



THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

TAKE NOTICE that the Environment Court is to conduct a pre-hearing conference of all that wish to take part in the proceedings listed in the attached schedule.

The conference will take place as follows:

DATE: Friday, 5 March 2021

TIME: 10:30 AM

VENUE: District Court
58 Alfred Street
Blenheim
Ph: 0800 268 787

PURPOSE

The purpose of the conference is to consider the application to defer further consideration of the appeals on natural character and landscape provisions of the Marlborough Environment Plan

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Everyone who wishes to take part in the proceedings should attend the conference or be represented at it by someone who is familiar with the part to be taken and the submissions to be made. Leave was reserved via Minute dated 26 February 2021 for any party to be excused from attending the conference on the basis they agree to abide by any directions that are issued.

PROCEDURES

At the start of the hearing, the Court will consider any requests to:

- (a) Withdraw proceedings
- (b) Adjourn (postpone) hearings to a later date
- (c) Approve settlements agreed to all by the parties

The Court will then decide the order in which the proceedings will be heard during the hearing.

Parties must advise the Court **immediately** if they want to:

- a) settle and/or withdraw proceedings in whole or in part, or
- b) request an adjournment, that is postponing the hearing of the proceedings, until a later sitting of the Court.

Parties should notify the Court of the settlement and/or withdrawal of proceedings as soon as possible as this will enable the Court to reallocate the hearing time if necessary.

The Court will only grant a request for adjournment if there is a good reason for doing so, even if all the parties have agreed to it.

If any party fails to:

- a) be ready to proceed with a hearing at the time arranged for it by the Court
- or
- b) give adequate notice of withdrawal or settlement of proceedings

then the Court may order the party or parties to pay any costs and expenses incurred by the Crown or another party. This may happen where the hearing time allocated by the Court is not used.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ENQUIRIES

Information on the Environment Court and the Court's Practice Notes which serve as a guide, are available at www.justice.govt.nz/courts/environment-court. Please direct to me all correspondence or enquiries about this notice or the procedures at the conference.

Dated at Christchurch Environment Court Registry on 04 March 2021



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