Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan

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On the 12 February 2018, Mr Ian Shapcott presented expert evidence to the MEP Hearings Panel on Topic 6: Indigenous Biodiversity on behalf of Te Atiawa o Te Waka-a-Maui. This included a written statement provided to the Panel on the day that Mr Shapcott used as a basis of his presentation. The written statement included requests for reasonably extensive amendments to the notified provisions of Volume 1, Chapter 8 (from page 4 of the statement to page 8 of the statement).

The Panel has considered these requested amendments against the scope of the specific relief requested in the original submission lodged by Te Atiawa o Te Waka-a-Maui. The Panel notes that Te Atiawa o Te Waka-a-Maui did not specifically submit on Chapter 8, Appendix 3 (in Volume 3) or the Ecologically Significant Marine Site Overlay (in Volume 4). This causes the Panel concern that the suggested amendments sought in the statement of Mr Shapcott may be out of scope relative to the relief requested in the original submission.

The Panel requests that Te Atiawa o Te Waka-a-Maui therefore provide the Panel with further information to assist it on the issue of scope to consider the requests made at the hearing.

This memorandum is not an attempt to pre-determine the merits of the changes sought by Mr Shapcott in Chapter 8. Quite the contrary: If the Panel does seek to make the changes sought, it seeks assurance that those changes are within the scope of the requests made by Te Atiawa o Te Waka-a-Maui in its original submission.

The Panel therefore seeks a **concise** statement from Te Atiawa o Te Waka-a-Maui that provides an explicit link for each individual change in the statement of Mr Shapcott to a submission point recorded in the publicly notified summary of submissions. To assist in the Panel's deliberations it would be appreciated if this information could be provided within the next week (i.e., by 21 February 2018).

Dated 14 February 2018

Councillor Trevor Hook

Chair of the MEP Hearing Panel