

Minute from the Hearing Panel – regarding:

Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc (Federated Farmers) seeking to file any rebuttal evidence (planning) no later than the 17 May 2019.

The Minute from the Hearing Panel dated 10 April 2019 allowed an extension for the filing of planning evidence-in-chief by Mr Grant Eccles. As directed, his evidence is to be filed by 12 May 2019 and any submitter wishing to lodge rebuttal evidence has until 17 May 2019.

Federated Farmers now seeks an extension for any rebuttal evidence by Mr Eccles in respect of evidence lodged by any other submitter (Memorandum dated 6 May 2019). An extension is sought until the 17 May 2019.

The Hearing Panel accepts that Mr Eccles requires additional time to provide rebuttal evidence (if any) in light of the reasons set out in the Federated Farmers Memorandum. The Panel accepts that there is unlikely to be any prejudice to other parties, who have until 17 May 2019 to rebut Mr Eccles' evidence. Also, an extension until the 17 May 2019 would ensure that all evidence was filed before hearings commence.



Greg Hill

Chairman of the Hearing Panel.

6 May 2019