

## **Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan**

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

#### **Minute 3AE**

On 15 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 on Topic 5: Natural Character and Landscape. FONH had made a previous request for additional time, which was considered by the Panel (Minute 3AD) and a further 20 minutes was allocated to them to present at the hearing of Topic 5.

In their latest request, FONH sought additional time, on top of the 40 minutes they currently have allocated. FONH reasoned that the time would be needed to provide sufficient opportunity for their landscape expert to address the matters raised in the Section 42A report.

In considering the request, the Panel noted that no new defining factors or exceptional circumstances were identified by FONH that would persuade the Panel that additional time would be required over what had already been provided.

The Panel reiterated that all submissions and evidence would be pre-read. Further, the Panel clarified that the 40 minute timeframe allocated to the submitter was not inclusive of questioning or discussions of the Panel.

Taking the above into consideration, the Panel regarded the 40 minute time frame already afforded to FONH would be sufficient to present their legal submissions and emphasise the important matters raised in their evidence. Consequently, the request for further time to be allocated was refused.

Dated 18 December 2017

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