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Subject: RE: ENV-2024-CHC-021-033 & 034-040: Appeals on the Non-freshwater parts of the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021

Good morning all,

In advance of the mediations starting next week, please see the following from Commissioner Buchanan:

The court has received various requests from parties to be excused from upcoming mediations or to attend remotely. Accordingly, I direct:

- 1. If a party has notified the court in writing that they either agree to abide by the mediation agreement or confirm they have no interest in the matters to be mediated, they can assume they are excused from the mediation without any further correspondence from the court.*
- 2. It is the court's preference that those who hold authority to settle attend mediation in person. Those with a limited role (i.e. observers or expert witnesses) may attend remotely if necessary. However, leave will need to be sought and should not be assumed to be granted in all cases.*

*I M Buchanan
Environment Commissioner
29 October 2024*

Kind regards, Karina



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