

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
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I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHĪ**

IN THE MATTER	of the Resource Management Act 1991
AND	of appeals under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Act
BETWEEN	THE BROKEN RIVER TRUST (ENV-2025-CHC-49) (and other appellants as listed in Appendix 1 attached to this Minute) Appellants
AND	WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL Respondent

**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
Case management
(5 September 2025)**

Introduction

[1] This Minute relates to 21 appeals under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 in relation to the non-freshwater planning instrument parts of the proposed Waimakariri District Plan.

Case management

[2] I will be the presiding judge for this plan change, except for the listed



appeals below which will be presided over by Judge Reid:

- (a) Prosser and Prosser – ENV-2025-CHC-55; and
- (b) North Canterbury Clay Target Association – ENV-2025-CHC-50.

Directions

Appeals website

[3] I make the following appeals website **directions**:

- (a) Waimakariri District Council (WDC) must maintain an appeals website to which all appeal documents will be uploaded; and
- (b) WDC must update the appeals website, preferably daily, but otherwise within three working days of any s274 notice, or other appeal document being served upon it.

Notices of appeal and service

[4] I make the following notices of appeal and service **directions**:

- (a) that all notices of appeal and supporting documents must be uploaded to the appeals website;
- (b) that the requirement for parties to serve a copy of each notice of appeal (including the ‘advice to recipients’ and any attachments) on submitters who did not provide an address for service is waived;
- (c) that WDC must give public notice of the existence of the appeals including the address of the appeals website. That notice must also repeat the advice to recipients contained in the letter of service undertaken in paragraph [4](b) above; and
- (d) that the appellants must file a single hard copy of their notice of appeal and supporting documents with the court.

Section 274 notices

[5] I make the following s274 notice **directions**:

- (a) s274 notices must be lodged with the court electronically by email to sophia.preston@justice.govt.nz;
- (b) s274 notices must be served on WDC by email to developmentplanning@wmk.govt.nz and on the appellant by email to the address for service provided in the notice of appeal;
- (c) the requirement to lodge a signed original and one hard copy of any s274 notice with the court is waived; and
- (d) service of each s274 notice on all other parties will be deemed to be effected by WDC uploading the s274 notice onto the appeals website.

Initial case management memorandum

[6] I further **direct** that on or before **Friday 3 October 2025**, WDC is to lodge with the court and serve on all parties a case management memorandum which must:

- (a) identify any legal (including as to scope) issues requiring a preliminary determination or hearing;
- (b) identify any that require priority;
- (c) identify any that should be heard;
- (d) identify the topics appealed and which appeals relate to each topic;
- (e) advise whether, in WDC's opinion, it is appropriate to hear certain appeals separately or group appeals together for mediation and/or hearings;
- (f) report on the information uploaded to the appeals website;
- (g) advise whether any particular sequencing of appeals (or groups of appeals) is considered appropriate.

Miscellaneous

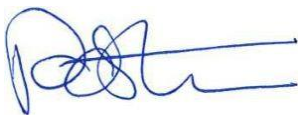
[7] Any appeals which involve scope or other legal issue requiring preliminary consideration are to be identified as soon as possible, and before being referred to mediation. Where any such issue is identified in the initial case management memorandum, the Council shall state whether the issue will require a preliminary determination or hearing.

[8] Further directions will follow upon receipt of the initial case management memorandum. Appeals that are identified as being suitable for mediation will be referred to that process, at which point, the commissioner appointed to conduct that mediation will assume responsibility for management of that mediation process, following consultation with the parties.

Notice of directions to WDC

[9] I also **direct** that WDC:

- (a) must upload a copy of these directions to the appeals website; and
- (b) serve a copy of these directions on all submitters who have provided an address for service.



P A Steven
Environment Judge

Issued: 5 September 2025

APPENDIX 1**List of appellants**

(ENV-2025-CHC-49)	The Broken River Trust
(ENV-2025-CHC-50)	North Canterbury Clay Target Association
(ENV-2025-CHC-51)	Black
(ENV-2025-CHC-54)	Godfrey & Godfrey
(ENV-2025-CHC-55)	Prosser & Prosser
(ENV-2025-CHC-56)	McCormick
(ENV-2025-CHC-57)	Allaway & Larsen
(ENV-2025-CHC-58)	Survus Consultants
(ENV-2025-CHC-59)	Wyatt & Wyatt
(ENV-2025-CHC-60)	Waller
(ENV-2025-CHC-61)	Schluter & Schluter
(ENV-2025-CHC-62)	Transpower New Zealand Limited
(ENV-2025-CHC-63)	Mainpower NZ Limited
(ENV-2025-CHC-64)	Rolleston Industrial Developments Limited & Ors
(ENV-2025-CHC-65)	Dairy Holdings Limited
(ENV-2025-CHC-66)	Christchurch International Airport Limited
(ENV-2025-CHC-67)	DEXIN Investment Limited
(ENV-2025-CHC-68)	Paterson & Ors
(ENV-2025-CHC-69)	Woodwater
(ENV-2025-CHC-71)	McAllister & Ors
(ENV-2025-CHC-72)	Horticulture New Zealand

