

CROWN MINERALS ACT 1991

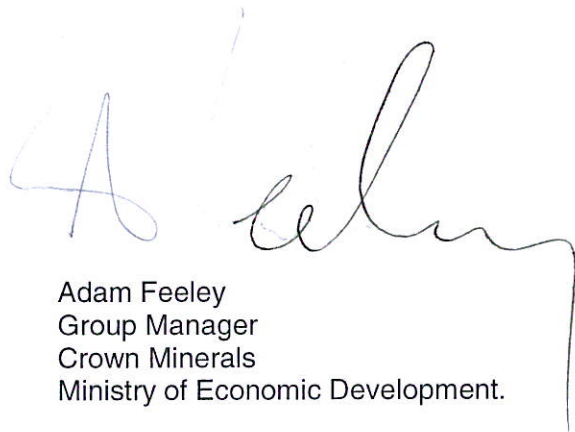
NOTICE OF AREA UNAVAILABLE FOR PIT APPLICATIONS

Canterbury Basin – moratorium of Priority in Time permit applications.

Notice is given that, in accordance with paragraph 5.4.41 of the Minerals Programme for Petroleum (1 January 2005), the area identified in the attached map is closed to Priority in Time petroleum permit applications from 18 August 2006 until further notice.

Any acreage within that area in respect of which a permit is revoked, surrendered or otherwise terminated, or in respect of which an application filed before the date of this notice is withdrawn or declined, shall also be closed to Priority in Time applications.

DATED at Wellington this 18th day of August 2006



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