

Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan

Minute of the Hearing Panel

Minute 44

To: Jon Cunliffe, Marlborough District Council's Resource Management Advisor

1. In Minute 32 dated 11 July, 2018 the Hearing Panel sought information from Mr. Cunliffe as to potential commercial forestry traffic volumes which could be reasonably anticipated to travel through the Omaka Overlay Map area.
2. Mr. Cunliffe responded with details as to all such potential forestry sources accompanied by a map which showed an area of 29.4ha which was described in the accompanying Legend as 'Carbon Sink' planting.
3. The questions posed as to the volumes which might potentially emanate from that particular 'carbon sink' planting, in the event it was later to be changed in nature by a different future owner and harvested, were not able to be addressed. That was because the consultant involved, who may have been able to provide that information, was overseas and not expected to return until September, 2018. Nor were details available as to the binding nature of the 'carbon sink' planting commitment, nor species types.
4. The Panel requests that further enquiry be pursued now to try to obtain sufficient information to enable a reasonable assessment to be made of the traffic volumes which could potentially emanate from that 29.4 ha block.
5. If those details are not available on enquiry from the consultant involved, then the Panel requests that Mr. Cunliffe makes a reasonable assessment as to potential volumes on a conservative basis. That assessment could be based on average planting densities at other nearby forests, making a generous reasonable discount for uncertainty as to roading and other areas unlikely to have been planted based on aerial photography.

Dated 5 December 2018



Councillor Trevor Hook

Chair of the MEP Hearing Panel