is relatively modest in that regard. The submission notes that the submitter was not consulted about the application, notwithstanding it being an historically affected party. We infer that it was not aware of the application until recently.
5. We do not consider the delay unreasonable in the circumstances.
6. Lastly, while the matters of concern to this submitter overlap in part with issues raised by Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust, it brings a different perspective that the panel considers will be helpful to the Panel's assessment of the issues the applications raise.
7. Accordingly, we waive late provision of the submission of Pukeatua Farming Limited.



Trevor Robinson (Hearing Panel Chair)

26 August 2026