



## MEMO

TO Hearing Panel  
(Gina Sweetman, Rawiri Faulkner, Jim Cooke)

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<b>Applicant:</b>	South Wairarapa District Council
<b>Proposal:</b>	To discharge contaminants to water, land and air associated with the proposed long term upgrade and operation of the Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant
<b>Location:</b>	Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant, Donald Street, Featherston Site A – 65 Longwood West Road, Featherston Site B – 270 Murphy’s Line, Featherston

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### Introduction

Minute #7 of the Hearing panel directed that

- The applicant and the GWRC respond to the Panel by no later than 5pm Friday 7 June 2019 to outline how the matter of scope is proposed to be addressed.
- The applicant within the same timeframe as above, to set out how it intends to undertake further consultation.
- The applicant addresses the matters set out in the GWRC s37 extension of time and those set out by the Panel, the timing of which is to be set out in a timetable required under the below.
- The applicant and the GWRC respond to the Panel by no later 5pm Wednesday 19 June 2019 to propose a new timetable. This timetable will be largely informed by the above

The panel also directed that the previous timetable be set aside and postponed the hearing of this application that was due to commence on Monday 27 May 2019.

## Joint response from SWDC and GWRC

The Councils have met to discuss how these matters should be addressed and have agreed on the following approach:

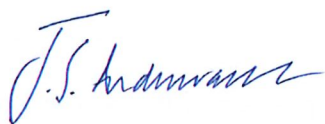
- **Step 1:** The planners are currently working on a table outlining the outstanding issues and information gaps. The table includes any information gaps/requests and where that responsibility lies, the key issues to resolve at future workshops and the matters set out in the s37 extension and Minute #7. The SWDC experts will also draft the scopes for the QMRA, Groundwater Effects Assessment and Monitoring and Pathogen sampling plan.
- **Step 2:** GWRC and SWDC experts will review and approve the scopes of work for the information gaps, and then this work will be undertaken over the next few months.
- **Step 3:** SWDC to conduct community engagement which is likely to include community meetings/workshops – to help inform the ‘experts’ workshop below; and
- **Step 4:** Workshop with all the experts. The overall goal is to get clarity on the issues, how/if these can be resolved and the different options available to the applicant (together with any perceived risks) going forward.

It is anticipated that following the workshop outlined in step 4, that the approach to be taken by the Applicant will be clarified. The issue of ‘scope’ will be more appropriately addressed at that time (taking into account any further information provided and any subsequent changes to the application, if any).

Given the above we respectfully request that the panel defer its request in Minute #7 and issue new directions if so required.

As for timeframes, step 1 above is already underway and almost complete. With regards steps 2 to 4, arranging the workshops above will be dependent on availability, however we hope to be in a position to advise on the dates of these in the near future.

If this approach is acceptable to the Panel we will provide a further update on progress to the Panel by 21 June 2019.



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