

## **Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan**

### **Minute of the Hearing Panel**

#### **Minute 53**

To: Kaye McIlveney, Marlborough District Council Solicitor

1. The Hearing Panel has received submissions as to asserted transportation safety, sedimentation and infrastructural roading integrity effects arising from forestry harvesting – particularly in the Marlborough Sounds. A particular emphasis has centred on Council roads such as Queen Charlotte Road, the Kenepuru Road and the Port Underwood Road.
2. The Panel is aware that these are not new issues. It understands that in the past Marlborough District Council (MDC), or even its predecessor Marlborough County Council (MCC), may have considered various options for controlling or managing safety, roading infrastructural integrity and sedimentation issues arising from road transportation by forestry trucks of commercial forest harvest produce on those roads.
3. The Panel is aware of the Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan approach to these issues, but seeks further information from you as to:
  - (i) any other legal avenues, such as by-law controls, or other non-regulatory methods which may have either been utilised, or been formally considered, by either MDC or MCC, or reported on by their officers or advisers to address those asserted effects?
  - (ii) the detailed nature of any such control measures which are still in place in respect of any of those Sounds roads, whether regulatory or non-regulatory, and how and when those were put into operation?
  - (iii) Reference to any reports as to practicality, efficiency or legality of such options and copies of those reports?
  - (iv) Reference to any reports as to the outcome/s of such control measures and copies of same?

4. The Panel requests your report under Section 42A as to those issues by Friday 5 April, 2019 to assist deliberation considerations by the Panel in the following week commencing 8 April, 2019.
5. If it was to transpire that there were a large volume of the reports referred to in paragraph 3(iii) and (iv) above over a period of years, then the Hearing Panel would prefer to receive a concise summary by you of the content of those reports accompanied by references which could be utilised if necessary.

Dated 12 March 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Hook', with a small dot at the end.

Councillor Trevor Hook

Chair of the MEP Hearing Panel