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The Registrar
Environment Court
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REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF TIME TO LODGE APPEAL

Timaru Proposed District Plan Decision

Dear Registrar,

We refer to the decision of Timaru District Council (**TDC**) on the Timaru Proposed District Plan (**PDP**).

The decision was served by way of public notice on 9 March 2026. According to this public notice, the appeal period closes on 6 May 2026 (**statutory deadline**).

Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc (**Federated Farmers**) made a submission and further submission on the PDP. Federated Farmers is currently working through TDC's decision on the PDP to make a careful assessment as to whether to bring an appeal.

Pursuant to section 281(1)(a)(ii) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**), Federated Farmers respectfully seek a waiver of the requirement to file any appeal by the statutory deadline. Federated Farmers seeks an extension of five working days to enable the filing of any appeal by 13 May 2026.

Federated Farmers seek an extension of time on the basis that the decisions version of the PDP is of considerable scope and complexity. The decisions version has been made available in a format that materially constrains efficient and accurate review. It has been provided in multiple individual PDFs and as a PDF incorporating tracked changes, with no consolidated or "clean" version and no electronic plan (e-Plan) functionality to assist with navigation, searching or comprehension of the PDP as an integrated whole. This format imposes a substantial practical impediment to identifying the operative text, understanding the nature and extent of amendments, and analysis of the interrelationship between provisions.

Consequently, Federated Farmers have been required to undertake a time-intensive and iterative process of manually reviewing, collating and cross-referencing provisions across multiple sections of the PDP in order to properly determine the scope and implications of the decisions. In the absence of a consolidated version of the PDP, it has not been reasonably practicable for Federated Farmers to complete a fully informed assessment of the decisions by the statutory deadline. The extension sought is necessary to enable Federated Farmers to adequately evaluate the decision and to determine, on a properly informed basis, the grounds and scope of any appeal.

Given these circumstances, we request that the Environment Court grant an additional 5 working days to allow filing of an appeal by **13 May 2026**.

It is not considered that granting the waiver and extension sought would cause undue prejudice to any other parties.

Thank you for considering this request.

Yours sincerely

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