



# BOARD MEMORANDUM

## BOARD OF INQUIRY

### Watercare Waikato River Water Take Proposal

**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of a Board of Inquiry appointed under s149J of the Resource Management Act 1991 to consider the application for resource consents by Watercare Services Ltd to increase abstraction of water from the Waikato River.

**THE BOARD OF INQUIRY** Judge David Kirkpatrick (Chair)  
Anthony Wilson  
Nicholas Manukau

**DATE** 27 August 2021

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### BOARD MEMORANDUM NO. 11 Deferral of the hearing

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1. In response to the joint memorandum from Te Whakakitenga o Waikato and the Waikato River Authority dated 24 August 2021 ([see here](#)) and the urgent conference of parties held on 26 August 2021, the Board advises that it has decided to defer the hearing that was to commence on Tuesday 31 August 2021 via a video conference platform.
2. The hearing is now scheduled to commence in the week of Monday 4 October 2021. The Board anticipates the hearing will take place on a face-to-face basis, for two weeks as scheduled. The original hearing schedule will remain largely the same, although adjustments will be considered to accommodate witness availability issues. Parties will be advised of any venue changes in due course.
3. As suggested at the conference, legal counsel are requested to lodge their legal submissions with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) in accordance with the original hearing schedule. This will assist the Board in keeping to its original 12 November 2021 decision deadline under section 149R(2)(a) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. The ability to hold the re-scheduled hearing on a face-to-face basis will be subject to COVID-19 pandemic response alert levels. The Board asks that all parties consider how they might prepare to participate fully in a virtual alternative should the alert levels on 4 October 2021 not allow the hearing to take place face-to-face.

For the Board:

Judge D Kirkpatrick  
Chairperson