
From: Patience Te Ao [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 August 2021 2:21 pm
To: watercareapplication
Subject: Re: Watercare hearing update | Change to virtual hearing details

Tena koe

Te Taniwha o Waikato request to defer hearing until we are able to present our submission in person.

Patience Te Ao
Chair
Te Taniwha o Waikato

On 24/08/2021, at 11:34 AM, watercareapplication <watercareapplication@epa.govt.nz> wrote:

Tēnā koe

This is confirmation that, as a result of the current COVID-19 alert levels, the Board of Inquiry will conduct the first week of the Watercare Waikato River water take hearing via a video conference. It is likely that the second week will also need to be held by video conference, although this will be subject to alert level changes.

[Read Board Memorandum 10: Change from a face-to-face hearing to a virtual hearing on our website](#)

Accessing the virtual hearing

The hearing is still scheduled to commence on Tuesday 31 August 2021.

Everyone that wishes to be heard will be sent invitations with instructions on how to join the hearing as a participant. Your link will be sent to you the day before you are scheduled to present on the schedule.

There will also be a public link available on our website. As this hearing is a public process, members of the public and the media are also welcome to watch.

[View the hearing schedule and other hearing information on our website](#)

Preparing for a virtual hearing

A 'practice' session via ZOOM will be held on Monday 30 August, and we encourage everyone to join this session to test their connections and/or equipment. The ZOOM invite, and further details, will be sent out at the end of this week (probably on Friday 27 August). Please keep an eye on your inbox, as these links may come through our third party provider, Streamliner Productions Ltd.

Inquiry Procedures – version 2

In light of the arrangements to hold at least the first week of the hearing via ZOOM, version 2 of the inquiry procedures is now available.

[Read Board Memorandum 4: Inquiry Procedures \(version two\) on our website](#)

Any questions?

We appreciate that attending a virtual hearing is not what many of us were anticipating. The priority of the Board is to ensure that everyone is safe, and also able to participate fully in the inquiry process.

If you have any questions or are uncertain about anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Watercare Project team at the EPA, either by return email or freephone 0800 722 667.

Ngā mihi maioha,
Sara

On behalf of the Watercare Project Team

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