

BOARD OF INQUIRY
WATERVIEW CONNECTION PROPOSAL

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of a Board of Inquiry appointed under s149J of the Resource Management Act 1991 to consider applications by New Zealand Transport Authority for resource consents and notices of requirement for the Waterview Connection Proposal.

Board of Inquiry members presiding:

Judge Laurie Newhook
Member Sue Jackson
Member Alan Dormer
Member Ross Dunlop
Member Sandra Hardie

MINUTE AND DIRECTIONS OF THE BOARD

Time Extension / Experts Availability

1. The Board has recently been granted a 9 working day Ministerial extension to the timeframe for provision of its final report, allowing for a completion date of 30 June 2011.
2. As previously indicated on the last day of the hearing, and subject to deliberations about consentability, the Board foreshadowed that it might direct further assistance from the parties' experts on further drafting work on conditions, the outcomes of which could also inform the Board's ability to grant consent.
3. Therefore subject to the Board's deliberations reaching a tentative conclusion about the possibility of granting consent, the experts are in the meantime to protect the dates of **9 – 13 May 2011** for that purpose. Time will be of the essence in view of the statutory deadlines involved. The earlier foreshadowed dates around Easter are no longer required to be protected.
4. For your information, provided below is an updated timeline of the key stages prior to the Board issuing its final report-

Stage	Updated Timetable
Board writes to parties re conditions	6 May 2011
Parties' experts to draft conditions (<u>the further draft to be in the Board's hands by 4pm 13 May</u>)	9 - 13 May 2011

Draft Decision released	26 May 2011
Comments Period (20 working days)	27 May – 24 June 2011
Board Consideration of comments	27 - 29 June 2011
Final Decision	30 June 2011

If you have any questions arising from this Board Direction please do not hesitate to contact the EPA on 0800 H2OVIEW (0800 4268439) or waterview@epa.govt.nz.

For the Board:



Judge L Newhook
Chairman - Waterview Connection Proposal Board of Inquiry
6 April 2011