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Dear Holly

I write in reply to your email below.

On 7 November Hurunui District Council wrote to all submitters with a questionnaire. In question S on page 8 we were asked to state "how long do you think it will take you to present your case". My reply was "Maximum three hours". I confirm that I hold to this requirement for my opening submission.

The reason for the length of time needed for my opening submission is due to the diversity and enormity of the impact of Meridian's proposed wind farm on Tipapa, my property. I am impacted at the very least by Noise. Health. Landscape. Recreation. Traffic. Construction. Property value. Ecology, specifically water. Avifauna, specifically NZ Falcons that I see on Tipapa lands.

In response to your question regarding whether the Court schedule provides enough or not enough time. My response is to reaffirm my intention to cross question in depth if not all nearly all witnesses whose names have been put up by Meridian, Hurunui District Council, and Environment Canterbury. In addition the Court has my list of witnesses both expert and witness summons which I will be questioning in detail on the matters for which they have been summoned which as I have stated all have relevance to the case.

I have no knowledge of the length of time that this requirement of mine will take. However I ask the Court to factor in sufficient time for the above to be carried out in the detail required and without pressure. This is to ensure that all the facts related to the case as regards its impact on my property, myself, and the wider issues in which I have been heavily involved are brought to the attention of the Court from this cross questioning and questioning.

Setting aside the opening and closing submission periods, in addition to what I have written above regarding myself, there are all the other submitters and those others wishing to question the experts and witness summons. Therefore I do not believe that this case can be heard in the detail required in 15 working days as currently set down. I would suggest that it will need double that time at the least. For myself and those many others impacted it is nothing short of a huge event with enormous ramifications, that Meridian have uninvited inflicted upon this gentle, tranquil, and innocent community.

In the light of my personal commitments I thank the Court for not commencing the case before 27 August 2012.

Regards

John Carr

Good afternoon parties.

The Judge is reviewing the various memoranda that Counsel and the parties have filed in the last few days and a response will be issued in due course.

In terms of a fixture date the Court is of the mind to sit on the following dates:

- 27 - 28 August: Hear opening submissions
- 29-31 August: The Court is to adjourn to read evidence
- 3-14 September: The Court will sit
- 17-21 September: The Court will adjourn
- 24-28 September: The Court will sit
- 15-19 October: The Court will reserve this time for any final matters that need to be heard.

At the moment this is a tentative timetable and scheduled around the availability of the presiding Judge and Commissioners.

Please circulate any relevant comments you may have in relation to this scheduling.

Can the parties please indicate whether they think this will be enough/not enough time for the matter to be heard.

Please keep in mind, although the Court will endeavour to accommodate all of the parties involved, given the large number of parties some degree of flexibility will be required.

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