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FYI

From: Macaela Flanagan <Macaela.Flanagan@mfe.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 4:57 PM
To: Iain Maxwell <Iain.Maxwell@mfe.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Newsroom query Rakaia WCO

Kia ora Iain

I just wanted to give you a further update regarding the Rakaia WCO proceedings.

ECan has withdrawn their application relating to the proceedings, and David Williams, Newsroom, made a media enquiry about that today. As the proceedings are still live, we have been advised by CLO to not provide comment, but I wanted to give you a heads up as it will likely be in the press shortly.

The team are awaiting more info about what ECan's withdrawal means, and I'll update you when I can.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi
Macaela

From: Rebecca Hare <Rebecca.Hare@mfe.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 4:41 PM
To: Shannon Wallace <Shannon.Wallace@mfe.govt.nz>; Macaela Flanagan <Macaela.Flanagan@mfe.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Newsroom query Rakaia WCO

Hi Shannon and Macaela,

I have been in touch with Juliette about the media query, who has been liaising with Emily from CLO. Even though ECan has withdrawn their application relating to the declaration proceedings, the proceedings are technically still live as EDS has emailed the Court with an extract that provides other parties the opportunity to oppose the withdrawal. We do not typically comment on live proceedings, and accordingly legal and CLO are advising to make no comment at this point.

Are you fine for me to go back to Gerald and say that given proceedings are still live the Minister or MfE have no comment at this point?

FYI – I have attached the email from Juliette and Emily if you would like to see.

Thanks,
Rebecca

From: Shannon Wallace <Shannon.Wallace@mfe.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 12:47 PM
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Subject: RE: Newsroom query Rakaia WCO

Hi Gerald

We have been involved – **Rebecca** can you please liaise with Legal to then send Gerald a response to the below?

I suspect it would just be something very bland like – The Minister is party to these proceedings, we have noted ECAN's withdrawal and will be considering any further steps... or something. Legal will hopefully have thoughts

Cheers
Shannon

From: Gerald Raymond <Gerald.Raymond@mfe.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 12:20 PM
To: Shannon Wallace <Shannon.Wallace@mfe.govt.nz>; Macaela Flanagan <Macaela.Flanagan@mfe.govt.nz>
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Subject: Fw: Newsroom query Rakaia WCO
Importance: High

Kia ora,

Are either of you able to help with the request below from David Williams?

Thanks,
Gerald

From: David Williams <David.Williams@newsroom.co.nz>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 11:53 AM
To: Media <Media@mfe.govt.nz>; governmentservices@mfe.govt.nz
Cc: Brad Tattersfield <Brad.Tattersfield@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Newsroom query

Kia ora: Does MfE, or the minister, have any comment on ECan withdrawing its application for a

declarations proceeding in the Environment Court, regarding the Rakaia water conservation order? (ENV-2023-CHC-007)

Please acknowledge receipt of this email. My deadline for responses is always the same day, if possible. All comments should be attributable to a named spokesperson.

Ngā mihi,

David Williams

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