

Email correspondence between Deputy Director-General and senior Department of Conservation managers 29-30 July 2013

From:

Sent: Tuesday, 30 July 2013 7:20 a.m.

To: Doris Johnston

Subject: RE: Ruataniwha Urgent

Hi....

We will try to ring you, but could be in transit to the airport and out of cell phone range. Essentially both ... and ... are not convinced we should be submitting on the Plan Change. They do agree we need to submit on the consents. If this was in the SI ... would not be submitting on it, mainly due to the lack of relevant conservation issues. They both consider we should leave this debate for a place where the conservation values are significant. The case will utilise quite a bit of our RMA \$ and time resources so do need to look at this more closely than previously.

None of us have seen the submission or the briefing so a little concerned about what might go to the Minister. Have you seen anything?

Cheers

From: Doris Johnston

Sent: Monday, 29 July 2013 6:33 p.m.

To:

Subject: RE: Ruataniwha Urgent

Maybe we should try and have a phone conversation about this tomorrow, I am in the Hamilton office and am free by 4:30 so could give you a call on the West Coast ?

Does that sound like a good idea.

Doris

From:

Sent: Monday, 29 July 2013 6:30 p.m.

To: Doris Johnston;

Cc:

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Hi....

Before this briefing goes to the Minister can you ensure that myself, ... and ... to have a look at.

I am a bit concerned that from a managers perspective the issue about whether we should be involved in the Plan Change.

Cheers

From: Doris Johnston
Sent: 29/07/2013 5:59 p.m.
To:
Cc:
Subject: Ruataniwha Urgent

Hello the Minister wants to see the submission we are proposing to make on Ruataniwha before it is lodged, I suggest that you send it over tomorrow for him to consider the draft and also attach the briefing note that you provided me, I am in Hamilton tomorrow but am back on Wednesday.

He is concerned and is likely to query whether we leave it all to the EPA to consider.