

**From:** Eugene Berryman-Kamp [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 23 September 2021 11:10 am  
**To:** watercareapplication  
**Subject:** Re: Watercare hearing update | Hearings under COVID-19 alert levels

Tena koe Sara, this email is to formally notify the EPA that Te Arawa River Iwi Trust (reference/submitter number 82) wish to withdraw from the Watercare Water take hearing process, so will not be presenting on 13 September at 3 30pm, and do not oppose the proposed consent application, Te Arawa River Iwi trust has engaged directly with Watercare and has worked through our areas of concern.

Please email back formal confirmation of our withdrawal from the hearings process, na Eugene.

On Thu, Sep 23, 2021 at 9:58 AM watercareapplication <[watercareapplication@epa.govt.nz](mailto:watercareapplication@epa.govt.nz)> wrote:

Tēnā koe

This is a quick update regarding the Watercare Waikato River water take application following the government's COVID-19 announcement on 20 September 2021.

### **Alert level 2 in the Waikato region**

- We are planning to hold the hearing kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face) at the previously communicated Waikato venues under the current restrictions of COVID-19 alert level 2 delta. We will be following all Ministry of Health COVID-19 guidance, including contact tracing requirements, maintaining distancing between attendees, and providing face coverings and hand sanitiser.
- We will also live stream the hearing for anyone who wishes to view the proceedings this way.
- Prior to deferral of the hearing, some parties had already received approval from the Board to participate in the hearing via videoconference. If you would prefer to appear via videoconference, or consider you will have restrictions on travel to the hearing, please communicate this to us as soon as possible.

### **Alert level 3+ in the Waikato region**

- We are prepared for the possibility that the COVID-19 alert levels could increase in the Waikato region, either before or during the hearing. At alert levels 3+, we would look to move from kanohi ki te kanohi to a fully virtual hearing.

[You can view the hearing schedule and other details on our website here](#)

## Coming up

We will keep in touch if the COVID-19 alert levels change. You can also expect updated inquiry procedures and more guidance for the expected alert level requirements closer to the hearing.

## Any questions?

As always, if you have any issues or pātai about any part of this process, you can contact the EPA Watercare Project Team via return email or freephone 0800 722 667

Noho ora mai, nā

Sara

## On behalf of the Watercare Project Team

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