

**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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**4<sup>th</sup> MINUTE OF COMMISSIONERS GINA SWEETMAN, JIM COOKE AND RAWIRI FAULKNER  
HEARING PROCEDURES AND COMMISSIONERS DIRECTIONS  
DATED 3 APRIL 2019**

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**Minute of the Hearings Panel #4  
Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant  
GWRC WAR170229**

**Proceedings**

1. On 4 December 2018, the Hearings Panel (Gina Sweetman – Chair, Jim Cooke and Rawiri Faulkner) issued a revised timetable proceeding to the commencement of the hearing.
2. This timetable required the provision of the applicant’s expert evidence no later than 5pm on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
3. All of the applicant’s expert evidence was received on 2 April 2019; two days after the deadline.
4. Given this, and to ensure submitters have sufficient time to review and respond to the applicant’s expert evidence, the Panel hereby amends the timetable to allow the submitters to provide their expert evidence, no later than 5pm on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**.
5. The timetable otherwise remains unaltered. The new timetable is set out below:

<b>Date / deadline</b>	<b>Process requirements</b>
2 May 2019	Submitter’s evidence to be filed
10 May 2019	Any supplementary evidence by GWRC if required
10 May 2019	Applicant’s response to Submitter’s expert evidence
15 -22 May 2019	Expert caucusing (if so directed , to be confirmed)
23 May 2019	Expert caucusing reports filed (if so directed, to be confirmed)
27 May 2019	Hearing to commence

**Updated Directions**

6. Pursuant to section 103B(4) of the RMA, the Hearings Panel directs that if any person who has made a submission intends to present expert evidence at the hearing, including expert planning evidence, then that party is to provide an electronic written brief of that expert evidence to [notifications@gw.govt.nz](mailto:notifications@gw.govt.nz), no later than 5pm on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**.
7. The Hearings Panel requests that as soon as practicable following receipt of any such evidence received pursuant to Direction 6, GWRC provides a copy to all other parties to these proceedings by way of email, directing the parties to the GWRC website and advising that hard copies are available at GWRC offices.

8. Pursuant to sections 41 and 41C of the RMA, the Hearings Panel requests that any evidence in reply from the applicant and GWRC be provided electronically to [notifications@gw.govt.nz](mailto:notifications@gw.govt.nz), no later than 5pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019.
9. The Hearings Panel requests that the next working day following receipt of any such evidence received pursuant to Direction 8, GWRC provides a copy to all other parties to these proceedings by way of email, directing the parties to the GWRC website and advising that hard copies are available at GWRC offices.
10. In terms of the above Directions, the reports, evidence and joint expert witness statements should be provided to GWRC electronically by email or be made available for downloading from the GWRC website <http://www.gw.govt.nz/Featherston-WWTP/>. Hard copies of the evidence should only be provided on request.

**Hearing Procedure, Evidence in te reo Māori and site visit**

11. Our earlier directions 13 – 20 set out in Minute 1 remain and are to be read in conjunction with this minute.

**Correspondence**

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



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