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**To:** watercareapplication  
**Subject:** RE: Watercare hearing update | Urgent memorandum from submitters

Kia ora Sara,

Thank you for communicating this request. I support this request, from my perspective lockdown is making preparation from an iwi perspective very challenging and I believe it will limit our ability to communicate effectively.

A delay and the ability to prepare and present in person will provide for a more robust process from our perspective.

Regards

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**Subject:** Watercare hearing update | Urgent memorandum from submitters

Tēnā koe

This is an update from the Watercare Waikato River water take application.

**Joint memorandum from Te Whakakitenga o Waikato and the Waikato River Authority**

The Board have received a joint memorandum of counsel on behalf of Te Whakakitenga o Waikato and the Waikato River Authority. The memorandum contains a request for the hearing to be deferred.

[Read the joint memorandum from Te Whakakitenga o Waikato and Waikato River authority on our website](#)

The Board has had an urgent meeting to discuss the memorandum. They are seeking advice from the Minister for the Environment's office, and will be in communication with parties in due course.

**The Board encourages all parties that have a view on the memorandum to communicate this to the EPA staff as as soon as possible by return email.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch, either by email or on freephone 0800 722 667.

Ngā mihi maioha,  
Sara

**On behalf of the Watercare Project Team**

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