

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

**I TE KŌTI MATUA O AOTEAROA
ŌTAUTAHI ROHE**

ENV-2020-CHC-099

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
ACT AND OF AN APPLICATION
FOR DECLARATIONS UNDER
s310 OF THE ACT**

**ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENCE
SOCIETY INCORPORATED**

Applicant

v

**NEW ZEALAND ALUMINIUM
SMELTERS LIMITED**

Respondent

Date of Minute: 16 October 2020

**MINUTE OF ALTERNATE ENVIRONMENT
JUDGE NEWHOOK**

(Intended as a media release)

[1] I have today (16 October) conducted a follow-up settlement conference to the one I conducted in Invercargill on 9 September and 2 others electronically on 28 September and 9 October.

[2] Excellent progress continues on planning for removal of the ouvea pre-mix from Maitua to an industrial site, and I have set the next judicial settlement conference for Friday 30 October hopefully to receive a report on finality. The parties remain focussed on the urgency of the situation and are acting constructively and with expedition. Their expectation is that the accelerated removal from Maitua will be commencing in the first week of November. It could conceivably be completed by Christmas, but will be weather-dependent.



I have directed a continuation of the tasks I reviewed today.



L J Newhook
Alternate Environment Judge

