

**IN THE MATTER OF** the Canterbury Earthquake (Christchurch Replacement District Plan) Order 2014

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF** decisions on a late submission pursuant to Clause 3(1)(e) of Schedule 2 and Clause 5 of Schedule 3 to the Order

Date: 18 March 2016

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**RECORD OF DECISION**

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[1] We have received an application for leave to lodge a late submission by Dr Colin Meurk on Chapter 9 Natural and Cultural Heritage.<sup>1</sup> In particular Dr Meurk is concerned with Chapter 9.1 Indigenous Biodiversity and Ecosystems and 9.2 Landscape and Natural Character. Dr Meurk sets out why he believes his knowledge would assist the hearings process. Dr Meurk has explained that due to various competing pressures he missed the earlier deadlines.


[2] Clause 3(1) (e) of Schedule 2 and Clause 5 of Schedule 3 to the Order sets out the matters relevant to an application to waive the time for filing of submissions. The hearing on Chapter 9 Natural and Cultural Heritage commenced on 18 January 2016 and has been adjourned by the Hearings Panel to provide for additional mediation between parties to the hearing. Further mediation in relation to Indigenous Biodiversity and Ecosystems has already taken place and a time table is in place to draw the hearing of those matters to a conclusion. If Dr Meurk's request was granted it would require his submission to be publically notified and for further submissions to be made from interested persons, provision would then need to be made to hear Dr Meurk and any further submitter. There are no overriding issues of fairness raised by Dr Meurk that sets his request apart from any other member of the public who simply missed the

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<sup>1</sup> Request to provide late submissions to the Proposed Replacement District Plan (Christchurch) dated 16 March 2016

publicly notified timeframes. Dr Meurk's request has come far too late for the submission that he may wish to make to be considered by the Hearing's Panel.

[3] Dr Meurk's request is declined accordingly.



The Honourable Sir John Hansen  
Chair