

**BOARD OF INQUIRY**

**Waterview Connection  
Proposal**

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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.

**THE BOARD OF INQUIRY**

Environment Judge L Newhook  
Commissioner R Dunlop  
Alan Dormer  
Susan Jackson  
Gerry Te Kapa Coates

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**MINUTE AND DIRECTIONS OF THE BOARD**

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**FRIEND OF SUBMITTERS – PREPARATION FOR HEARING**

1. On Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2010 the Environmental Protection Authority notified the Minister for the Environment's direction to refer the applications for resource consents and notices of requirement for the Waterview Connection Proposal to this Board of Inquiry.
2. Under s149R of the Resource Management Act, the Board must make its decision on the matters and produce a final report within nine calendar months after public notification, namely the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011. Submissions to the Environmental Protection Authority had to be filed by Friday 15 October 2010.
3. During the submission process the EPA engaged a "Friend of Submitters" to assist potential submitters to understand the submission process.

**Friend of Submitters**

4. The Board has directed the EPA to ensure the continuation of this role to provide assistance concerning process, to parties preparing evidence and attending the hearing.
5. The Board wishes to encourage parties with similar interests to work together and/or prepare joint presentations in the interest of the quality of their cases, and quality of process.
6. The Friend of Submitters is available to assist with provision of advice on Board requirements for evidence exchange and the grouping of parties with similar interests. The assistance from the Friend of Submitters will include the following –

- a. Facilitate a series of issue or geography-based submitter meetings at EPA arranged venues in the Waterview/ Mt Albert /Avondale/ Te Atatu areas to enhance understanding of process generally and encourage the sharing of resources and joint presentations;
  - b. Assist submitters with interests in common to group together for the purpose of group representation and mutual assistance;
  - c. If directed by the board, facilitate submitters' expert witnesses so that they may confer to determine on which matters in their respective fields they agree, and to narrow issues between them;
  - d. Provide advice to submitters as requested on the evidence exchange requirements and hearing process and the role of submitters within such a process;
  - e. Explain any other information related to the proposal to submitters and other parties as may have been directed by the board.
  - f. The Friend will NOT provide any opinion on the content of evidence either voluntarily or if asked to do so.
7. Mr Brian Putt has been re-engaged to undertake the above responsibilities and can be contacted using the details provided below. Please feel free to contact him at any time.
  8. Mr Putt has also been directed by the Board to contact parties who have indicated they wish to consider joint presentations with other parties and to assist to further this. Any other parties who did not indicate this at the time of their submission but now wish to do so are more than welcome to contact Mr Putt .
  9. Four walk in sessions have been arranged, where the Friend of Submitters will be available for any questions you may have, at the following locations and times.
  10. In addition further specific meetings may be arranged between parties with similar interests.

**Friend of the Submitter – Walk in Sessions – Times and Locations**

Waterview Primary School between 7-8.30pm on Tuesday 23 November and Thursday 2 December 2010.

Owairaka Primary School between 7-8.30pm on Thursday 25 November and Tuesday 30 November 2010.

**Contact details for the Friend of Submitters**

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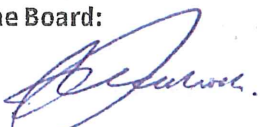
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Judge L Newhook, Chairman - Waterview Connection Proposal Board of Inquiry

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