

Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan

Minute of the Hearing Panel

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On 21 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 evidence for Topic 5: Natural Character and Landscape.

Counsel for MFA and AQNZ sought an extension on the grounds that, once their expert evidence had been drafted, it became evident that additional information would be required from the organisations members and marine farmers. Due to the holiday season, retrieving this information in a timely manner would prove difficult. Furthermore, this information would need to be considered and addressed by the landscape experts prior to lodgement. On this basis, MFA and AQNZ requested their evidence for Topic 5: Natural Character and Landscape be lodged by 5:00 pm, 2 February 2018.

The Panel considered the request to be reasonable and granted the extension for filing to 2 February 2018.

Dated 8 January 2018

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