

IN THE MATTER of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of Stage 3 of the
Queenstown Lakes
Proposed District Plan

MINUTE 23 – WAIVER OF EVIDENCE DEADLINE (7)

Introduction

1. In Minute 12, I directed that the evidence in chief of submitters on Wāhi Tūpuna issues other than Kā Rūnaka be filed on or before 1pm on 19 June. Late morning the following day, Mr Giddens filed a brief of evidence for a number of submitters¹, who I will refer to for convenience as Cardona Cattle Coy et al. In Mr Giddens covering email, he noted that the delay in filing his evidence was due to him having difficulty reducing the size of the attachments he wished to produce with his evidence, and only belatedly resolving that IT problem.
2. I have also received an application for leave to file evidence late from Federated Farmers. Ms Reilly records in her application that she had misread the instructions for filing of evidence, and therefore gave incorrect information to Federated Farmers consultant planner, Mr Sycamore. In her application, Ms Reilly emphasised the importance of the topic to Federated Farmers members and requested an extension of time to 5pm on 23 June.
3. I requested the hearing administrator to enquire of Council whether it had any comments on this application. Ms Scott confirmed that the Council did not oppose the application.

¹ Cardona Cattle Company Limited (#3349), Gibbston Valley Station Limited (#3350), MJGR Semple Trustee Limited, JC Semple and MB Semple (#3344), KF and TS Dery (#3345), Tomanovich Investments Limited (#3346), Silver Creek Limited (#3347), The Station at Waitiri Limited (#3351), R Buckham (#3395), New Zermatt Properties Limited (#3396), Cardrona Village Limited (#3404), Kingston Lifestyle Properties Limited (#3297), Ken Muir (#3211)

Discussion

4. Mr Giddens application for Cardrona Cattle Coy et al presents little difficulty. His evidence was only marginally late and he has explained the reasons for it being late. I have no difficulty granting him a waiver accordingly.
5. In the case of Federated Farmers, I accept the representative capacity of the submitter. There are two parties with an interest. I do not think I need concern myself about prejudice to Kā Rūnaka as the rūnaka are not scheduled to be heard until 21 July.
6. The other party is the Council which does not oppose the application.
7. If Council had opposed the application, I might not have looked quite so charitably at the situation, notwithstanding the valid points that Ms Reilly makes, given how close we now are to the hearing commencement. As it is, however, I grant Federated Farmers leave to file its evidence in chief on Wāhi Tūpuna issues by 5pm on 23 June.

Dated 23 June 2020



**Trevor Robinson
Chair
Stage 3 Hearing Panel**