



Environment Court of New Zealand
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STANDARD TRACK DIRECTIONS

Judge B P Dwyer

Case Manager: Jennifer Gerritsen
Ref Number: ENV-2020-WLG-000008

Date of initial filing: 12/03/2020
Place of Hearing: Whanganui

L & R O'Keeffe v Whanganui District Council

Judge's directions

1. The Respondent (or another party if directed under 'Any further directions' below), after consultation with all other parties, is to lodge with the Court and serve on all parties, on or before 30 working days of receipt by it of these directions, a memorandum stating:
 - (1) The steps taken to negotiate and/or mediate.
 - (2) The outcome of negotiation and/or mediation.
 - (3) A list of the issues (including any going to jurisdiction) unresolved between the parties.
 - (4) A list by name (and by field if an expert) of all witnesses to be called by the parties.
 - (5) A timetable for filing and exchange of evidence and all other steps appropriate for preparation for an efficient hearing, including meetings of relevant experts to narrow the issues.
 - (6) An estimate of hearing time (and the variances in such estimates, if significant).
 - (7) Whether the matter is considered suitable for hearing before either a Judge alone or Commissioner(s) sitting without a Judge.
 - (8) Any issue as to the hearing venue and any other hearing related matter, such as the need for an interpreter.

Any further directions:

A judicial conference or telephone conference is to be convened upon an appearance being entered for the Council.

2. Any party who wishes to apply for any other or further directions or orders should apply in writing, on notice, within five working days of receipt of these directions or (if necessary) of the Respondent's memorandum.

NB: (a) If the case is not settled, the Court expects the parties to comply with the Judge's directions **and** with the agreed timetable to be provided under 1(5) above. Provided the parties so comply, and, if directed, lodge their evidence with the Court (including sufficient copies for the Court's purposes (normally four copies)), the Registry will list the case as ready for hearing, and will endeavour to set a hearing date within six months of the appeal having been filed. If any party has failed to comply with the Court's directions without reasonable excuse, sanctions and other steps will be considered and invoked by the Court as appropriate.

(b) All correspondence should be addressed to the Case Manager (noted above) **and** copied to all other parties.



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Date: 25/3/20