

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

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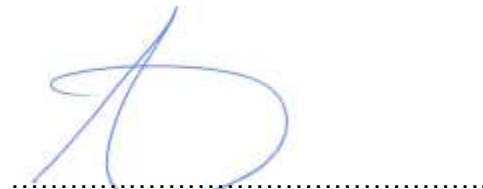
IN THE MATTER discharge and land use resource consents for the operation and maintenance of the Wairoa wastewater treatment plant and sewer pump station overflows

BY **Wairoa District Council**
Applicant

EIGHTH MINUTE OF HEARINGS PANEL

1. The Panel has now received closing submissions from the applicant (Wairoa District Council).
2. The hearing is now formally closed, and a decision will be issued within 15 working days.
3. Should there be any need to obtain clarification on a specific or technical matter (such as the wording of consent conditions) the Panel will revert to the parties on that, through the Council Consents Administrator.
4. Finally, we note that the Panel members have received today, directly, a further communication from a submitter to the hearing, appearing to respond to the applicant's closing submissions.
5. That communication has not been considered, and nor will any other communication of its kind be either .
6. As recorded in the Panel's Fourth Minute,¹ specific leave needs to be sought (on notice to the other parties) to produce further evidence, submissions or comment, except as directed by the Panel, at this stage of the process. That has been the case since the hearing concluded on 1 December 2020.
7. The Panel will not grant such leave now that the hearing has closed, at least in the absence of truly exceptional circumstances arising. For the avoidance of doubt, taking issue with the content of the applicant's closing submissions, does not comprise exceptional circumstances in that regard.

Dated: 6 September 2021



Martin Williams
Chair Hearings Panel

¹ Issued on 5 March 2021.