

IN THE MATTER OF

the Resource Management Act 1991

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**application by KeaX Limited for resource
consent to establish a solar array at 150
Buckleys Road, 115 Buckleys Road and
821 Hanmer Road, Brookside, Selwyn
(RC225180)**

**MINUTE OF MR A C HUGHES-JOHNSON KC APPOINTED TO HEAR
APPLICATION PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF HEARING**

DATED 21 FEBRUARY 2023

1. ***Introduction***

On 16 February 2023 I was appointed as commissioner on behalf of the Selwyn District Council to hear and determine the application for a resource consent by KeaX Limited. The hearing has been scheduled to commence at 9am at the Selwyn District Council HQ, 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston, on Thursday 23 February 2023. This minute deals with some preliminary matters which require comment.

2. ***The hearing/duration***

A draft timetable has been circulated which provides for all the evidence and submissions to be heard on Thursday 23 February 2023, In the event that it is not possible to complete the hearing on this day, it is proposed that the hearing will continue at the same venue on Friday 24 February 2023, subject to the convenience of the parties. This matter is drawn to the attention of the parties with the intention that should the hearing overrun, and further hearing time be required, the parties should be in a position to advise whether they are able to continue the hearing on Friday 24 February 2023.

3. ***Completion of hearing***

I draw attention to the provisions of s103A of the Resource Management Act 1991 which provide that where limited notification is given, the hearing must be completed no later than 45 working days after the closing date for submissions on the application. I have been advised that this period expires on 24 February 2023, being the day following the first day of the hearing.

Should a second day be required for the hearing, there is likely to be a practical difficulty in closing the hearing on 24 February 2023, given the need for me to conduct a site visit and also the possibility that matters may arise during the hearing which require further submissions. I am conscious of the provisions of s37A of the Act which provide for certain requirements before there can be (in this case) an extension of time for completing the hearing of an application for a resource consent. In the particular circumstances which are outlined above it is likely that I will need to receive submissions from the parties

on the question of whether there is a need for an extension of time having regard to the practical difficulties outlined above.

DATED this 21st day of February 2023



**A C HUGHES-JOHNSON KC
COMMISSIONER**