



File No: WAR170229 [34616, 34617, 34618, 34619]  
3 December 2018

## Extension of time limit: Resource consent WAR170229

### (Sections 37(1), 37A(2)(b) and 37A(5) of the Resource Management Act 1991)

Further to the extension of time limit granted on 6 September 2018, which allowed for the commencement of the hearing on the 18 March 2019 the Manager, Environmental Regulation, Wellington Regional Council, acting under authority delegated by the Wellington Regional Council, hereby further extends the time limit to **complete** the hearing on above resource consent to 7 June 2019 under sections 37(1), 37A(2)(b) and 37A(5) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act).

The further reasons to those previously outlined for the extension are as follows:

- It would allow for availability issues with experts in the lead up to the hearing – allowing suitable time for experts to participate and provide input to relevant reporting for the hearing, in the interests of good decision making;
- It would provide for relevant experts to be available at the hearing - again in the interests of good decision making;
- It would allow for sufficient time for all parties, including submitters, to consider the various evidence, reports and respond prior to the hearing which is also in the interests of good decision making. Additionally the time given to all parties will be equitable;
- It would allow suitable time for caucusing of experts prior to the hearing if so required by the hearing panel;
- That this further extension is not unreasonable in the circumstance and does not prejudice submitters; and
- The applicant has agreed to the extension in terms of s37(A)(5)

In making this decision Wellington Regional Council has given consideration to the following issues, as required by section 37(A)(1) of the Act:

- The interests of any person who the Council considers may be directly affected by the extension
- The interests of the community in achieving adequate assessment of the effects of the proposal; and

- The Wellington Regional Council's duty under section 21 of the Act to avoid unreasonable delay

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Manager, Environmental Regulation