

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

AND

A Hearing of Application No: RC-2022-0032 Stopbank Raising and
Construction Waiho River

DIRECTION 2 FROM THE HEARING COMMISSIONER

1. I have received a Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of the Applicant advising that they have some difficulties with the availability of witnesses and are therefore unable to comply with the timetable for the hearing that was set out in Direction 1 (dated 14 April 2023). Their memorandum indicates they will be in a position to provide an update on progress by 28 May 2023. They have therefore requested that the processing of application RC-2022-0032 be suspended in accordance with section 91A of the RMA.
2. I do not want to see the hearing delayed unnecessarily, but in the interests of having the best information available to all parties at the hearing, I agree to the application going on hold until 28 May 2023. I expect the parties to confer and come back to me with a proposed new hearing date so that a new timetable can be set out in a Direction that can be issued in the week of 29 May 2023.
3. Accordingly, the following directions are made:
 - a. Pursuant to section 91A of the RMA, the processing of resource consent application RC-2022-0032 is suspended.
 - b. The hearing date and timetable for distribution of the section 42A report and expert evidence that was specified in Direction 1 (dated 14 April 2023) is to be set aside.
 - c. The Applicant, Submitter and West Coast Regional Council Consents & Compliance Manager are to confer on a suitable new hearing date and report the outcome of those discussions to me on or before **4pm on Monday 29 May 2023**.
4. Any enquiries regarding these Directions or the hearing process should be directed to:

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Peter Callander
Independent Commissioner - Chair

21 April 2023