

Minute from the Hearing Panel – regarding:

Beef and Lamb New Zealand Limited (Beef and Lamb) seeking to file some of its expert evidence late (no later than the 9 May 2019).

Beef and Lamb has sought to file expert evidence from Drs Cox and Chrystal and Ms Jordan no later than the 9 May 2019; a 4 working day extension.

The reason sought for the extension is that Beef and Lamb is intending on “*filing further evidence addressing the hearing stream two topics. Amongst other things, it will be calling evidence on the use of natural capital and land use capability when allocating nutrients, modelling of alterative allocation scenarios.....*” – and that additional time is required to complete the “*scenario modelling for different management frameworks (Dr Cox) and farm optimisation modelling demonstrating the relationship between marginal cost and marginal benefit when farming to the grass curve (Dr Chrystal)*”.

The delay in the modelling and the evidence of Drs Cox and Chrystal will, in turn, result in a delay to the completion of Ms Jordan’s planning evidence.

The Panel understands the importance of the modelling to Beef and Lamb’s position on the regulatory response in Plan Change 1. Accordingly, the Panel, albeit reluctantly, agrees to the expert evidence of Drs Cox and Chrystal and Ms Jordan being filed no later than the 9 May 2019, with all other expert evidence being filed on the 3 May 2019.

However, the Panel notes that it had already ‘extended’ the time for the filing of evidence from that set out in the Panel’s Hearing Procedures and Directions document (dated 5 November 2018) and that Beef and Lamb’s modelling has been under development for some time (as Beef and Lamb addressed the modelling it was undertaking at the Block 1 hearings and that the modelling was to be presented at the Block 2 hearings). Given this, the the Panel is unlikely to further extend the time for filing expert evidence in fairness to other submitters and the hearings process itself.

Any party wishing to lodge rebuttal evidence to the evidence of Drs Cox and Chrystal and Ms Jordan will have until the 16 May 2019 to do so.



Greg Hill

Chairman of the Hearing Panel.

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