

# DIRECTION & MINUTE OF THE DECISION-MAKING COMMITTEE

Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (“HSNO Act”)

Application APP203660: modified reassessment of methyl bromide

## Direction & Minute WGT012 of the Decision-making Committee (DMC) – 4 May 2020

### Follow-up to WGT011

1. On 31 March 2020, the DMC issued Direction and Minute WGT011 in which they directed parties to the expert conferencing and their nominating organisations to complete the activities agreed upon at the second round of expert conferencing.
2. The DMC acknowledges the receipt of materials from Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC), Genera, and the applicant. It is noted that these have been shared with the applicant and are available on the Environmental Protection Authority’s (EPA’s) website.
3. The DMC acknowledges that, in their letter of 9 April 2020, BOPRC asked for clarity regarding who was going to pay for their specialist’s (Atmospheric Science Global - ASG) conversion of the meteorological data they have provided in to the CALMET dataset required for the air dispersion modelling the applicant has been directed to perform.
4. The 12<sup>th</sup> Memorandum of Counsel (dated 24 April 2020), acknowledged receipt of the meteorological data though noted that the CALMET data was not available. The applicant has proposed that, although they can do the work to convert the data, this will result in delays to their modelling, with the subsequent reporting now due on 15 June 2020.

### Directions

5. The DMC directs the EPA to discuss with the applicant and BOPRC/ASG the prospect of the EPA facilitating a meeting between the applicant and BOPRC/ASG (in line with the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Methodology) Order 1998, Schedule, clause 2(2)(d)), acknowledging that should agreement not be reached on the above issue, that the modelling report will not be received until at least 15 June 2020.
6. The DMC will continue to issue Directions and Minutes as necessary to advise parties to the process of further communications or procedural matters.

For the Decision-making Committee:



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**Tipene Wilson, Chairperson**

**Date: 04 May 2020**