

**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 the First
Schedule of the Act

BETWEEN W J CURRIE

(ENV-2025-CHC-100)

(and all other appellants listed in
the Schedule attached)

Appellants

AND TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN
COMMITTEE

Respondent

**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
(20 April 2026)**

Introduction

[1] The court has received a memorandum of counsel for the respondent dated 14 April 2026 in relation to the case management of mediations on the Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP).

[2] The proposed mediation timetable as set out in Appendix B to the memorandum is, for convenience, also attached to this Minute.



[3] Counsel seeks certain directions in relation to the mediations and mediation logistics.

Directions

[4] Accordingly, I direct:

- (a) the topics identified and set out in Appendix B of the memorandum be scheduled for mediation in accordance with Appendix B;
 - (i) parties may seek leave to appear at mediation remotely;
 - (ii) position papers prepared by the TTPP Committee are to be served on all parties in each topic, **20 working days** prior to commencement of each mediation topic;
 - (iii) all other parties are to populate the position paper with their position for mediation and serve it on all parties, **10 working days** prior to mediation for each topic;
 - (iv) position papers which will form the basis of the mediation agendas (incorporating other parties' positions) are to be provided to the commissioner by the Committee **five working days** prior to the mediation for each topic;
 - (v) any party may seek directions that "will say" statements be provided for a particular mediation topic;
 - (vi) a reporting memorandum (preferably joint) is to be filed by the parties to each mediation topic within **10 working days** of the conclusion of the mediation for that topic; and
 - (vii) each party is to provide preliminary notice of attendance (whether in person or remotely) for each topic with counsel for the TTPP Committee and the court's mediation manager, within **five working days** of this direction to enable venues for each mediation to be arranged and confirmed.
- (b) Parties, especially those intending to attend mediations remotely, are recommended to provide a digital copy of the electronic signature of

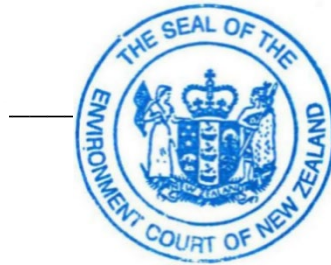
a person authorised to sign on their behalf to counsel for the TPPP Committee to facilitate electronic signing of TPPP mediation outcome documents.

[5] Leave is granted to any party to seek other (or amended) directions.



C Wilkinson
Environment Commissioner

Issued: 20 April 2026



SCHEDULE – LIST OF APPELLANTS

ENV-2025-CHC-101	Chorus New Zealand Limited & others
ENV-2025-CHC-102	Scenic Hotel Group Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-103	Birchfield Coal Mines Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-104	New Zealand Coal and Carbon Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-105	Young
ENV-2025-CHC-107	CMP Kokiri Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-108	Tāiko Critical Minerals Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-110	Federated Farmers of New Zealand
ENV-2025-CHC-111	Director-General of Conservation
ENV-2025-CHC-112	Westland District Council
ENV-2025-CHC-113	Robinson
ENV-2025-CHC-114	Haddock Group Properties Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-115	Tauranga Bay Holdings Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-116	Te Kinga Estates Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-117	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated
ENV-2025-CHC-118	WMS Group (HQ) Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-119	Molloy
ENV-2025-CHC-120	Tranter & others
ENV-2025-CHC-121	Bathurst Resources Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-122	Groundswell New Zealand
ENV-2025-CHC-123	Manawa Energy Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-124	KiwiRail Holdings Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-125	Buller Conservation Group
ENV-2025-CHC-126	Bradley
ENV-2025-CHC-127	Stuart
ENV-2025-CHC-128	McIntosh
ENV-2025-CHC-129	Boyd & Others
ENV-2025-CHC-130	Grey District Council
ENV-2025-CHC-131	Buller District Council

ENV-2025-CHC-133	Westpower Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-134	Te Runanga o Makaawhio & others
ENV-2025-CHC-135	Johnston
ENV-2025-CHC-136	Coates & Others
ENV-2025-CHC-138	Ridgeline 3 Investments Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-139	Transpower New Zealand Limited

Appendix B – Proposed mediation timetable

Key:

- Mediation days are shown in **blue**
- Dates for the TTPP Committee to serve position papers on other parties (for their population) are shown in **green**
- Dates for parties to serve the populated position paper on all other parties shown in **orange**

April 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3 Good Friday	4	5
6 Easter Monday	7	8	9	10 Topic 15: Committee position paper due	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Topic 14: Committee position paper due	24 Topic 15: Party position paper due	25 Anzac Day	26
27 Anzac Day Observed	28	29	30			

May 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Topic 14: Party position paper due	9	10
11	12 Topic 15: Strategic Directions	13 Topic 15: Strategic Directions	14 Topic 15: Strategic Directions	15 Topic 20: Committee position paper due	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Topic 14: Cross Plan and Topic 15: SD - Strategic Directions	26 Topic 14: Cross Plan and Topic 15: SD - Strategic Directions (Forest and Bird not available)	27 Topic 14: Cross Plan and Topic 15: SD - Strategic Directions	28 Topic 14: Cross Plan and Topic 15: SD - Strategic Directions (Forest and Bird not available)	29 Topic 14: Cross Plan and Topic 15: SD - Strategic Directions Topic 22: Committee position paper due Topic 20: Party position paper due	30	31

June 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Kings Birthday	2	3 Topic 14: Cross Plan (KiwiRail relief only) REMOTE Topics 29 and 10: Committee position paper due	4 Topics 23 and 11: Committee position paper due	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Topic 18: Committee position paper due	13	14
15 Topic 22: Party position paper due	16 Topic 20: Mineral Extraction: Mineral Extraction Zone Subtopic	17 Topic 20: Mineral Extraction: Mineral Extraction Zone Subtopic Topics 29 and 10: Party position paper due	18 Topic 20: Mineral Extraction: Mineral Extraction Zone Subtopic Topics 23 and 11: Party position paper due	19 Topic 20: Mineral Extraction: Mineral Extraction Zone Subtopic Topic 19: Committee position paper due	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Topic 18: Party position paper due	27	28

29	30 Topic 22: INF - Infrastructure					
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July 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 Topic 22: INF - Infrastructure	2 Topic 29: ASW Topic 10: Temporary activities Topic 17: Committee position paper due	3 Topic 23: Transport Topic 11: Historic heritage Topic 19: Party position paper due	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Matariki	11	12
13	14 Topic 18: Mineral Extraction	15 Topic 18: Mineral Extraction	16 Topic 18: Mineral Extraction	17 Topic 18: Mineral Extraction Topics 16 and 21: Committee position paper due Topic 17: Party position paper due	18	19

20	21 Topic 19: Mineral Extraction: Buller Coalfield Zone Subtopic	22 Topic 19: Mineral Extraction: Buller Coalfield Zone Subtopic	23 Topic 19: Mineral Extraction: Buller Coalfield Zone Subtopic	24 Placeholder topics: Committee position paper due	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Topics 16 and 21: Party position paper due		

August 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3 Topic 17: Energy Topic 25: Committee position paper due	4 Topic 17: Energy	5 Topic 17: Energy	6 Topic 17: Energy	7 Topic 17: Energy Placeholder topics: Party position paper due	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Topic 27: Committee position paper due	15	16
17 Topic 16: Light and Topic 21: Noise Topic 25: Party position paper due	18 Topic 16: Light and Topic 21: Noise	19 Topic 16: Light and Topic 21: Noise	20 Topic 16: Light and Topic 21: Noise	21	22	23

<p>24</p> <p>Placeholder for topics not resolved through direct discussions</p> <p>REMOTE</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Placeholder for topics not resolved through direct discussions</p> <p>REMOTE</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Placeholder for topics not resolved through direct discussions</p> <p>REMOTE</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Placeholder for topics not resolved through direct discussions</p> <p>REMOTE</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Placeholder for topics not resolved through direct discussions</p> <p>REMOTE</p> <p>Topic 27: Party position paper due</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Topic 30: Committee position paper due</p>						

September 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 Topic 25: OSRZ - Open Space and Recreation Zones	2 Topic 25: OSRZ - Open Space and Recreation Zones	3 Topic 25: OSRZ - Open Space and Recreation Zones	4	5	6
7 Topic 24: Committee position paper due	8 Topic 26: Committee position paper due	9 Topic 28: Committee position paper due	10	11	12	13
14 Topic 27: SASM - Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori Topic 30: Party position paper due	15 Topic 27: SASM - Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori	16 Topic 27: SASM - Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori	17 Topic 27: SASM - Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori (1-5pm only)	18 Topic 27: SASM - Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori	19	20
21 Topic 31: Committee position paper due Topic 24: Party position paper due	22 Topic 26: Party position paper due	23 Topic 28: Party position paper due	24	25	26	27

28	29 Topic 30: CE - Coastal Environment	30 Topic 30: CE - Coastal Environment				
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October 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 Topic 30: CE - Coastal Environment	2 Topic 30: CE - Coastal Environment Topic 32: Committee position paper due	3	4
5 Topic 31: Party position paper due	6 Topic 24: Natural Hazards	7 Topic 24: Natural Hazards Topic 26: Rural	8 Topic 28: SUB - Subdivision	9 Topic 28: SUB - Subdivision	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Topic 33: Committee position paper due Topic 32: Party position paper due	17	18
19	20 Topic 31: Natural Character and the Margins of Waterbodies	21 Topic 31: Natural Character and the Margins of Waterbodies	22 Topic 31: Natural Character and the Margins of Waterbodies	23 Topic 31: Natural Character and the Margins of Waterbodies	24	25

26 Labour Day	27	28	29	30 Topic 34: Committee position paper due	31	
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November 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2 Topic 33: Party position paper due	3 Topic 32: NFL - Natural Features and Landscapes	4 Topic 32: NFL - Natural Features and Landscapes	5 Topic 32: NFL - Natural Features and Landscapes	6 Topic 32: NFL - Natural Features and Landscapes	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Topic 34: Party position paper due	14	15
16	17 Topic 33: Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity	18 Topic 33: Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity	19 Topic 33: Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity	20 Topic 33: Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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Topic 34: Zones - Maps and Specific Site Zone						

December 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 Topic 34: Zones - Maps and Specific Site Zone	2 Topic 34: Zones - Maps and Specific Site Zone	3 Topic 34: Zones - Maps and Specific Site Zone	4 Topic 34: Zones - Maps and Specific Site Zone	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27
28	29	30	31			

January 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 New Year's Day	2 Day after New Year's Day	3
4 Day after New Year's Day observed	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6 Waitangi Day	7
8 Waitangi Day observed	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28