

Minute from the Hearing Panel – regarding:

National Environmental Standards for Sources of Drinking Water (NES)

The Block 3 section 42A report stated:

Submissions and Analysis

This section addresses any submission points requiring specific consideration which do not relate to any other topics within this report. Given the discrete nature of these submissions, this section sets out the relevant submission point followed by the Officer analysis.

Oji Fibre submit that PC1 has failed to consider the requirement in the National Environmental Standards for sources of drinking water. They seek amendments to PC1 by identifying specific areas where discharges could result in community drinking supplies becoming unsafe following existing treatment. They also want a new rule for all land uses, irrespective of size, so that resource consents are required for all discharges that could result in community drinking water supplies becoming unsafe for human consumption following existing treatment. The Officers note that WRC have a current work programme that is considering the issue of the protection of Community Drinking water supplies. It is expected that the Regional Plan review will consider the identification of drinking water protection zones.

Following this statement in the report, no recommendations were made to make changes to the PC1 plan provisions. However, the Panel has been considering the NES and seeks the following information:

- The location and water source for community drinking water supplies for more than 500 people;
- Whether each such supply:
 - Is tested for e. coli, ammonia, nitrate and nitrite;
 - Meets the standards for each (and with what margin of safety if met);
- Were the NES's requirements discussed in the s32 analysis.

The Panel requests the information be provided by 28 November 2019.



Greg Hill

Chairman of the Hearing Panel.

21 November 2019