



## THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

### NOTICE OF HEARING

**TAKE NOTICE** that there is to be a sitting of the Environment Court as detailed below to hear the proceedings listed in the attached schedule.

The hearing will be held:

COMMENCING: Monday, 28 March 2011

TIME: 10.00 AM

VENUE: Hearing Room 8.2, Environment Court  
District Court Building  
8th Floor  
69 Albert Street  
Auckland  
Ph: (09) 9169091; Fax: (09) 9169090

#### **1. PROCEDURES**

At the beginning of the sitting, the Court will consider any requests to:

- (a) Withdraw proceedings
- (b) Adjourn (postpone) hearings to a later date
- (c) Approve settlements agreed to all by the parties

The Court will then decide the order in which the proceedings will be heard during the sitting.

Parties must however advise the Court **immediately** if they wish to:

- a) settle and/or withdraw proceedings in whole or in part, or
- b) request an adjournment, that is postponing the hearing of proceedings, until a later sitting of the Court.

Timely notice to the Court of the settlement and/or withdrawal of proceedings will enable the Court to reallocate its hearing time if necessary.

**However, the Court will only grant a request for adjournment if there is good reason for doing so, even if all parties have agreed to it.**

If any party fails to:

- a) be ready to proceed with a hearing at the time arranged for it by the Court
- or**
- b) give adequate notice of withdrawal or settlement of proceedings

the Court may order the party or parties to pay any costs and expenses incurred by the Crown or another party. This may particularly be the case if the hearing time allocated by the Court is not used.

## **2. EVIDENCE**

The parties must (subject to any existing timetable order or direction of the Court):

**Exchange no later than 10 working days from the date of hearing - all statements and evidence that will be produced to the Court at the hearing.**

## **3. MĀORI LANGUAGE AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

If any party or witness:

1. wishes to speak Māori at the hearing under the Māori Language Act 1987, or
2. has special needs (for example in relation to disability and access, deafness, difficulties with the English language), or
3. has any special arrangements for the hearing are required, e.g. transport for site visits, storage space for bulky exhibits, video playback

**they are to advise the Court in writing of this not later than 10 working days from the date of hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be considered.**

## **4. CORRESPONDENCE AND ENQUIRIES**

Information on the Environment Court and the Court's Practice Notes which serve as a guide, are available at [www.justice.govt.nz/courts/environment-court](http://www.justice.govt.nz/courts/environment-court). All correspondence or enquiries about this notice or the hearing procedures are to be directed to the undersigned.

**Dated at Wellington Environment Court Registry on 02 February 2011**

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**ENVIRONMENT COURT**

## SCHEDULE OF PROCEEDINGS

1. **Topic:** **Application for declarations in relation to a number of tree protection rules in the North Shore City District Plan and the Waitakere City District Plan**

i Auckland Council (formerly North Shore City Council, Waitakere City Council and Auckland Regional Council)  
Application For Declaration pursuant to Section 311 of the Resource Management Act 1991  
Court Reference: ENV-2010-AKL-000241