

**Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipā  
River Catchments**

**Minute from the Hearing Panel – regarding:**

**Waikato Region Territorial Authorities (WARTA) seeking to file their expert  
evidence late (by the 22 February 2019)**

WARTA has sought to file its evidence a week late; by the 22 February 2019. This request was received on the 5 February 2019, with the reasons set out below.

Warta's expert in relation to "science issues" has had to return to China due to a death in the family. Consequently WARTA has had to engage another expert (on the 4 February 2019). Given this and having to file evidence by the 15 February 2019, WARTA has sought an extension to file its evidence by the 22 February 2019.

The Hearing Panel agrees to this request for the reasons set out above.

WARTA is scheduled to be heard on the 18 March 2019, and therefore any rebuttal of WARTA's evidence is extended by a week (Tuesday 5 March 2019).



Greg Hill

Chairman of the Hearing Panel. 8

February 2019