

## **Declarations by members of the NRRP Hearing Committees**

The following declarations were made by Hearing Committee members at the start of the NRRP Variation 1 hearings on the 4 September 2006.

### **DECLARATION BY BRENT COWIE, CHAIRMAN OF THE HEARING COMMITTEES**

I, Brent Cowie, declare that in relation to the hearings on the Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan that:

1. I am a registered hearing commissioner with very wide experience of resource consent hearings.
2. I had no involvement at all in the development of Variation 1 of the Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan. Nor have I had any involvement in the preparation of any other statutory plan or policy statement prepared by the Canterbury Regional Council.
3. As a consultant I have completed some work for three submitters to Variation 1 of the PNRRP as follows:
  - AgResearch, for whom I have assisted to apply for resource consents for two water takes in the Manawatu-Wanganui region;
  - MAF, for whom I have done a little policy work for their head office; and
  - The Department of Conservation, for whom I have done one contract looking at coastal water quality for the review of the NZ Coastal Policy Statement.

In five years work as a private consultant this work would have totaled no more than eight working days. None of this work was specific to the Canterbury Region.

4. I have not carried out any work for any other party who has submitted to Variation 1 of the PNRRP.
5. My partner works as a Consents Manager for the Growth and Development part of Natural Resources in Meridian Energy Limited. When initially employed by Meridian in late 2004 she worked on the company's submission to Variation 1 of the PNRRP. I had no involvement in that. Since that time she has changed jobs and all her work is presently involved with new developments, primarily with wind and at present entirely outside of the Canterbury Region. She will not have any future involvement in Meridian's submissions to the PNRRP.
6. I hold shares in five listed public companies. To my knowledge, none of those companies or their subsidiaries are submitters to Variation 1 of the PNRRP.
7. I have substantial investments in holdings such as superannuation trusts and insurance bonds. Those trusts will undoubtedly include shareholdings in companies that have submitted to Variation 1 the PNRRP. I am not however aware of the nature of the shareholdings of those trusts, nor do I intend to make myself aware of them.

### **Declaration by Robert Hugh Merrell Johnston**

519 Ashley Gorge Road, Oxford 7495

I have been a farmer all my life farming my dry land hill and flat country property at Ashley Gorge.

Effective 1 May 2005 I leased out the whole property to a tenant, and so severed ties with active farming then.

I had an active interest in Wool Board affairs for 11 years, 1973 – 1983.

I have been a member of Federated Farmers and New Zealand Farm Forestry Association for nearly 40 years but have not been an office holder in Federated Farmers since 1983 (Oxford Branch Chair), or held any office in New Zealand Farm Forestry Association, (more passive membership than active).

I do not believe I hold any direct shareholding in companies which have an interest in, or are submitters to this hearing process. My Ravensdown shareholding has been encashed.

I am a director of Target Pest Enterprises Ltd, Chair of ECan's Pest Management Portfolio, Chair of the Representation Review Committee, and I am also Deputy Chairman of the Canterbury Regional Council.

In accepting the role of Commissioner in these hearings, I believe I bring an open mind to the considerations that will be before us. Nothing in my affiliations, past or present, constitutes anything that would influence my decision-making, in my view.

I make the same declaration with respect to my role as a Councillor in the development of the various chapters of the NRRP.

This declaration is made at Christchurch, at the opening of the hearings on 4 September, 2006.

Robert H M Johnston

#### **Declaration by Mark Eldred Oldfield**

Seadown, No 3 R D, Timaru

I farm an irrigated cropping, sheep and dairy property at Seadown, Timaru.

I am a member of many organisations including Federated Farmers and Forest and Bird. I do not hold office in these organisations except for the South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce where I am currently a vice president.

My farming business requires me to hold shares in Fonterra, and meat and fertiliser co-operative companies.

I have not contributed to any submissions to these hearings.

In accepting the role of Commissioner in these hearings, I believe I bring an open mind to all of the considerations that will be before us.

I make the same declaration with respect to my role as a Councillor in the development of the various chapters of the PNRRP.

This declaration is made at Christchurch, at the commencement of the hearings on 4 September, 2006.

M E Oldfield.

**Declaration by Anne Shirley Carroll**

19 Ranger Street, Christchurch 8052

I, Anne Shirley Carroll declare I have no conflict of interest as a member of the Hearings Panel.

A S Carroll

**Declaration by Professor Robert M Kirk**

35 Tintern Avenue, Christchurch 8042

I declare that to the best of my knowledge I have no conflict of interest in the matters that will be discussed during these hearings.

As a new Councillor at the 2004 elections, I have had no role in the earlier discussions or the drafting of the NRRP. I come to the hearings fresh with respect to the content and form of the NRRP and I have no background of either particular commitment or opposition to the measures it contains.

Over many years at University of Canterbury as a coastal scientist I consulted to many organisations including ECan and other organisations who are submitters on the NRRP. I have a consulting associate who does work for some of those agencies but I do not believe this creates a conflict of interest for me in respect of the NRRP.

I bring to the hearings my 35 years of experience with environmental resources in Canterbury and elsewhere, such skills as I have acquired (including certification as an RMA Hearings Commissioner), and, an open mind.

R M Kirk

**Declaration by Bill Woods**

Main West Road, Springfield

I, Cr Bill Woods appointed as Commissioner to participate in the hearing and decision process of the Canterbury Regional Council Natural Resources Regional Plan, declare that I have not participated in the draft process of the Plan, nor have any affiliation with any party making a submission.

As an individual I have made a submission to the proposed water take and use by the Central Plains Water Trust who may well be a submitter to this plan. My submission is in no way connected with the Plan process.

Cr Bill Woods