

**BEFORE THE GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**the Resource Management Act 1991**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTERS OF**

**An application under s88 to discharge contaminants to water, land and air associated with the proposed long-term upgrade and operation of the Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant**

**APPLICANT**

**South Wairarapa District Council**

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**13<sup>th</sup> MINUTE OF COMMISSIONERS GINA SWEETMAN, JIM COOKE AND RAWIRI FAULKNER  
HEARING PROCEDURES AND COMMISSIONERS DIRECTIONS  
DATED 4 NOVEMBER 2019**

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**Minute of the Hearings Panel #13**  
**Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant**  
**GWRC WAR170229**

**Introduction**

1. On 30 September 2019, the Panel requested that the applicant and the GWRC respond to the Panel by no later than 5pm Friday 1 November 2019 to provide an update on its current approach, which was to include:
  - i. Progress to date;
  - ii. An update on consultation undertaken to date;
  - iii. An updated timetable;
  - iv. The revised timeframe for a hearing; and
  - v. A summary of relevant changes to the Proposed Natural Resources Plan, as updated by any appeals.

**Response to Minute 12 from the applicant and the GWRC**

2. The applicant and the GWRC provided a response to the Panel on the 1 November 2019, which provided an update on the matters covered in our minute 30 September 2019. This included:
  - a. An update on progress to date, identifying further work is still progressing on the implications of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan decisions and appeals, pathogen analysis, groundwater effects, soil survey quantitative microbial risk assessment, expert workshops and a scope analysis;
  - b. An update on consultation undertaken to date;
  - c. An updated timetable showing matters in progress to deal with outstanding issues;
  - d. A discussion on the extension of time and a revised timeframe for the hearing;
  - e. An update on appeals to the Proposed Natural Resources Plan; and
  - f. Suggested timing for a further update.
3. The applicant and GWRC offered to provide a further update by 13 December 2019.

**Panel Response**

4. The Panel continues to consider the approach being taken by the applicant and GWRC is appropriate for the intention of working to resolve outstanding issues and to address the submitters' concerns.

**Updated Directions:**

5. Pursuant to sections 41 and 41C of the RMA, the Hearings Panel requests that the applicant and the GWRC respond to the Panel by no later than **5pm Friday 13 December 2019** to provide an update on its current approach, which shall include:
  - i. Progress to date;
  - ii. An update on consultation undertaken to date;
  - iii. An updated timetable;
  - iv. The revised timeframe for a hearing; and
  - v. A summary of relevant changes to the Proposed Natural Resources Plan, as updated by any appeals.
6. In terms of the above request, any response shall be provided to GWRC electronically by email or be made available for downloading from the GWRC website <http://www.gw.govt.nz/Featherston-WWTP/>.

## Correspondence

7. Any correspondence to the Hearings Panel should be directed through [notifications@gw.govt.nz](mailto:notifications@gw.govt.nz).

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gina Sweetman', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Gina Sweetman  
**Independent Commissioner – Chair**  
**For and behalf of the Hearings Panel**