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 Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay Inc (FONH) for an increase in time to present to the Panel for Topic 5: Natural Character and Landscape and Topic 6: Indigenous Biodiversity.

In its request, FONH stated that they would have legal representation as well as an expert witness appearing at both hearings. FONH requested a 1.5 hour time slot for Natural Character and Landscape and a 40 minute time slot for Indigenous Biodiversity.

The Panel did not agree that a 1.5 hour time slot for Natural Character and Landscape was warranted given the details provided in the request. The Panel reiterated the statement they had made in their original minute that all evidence would be pre-read.

Based on the list of attendees on behalf of FONH provided in their request, the Panel confirmed an extension to time for both topic hearings was reasonable. FONH would be provided 40 minutes to present at the hearing on Indigenous Biodiversity and a further 40 minutes to present at the hearing on Natural Character and Landscape.

Dated 14 December 2017

Councillor Trevor Hook

Chair of the MEP Hearing Panel