

**BEFORE THE SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF the proposed Selwyn District Plan**

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**Memorandum on behalf of the Director-General of Conservation *Tumuaki Ahurei* to  
the Chair of the Hearings Panel re Topic 1: Strategic Directions Hearing  
seeking short extension, dated 13 July 2021**

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**May it please the Chair of the Hearings Panel**

1. The Director-General of Conservation *Tumuaki Ahurei* (Director-General) (submitter reference DPR-0427) is a submitter on the proposed District Plan (pDP).
2. The Hearings Panel issued a Notice of Hearing for Topic 1: Strategic Directions of the pDP. This notice sets key dates for providing expert evidence and legal submissions, with these being due on 23 July 2021 for expert evidence and 30 July 2021 for legal submissions.
3. The Director-General seeks to be heard (have speaking time) on his submission on the Strategic Directions Topic and wishes to call expert planning evidence and provide legal submissions to the Hearings Panel. I expect questions on the Director-General's evidence and legal submissions will take no more than 30 minutes.
4. I (Pene Williams) am counsel for the Director-General in this matter. I am taking scheduled leave from 16 – 23 July 2021 inclusive. On a separate matter where I am counsel, the Environment Court has directed legal submissions be filed in Court by 28 July 2021.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This relates to the Environment Court hearing on proposed Plan Change 7 (Water Permits) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago. The hearing commenced on 8 March 2021 and is currently adjourned pending filing of

5. Given these prior commitments, I ask the Hearings Panel for a short extension for the Director-General to file both expert evidence and legal submissions on the pDP Strategic Directions Topic as follows:
  - to 5 pm on 26 July 2021 for expert evidence, and
  - to 5 pm on 2 August 2021 for legal submissions.
6. I look forward to hearing from the Hearings Panel.

Dated 13 July 2021



Pene Williams

Counsel for the Director-General of Conservation *Tumuaki Ahurei*

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evidence and legal submissions on the recently notified (26 June 2021) proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement.