

Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan

Minute of the Hearing Panel

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On 12 December 2017, the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan Hearing Panel (the Panel) received a request from Marine Farming Association Incorporated (MFA) and Aquaculture New Zealand Limited (AQNZ) who sought an extension for filing site specific evidence for Topic 6: Indigenous Biodiversity.

After reviewing the Section 42A report for Indigenous Biodiversity, MFA and AQNZ found issue with recommendations raised in that report, specifically amendments to Policy 8.3.7 and Rule 16.7.5. They have sought further time to provide site specific evidence on four existing marine farms that are within or adjacent to areas affected by the above provisions.

The Panel agreed these were exceptional circumstances arising out of amendments proposed by the Section 42A report and granted an extension for providing the site specific evidence. This evidence would be due by 2 February 2018.

Dated 14 December 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Hook', followed by a period.

Councillor Trevor Hook

Chair of the MEP Hearing Panel