

HUTT CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR DESIGNATION
EASTERN HILLS RESERVOIR – SUMMIT ROAD, FAIRFIELD
MINUTE 3 OF THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS COMMISSIONER

Introduction

1. This is the third procedural minute regarding the hearing for the proposed Eastern Hills Reservoir notice of requirement.
2. Since issuing Minute 2 last month:
 - (a) the Requiring Authority provided a response to Minute 2 and its legal submissions on 26 November;
 - (b) the hearing was held on 28 November and is currently adjourned pending further information being provided by various parties; and
 - (c) I have carried out my second site and locality visit.
3. The general purpose of this minute is to briefly update all parties on the status of the hearing and to outline the indicative timetable from here.

Hearing remains adjourned

4. During the hearing, I made various requests for additional information and asked for that material to be provided in writing after the hearing was adjourned. I likewise indicated to the Requiring Authority that I would be happy to receive its closing submissions and any supplementary evidence in writing.
5. An indicative date for receiving that further information was set down for Friday 6 December; however, leave was granted in advance for an extension should additional time be required.
6. The Requiring Authority duly advised Ms Shetty late last week that additional time would be required to carry out the additional tasks I requested and indicated a revised target date for providing the further information on Friday 13 December.
7. I confirm for the formal hearing record that the revised indicative date is acceptable. On the basis that the date is indicative only, leave is again granted in advance for a further extension if required. Should further time be required, the Requiring Authority is to advise Ms Shetty by **midday on 13 December**.

Indicative timetable from here

8. Once I am in receipt of the further information and written reply from the Requiring Authority, I will then determine whether I have sufficient information to deliver my decision. At this stage, I do not envisage a need to reconvene the hearing; however, I will make a determination in that regard once the material is provided.

9. In any case, I will likely issue an additional minute with a further update for all parties following receipt of the Requiring Authority's reply, and/or prior to the 20th of December.
10. Provided no further extensions or reconvening of the hearing are required, parties should anticipate my decision to be delivered in early 2025.
11. If any party has any questions regarding the above in the meantime, please contact Ms Shetty in the first instance. Ms Shetty's' email address is Saritha.Shetty@huttcity.govt.nz.



J C Jones
Independent Hearings Commissioner

9 December 2024