

MT MESSENGER BYPASS

Minute Seven

Close of Hearing

The hearing was adjourned at the completion of the last hearing day on Wednesday 24th October 2018 pending receipt four items of information. These items have now all been provided, being:

1. A response from Mr Doherty, on behalf of the New Plymouth District Council, to answer two questions arising from his supplementary evidence dated 19th October 2018 (response received on 26 October 2019);
2. A response from Dr Drinan, on behalf of the Director General of Conservation, regarding the area of riparian planting to be provided as a compensation measure (response received on 29 October 2018);
3. Legal advice from Counsel, on behalf of the New Plymouth District Council, as requested by Minute 6 on the status of iwi authorities regarding Ngā Hapū o Poutama (advice received 25th October 2018); and
4. Closing submissions from Counsel on behalf of the New Zealand Transport Agency (submissions received on 30th October 2018).

Having considered those items I am now satisfied that I have enough information on which to make a decision. On that basis, I declare the hearing closed as of today, Tuesday 6th November 2018.

Decision Timeframe

At the end of the last hearing day on 24th October 2018 I indicated that I would aim to release a decision before the end of November. That is still the case and I will seek to issue my decision and recommendation to the Minister on, or before, Friday 30th November 2018.



Mr Stephen Daysh
Independent Hearing Commissioner
6 November 2018