

CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL

RC230398 – D J JONES & N R SEARELL FAMILY TRUST

MINUTE 8 OF HEARING PANEL

Procedural Matters and Pre-Hearing Directions

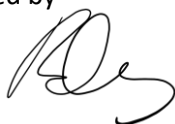
1. The Hearing Panel received a Memorandum on 21 February 2025 from Chris Fowler, Counsel for the Applicant (as attached).
2. The Memorandum sets out a request for Mr Ward to be excused from the Hearing on the basis that the evidence prepared by Mr Ward, and the initial assessment undertaken by ENGEO, does not give rise to any contentious issues that ought to be addressed by way of appearance at the Hearing.
3. The Memorandum also sets out a request that each of the witnesses for the Trust attending the Hearing are permitted to file and present summaries of evidence on the basis that this represents a more efficient use of hearing time.

Panel Directions

4. The Panel grants the request for Mr Ward to be excused from the Hearing and notes that Mr Gardener-Hopkins on behalf of BRDI has confirmed acceptance of the Panel's decision in respect of this witness.
5. The Panel agrees with the approach set out in the Memorandum in respect of summaries of evidence and notes that the Hearing Panel will take all submissions, pre-circulated written evidence, and legal submissions 'as read' at the hearing. Accordingly, pursuant to s41C(1)(b) of the RMA, all participants are directed that they and their experts will not be required to read any such material aloud at the hearing. However, experts and legal counsel may provide a summary of their evidence and legal submissions.
6. Lay submitters are welcome to read aloud from a summary statement if they choose and/or orally highlight key points of concern from their submission for the benefit of the Hearing Panel who will then ask any questions they may have.
7. If there are any questions arising from this Minute, please direct those in the first instance to Ms Lines, Council's Hearing Facilitator who can be reached at phone number 021 976 340, or e-mail tarryn.lines@codc.govt.nz.

DATED this 24 February 2025

Signed by



Rosalind Day-Cleavin
Chair of Hearing Panel