

IN THE MATTER of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Queenstown Lakes
Proposed District Plan

AND

IN THE MATTER of Hearing Stream 4:
Subdivision

MINUTE REGARDING REQUEST TO FILE LATE EVIDENCE

1. The Hearing Panel has received a request from Aurora Energy Limited (Submitter #635) to file late evidence, make a late request for a hearing slot and seek to have the evidence heard by video link.
2. Ms Dowd, Aurora's witness, has been involved in a car accident. We are told that she is recovering but unable to travel long distances at present. Counsel has suggested that she be allowed to file her evidence by 12 noon on 3 August 2016 and that a 30-minute hearing slot be provided on 17 August 2016 for Aurora. Counsel will be available to attend the hearing and requests that the Hearing Panel consider allowing Ms Dowd to join the hearing via video conference so as to avoid the need for her to travel.
3. We understand the situation Ms Dowd finds herself in. Given the particular hearing schedule we have for Hearing Stream 4 we are able to accommodate the request for the evidence to be filed by 3 August as suggested by counsel. We are also able to accommodate Aurora's request for a 30-minute hearing slot on 17 August 2016 in Wanaka. It appears that 3:10pm on that day would be the appropriate time to hear Aurora but we will leave it to the administration staff to confirm that time.
4. We have discussed the request for Ms Dowd to be heard by video link both among ourselves and with the administration staff. The hearing venue is not set up for video conferencing and special arrangements would need to be made. We are not sure how easily that can be achieved, nor how effective such a link would be.
5. We are satisfied that written answers to written questions from the Panel would suffice. To this end we propose to provide any written questions we have in relation to Ms Dowd's evidence by 5pm on Friday 5 August 2016, and have written answers provided by 12 noon on Tuesday 16 August 2016. It would assist the Panel if counsel could attend the hearing on 17 August 2016.

6. Consequently, we determine as follows:
- a) The time for Aurora Energy Limited to file Ms Dowd's evidence is waived provided it is filed by 12 noon on Wednesday 3 August 2016;
 - b) The time for Aurora Energy Limited to seek a hearing slot is waived and time is to be made available for Aurora to be heard at the hearing in Wanaka on Wednesday 17 August 2016;
 - c) The Hearing Panel will provide written questions in respect of Ms Dowd's evidence (if any) by 5 pm on Friday 5 August 2016;
 - d) Written answers to such questions are to be provided by 12 noon on Tuesday 16 August 2016.
7. Finally, the Panel wishes Ms Dowd a speedy recovery.

For the Hearing Panel

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nugent', is written over the printed name.

Denis Nugent (Chair)
21 July 2016