

Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan

Minute of the Hearing Panel

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1. In the course of deliberations on Policy 19.2.2 the Hearing Panel has been considering the evidence heard, including Mr Jackson's Section 42A Report.
2. A particular problem identified is that Table 12 of the Guidelines (Coastal Hazards and Climate Change: Guidance for Local Government) provides guidance in its heading for:

"Minimum transitional New Zealand-wide SLR allowances and scenarios for use in planning instruments where a single value is required at local/district scale while in transition towards adaptive pathways planning using the New Zealand-wide SLR scenarios"

3. We have underlined for emphasis the phrase 'a single value is required' for the interim 'transition' period because the table fails to provide a single value for categories A and B. By contrast it does specifically provide single values for categories C and D.
4. Table 12 does provide some level of effective guidance for a single value for Category A by requiring use of the '100 years and the H+ scenario', which requires the Plan to specify a commencement year.
5. However, for Category B, Table 12 provides a 'transitional response' which is not a single value at all for the interim transitional period – the wording under the column header of 'Transitional Response' being:

"Adapt to hazards by conducting a risk assessment using the range of scenarios and using the pathways approach"

That is not a single value for the transitional period, because the 'transition' period is supposed to be until the adaption pathways approach is complete.

6. The Panel seeks the assistance of Mr Jackson as to how he suggests it should realistically assess a single value for sea level rise for that interim transitional period, until the adaptive pathways planning approach is complete, for Category B developments.

Dated 24 May 2018

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Councillor Trevor Hook

Chair of the MEP Hearing Panel