

Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan

Minute of the Hearing Panel

Minute 37

To: Peter Hamill, Section 42A Report Writer – Indigenous Biodiversity – Significant Wetlands

1. In deliberations on wetland boundary mapping definitions, the Hearing Panel noted that the submitter James Collett had supported proposed Wetland 793 on Planning Map 165 being mapped as a significant wetland, but sought amendment of its boundaries, asserting they were too large.
2. At paragraph 443 of the original Section 42A Report, the Panel was advised that Mr. Hamill was available to visit the site to carry out an on-site assessment, if that was requested by the Panel. The Section 42A Report also advised that Mr. Collett was not the landowner.
3. As no appearance was made by Mr. Collett at the Indigenous Biodiversity – Significant Wetlands hearings, the Panel overlooked requesting that landowner consent be sought to enable an on-site assessment of the extent of proposed Wetland 793.
4. During its initial deliberation on this submission point 163.1, the Panel has concluded it would be assisted in its decision-making by an on-site assessment if that could be arranged with landowner consent.
5. Accordingly, Mr. Hamill is requested to make contact with Trustpower Limited, (or the current registered proprietor of the land on which Wetland 793 is located), to seek consent to conduct an on-site assessment, and then to report the outcome to the Panel. The Panel can then take that report into account in making its final decision on the boundaries of this proposed significant wetland.

6. The boundaries will not be able to be expanded beyond those defined on Planning Map 165 of the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan as the submission only sought a retraction in boundary definition.

Dated 2 October 2018

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Councillor Trevor Hook

Chair of the MEP Hearing Panel