

CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL
APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT
RC240065 – HELIOS OTA OP LP
48 RANFURLY – NASEBY ROAD, RANFURLY 9396

MINUTE 2 Hearing Directions and Late Submissions

- [1] The Helios OTA OP LP (“Helios”) consent hearing is scheduled to commence on **Monday 18 August 2025** and is expected to run through to **Thursday 21 August**. A hearing timetable will be issued by Central Otago District Council (“Council”) once the number of submitters wishing to be heard has been confirmed.
- [2] The hearing will commence at **9.00 am** each day. The venue will be Maniototo Park Stadium and Rugby Clubrooms, Stadium Drive, Ranfurly. Parties are welcome to attend in person or online via video link. Please advise the Hearing Administrator if you intend to attend the hearing via video link.
- [3] The following directions relate to the hearing:
- (a) The order of appearance will be:
 - Helios
 - Submitter(s)
 - The Council’s Section 42A Report author(s)
 - Helios’ Right of Reply (which may be given at the hearing or in writing thereafter)
 - (b) In light of the scale and complexity of the Helios applications, we have extended the usual RMA reporting and evidence circulation timeframes.
 - (c) The Section 42A Report¹ from the Council will be available on or before **Monday 7 July 2025**, allowing Helios and submitters to have regard to their contents when preparing their evidence.
 - (d) The Section 42A Report should contain a suite of recommended consent conditions.
 - (e) Pursuant to section 41B(2) of the RMA, Helios is directed to provide their expert² evidence and non-expert evidence (if any) to the Council Hearings Administrator no later than **2.00pm on Monday 21 July 2025**.
 - (f) If experts for Helios intend to base their evidence on technical reports that they authored, and which were included as part of the application, then the experts need not repeat material contained in those reports in their evidence. It will be sufficient for the evidence to cross-refer to that material.
 - (g) Evidence prepared by the Helios experts should focus on areas of disagreement with the Council’s expert peer reviewers, planning expert and the matters raised by submitters.
 - (h) The Helios planning expert should address the recommended consent conditions in the Section 42A Report and provide precise wording for any suggested amendments to those conditions, along with reasons for those amendments.

¹ A Section 42A Report includes a discussion of the application and the submissions. It recommends (with reasons) whether the consent applications should be granted or not. That recommendation does not bind the Commissioners.

² Expert evidence is that written by qualified planners, engineers or scientists.

- (i) Pursuant to section 41B(3) of the RMA, submitters who intend to call expert evidence in support of their submissions are directed to provide a written statement of that evidence to the Council Hearings Administrator no later than **2.00pm on Monday 4 August 2025**.
- (j) If submitters intend to provide written evidence themselves, or have non-expert people appear on their behalf, then they are requested to also provide a written statement of that evidence to the Council Hearings Administrator no later than 2.00pm on **Monday 4 August 2025**.
- (k) Evidence prepared by the submitters' experts should focus on areas of disagreement with the Helios experts and/or the Council's expert peer reviewers. It would be helpful if submitters (or their experts) could address the recommended consent conditions in the Section 42A Report and provide precise wording for any suggested amendments to those conditions, along with reasons for those amendments.
- (l) If submitter evidence to be presented by non-expert people is not provided to the Hearings Administrator by the above date, then those people should bring ten (10) hard copies to the hearing.
- (m) If Helios proposes to have legal counsel present opening legal submissions, then counsel is requested to provide their submissions to the Hearings Administrator no later than **2.00pm on Friday 8 August 2025**.
- (n) If any submitter proposes to have legal counsel present legal submissions on their behalf, those counsel are requested to provide their submissions the Hearings Administrator no later than **2.00pm on Wednesday 13 August 2025**.
- (o) All original submissions, pre-circulated evidence and legal submissions will be taken as read at the hearing. Accordingly, pursuant to section 41C(1)(b) of the RMA, Helios and submitters are directed that all such material will not be read aloud at the hearing, as that would be an inefficient use of time as the commissioners will have already read it.
- (p) At the hearing expert witnesses may table and read aloud a succinct summary of their evidence, and supplementary or rebuttal evidence responding to any expert evidence lodged by other parties. The commissioners anticipate that any such evidence will be concise.
- (q) All people appearing at the hearing will be allowed to verbally and briefly highlight key points from their evidence, legal submissions or submissions for the benefit of the commissioners. The commissioners will then ask any questions that they may have.
- (r) Should any submitter wish to speak in Te Reo, utilise Sign Language, or utilise visual aids (PowerPoint, etc) they are requested to liaise directly with the Hearings Administrator, as soon as possible, but prior to **Monday 7 July 2025** regarding their needs.

Website

[4] All information relevant to the hearing may be found on the Council website:

[RC240065 Helios OTA Op LP - Submissions Closed - Central Otago District Council](#)

Correspondence and Service

[5] Participants must not attempt to correspond with or contact the commissioners directly. All correspondence regarding the hearing, and service of evidence and legal

submissions addressed by this Minute must be via Council's hearing administrator:
Tarryn.Lines@codc.govt.nz

- [6] Evidence and legal submissions lodged **must** be provided in Microsoft WORD format. The documents must be 'unlocked' so that they can be easily annotated by the Commissioners.

Late Submissions

- [7] Council received three submissions after the closing date, as follows:

Rachel Dixie – reference 168

Pete Burt – reference 169

Douglas Crohan – reference 171

- [8] Given these submissions were received a day late, no parties are prejudiced by their inclusion in the process.

Decision

- [9] Accordingly, in accordance with s37A of the RMA, the aforementioned submissions are accepted.

Dated this 7th day of May 2025.

Signed by



Louise Taylor

Independent Commissioner – Chair – on behalf of the Independent Hearing Panel