

CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL

RC230398 – D J JONES & N R SEARELL FAMILY TRUST

MINUTE 1 OF HEARING PANEL TO THE APPLICANT

Introduction

1. The Hearing for RC230325 – D J Jones & N R Searell Family Trust has been set down to commence on Monday 14 2024 at 9.00am.

Request to delay hearing

2. The Hearing Panel received a request on 23 September 2024 from submitter James Dicey to delay the commencing of the Hearing for four weeks. The reasons provided for the request include:
 - That the Hearing Notification email went into submitters' spam folder.
 - That the evidence timetable does not allow sufficient time for the preparation of expert evidence.
 - The 4 week delay would allow sufficient time to enable the proper preparation of evidence to enable a fair hearing.
3. The Panel has enquired with the CODC and they have provided the following account of the process followed in this case:
 - The Hearing Notice was emailed to all Hearing parties on Friday 20 September at 3.45pm.
 - The request from Mr Dicey was received by email on Sunday 22 September at 5.01pm.
 - Today (Monday 23 September) is Day 1 of the 15 working days required under the RMA 1991.
 - The Hearing Notice was distributed via the generic Hearings@codc.govt.nz email address to ensure that there is a central point of contact for all parties involved in the hearing process.
 - Reports of Hearing Notification emails being found in SPAM folders is not something the Council has experienced in the past or reported by other submitters to date.
4. In the interests of fairness, the Panel is interested to know the applicant's response to this request. If the Applicant wishes to share its thoughts on this matter, we ask that it responds to this Minute in writing as soon as possible.
5. If there are any questions arising from this Minute, please direct those in the first instance to Ms Lines, Council's Hearing Facilitator who can be reached at phone number 021 976 340, or e-mail tarryn.lines@codc.govt.nz.

DATED this 23 day of September 2024

Signed by



Rosalind Day-Cleavin
Chair of Hearing Panel
