

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
AT CHRISTCHURCH  
I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA  
KI ŌTAUTAHI**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND appeals under clause 14 of Schedule 1 of the Act

BETWEEN VAUGHAN HENRY

(ENV-2026-CHC-38)

(and other appellants as listed in Appendix 1 attached to this Minute)

Appellants

AND TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL

Respondent

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**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
(15 May 2026)**

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**Introduction**

[1] The court has received 12 appeals against the decisions of Timaru District Council (TDC) on the proposed Timaru District Plan. The period for filing appeals ended 6 May 2026.

[2] On 29 April 2026, Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated (FFNZ) sought a waiver of the time within which an appeal must be lodged.<sup>1</sup> On 4 May 2026, the court granted the waiver extending the deadline for filing an appeal



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<sup>1</sup> Resource Management Act 1991, s 281(1)(a)(ii).

to 13 May 2026.<sup>2</sup> An appeal by FFNZ was filed on that date.

[3] The period for filing s274 notices on appeals, excluding FFNZ, ends on 27 May 2026. The period for filing s274 notices of FFNZ's appeal ends 4 June 2026. Parties that wish to join another appeal must file the prescribed form, available on the Environment Court website,<sup>3</sup> and pay the \$114 filing fee.<sup>4</sup>

- (a) the filing fee can be paid using the court's file and pay system or internet banking here:

[File and Pay — Courts of New Zealand](#)

- (b) the prescribed form and instructions for internet banking transfer following the instructions here:

[Forms & fees | Environment Court of New Zealand](#)

[4] This Minute is issued for the purposes of effective case management of the appeals. I consider it useful that, once the s274 period has ended, the respondent, in consultation with all parties, files an initial memorandum setting out a proposed approach to case management. In particular, it will assist the court to understand whether any jurisdictional issues arise and whether the appeals will benefit from court-facilitated mediation.

## Directions

[5] Accordingly, I direct:

- (a) all appeals must be served on the required parties and notice of service filed with the Registrar (if not already done) by **Friday 29 May 2026**;
- (b) all parties must file a hardcopy of their appeal with the court by **Friday 26 June 2026**, having reviewed all appeals and s274 notices;
- (c) TDC is to file a case management memorandum by **Friday 19 June**

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<sup>2</sup> *Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated v Timaru District Council* [2026] NZEnvC 101.

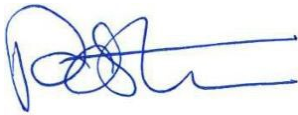
<sup>3</sup> <<https://www.environmentcourt.govt.nz/forms-fees/#environment>>

<sup>4</sup> Unless a fee waiver is obtained.

**2026** that must:

- (i) identify any preliminary or jurisdictional issues;
- (ii) advise whether the parties intend to proceed to mediation, and if so, it is to specify any preferred date ranges for mediation (the court will then refer the appeals to the mediation case manager);
- (iii) identify any appeals that are not to proceed through mediation (a teleconference will be arranged in respect of those appeals).

[6] Leave is reserved for any party to apply for further (or other) directions.



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**P A Steven**  
**Environment Judge**

Issued: 15 May 2026

**Appendix 1**

ENV-2026-CHC-039	Bruce Speirs
ENV-2026-CHC-041	Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated
ENV-2026-CHC-043	KiwiRail Holdings Limited
ENV-2026-CHC-044	Bidwill Trust Hospital
ENV-2026-CHC-045	Transpower New Zealand Limited
ENV-2026-CHC-046	Director-General of Conservation
ENV-2026-CHC-047	Horticulture New Zealand
ENV-2026-CHC-048	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated
ENV-2026-CHC-049	Canterbury Regional Council
ENV-2026-CHC-050	Fonterra Limited
ENV-2026-CHC-051	New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi

