

Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan

Minute of the Hearing Panel

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On 31 January 2018, the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan Hearing Panel (the Panel) received a request from Marlborough Aquaculture Limited (MAL) seeking an extension to filing of legal submissions.

Counsel for MAL sought an extension on the grounds that the Marine Farming Association and Aquaculture New Zealand had received an extension to their filing of evidence to 2 February 2018. It was suggested by counsel for MAL that this late evidence would need to be considered and addressed in MAL's legal submissions, which were due on 5 February 2018 and that the tight timeframe would only afford MAL the weekend to address the matters.

The Panel considered the request, noting that, as MAL was not a further submitter on the Marine Farming Association and Aquaculture New Zealand submissions, there was no necessity for MAL to address any matters that may be raised in the submitters evidence. The Panel further noted that MAL had been provided adequate time to prepare legal submissions, as notification of the hearing date along with dates for lodging evidence and submissions were sent to counsel for MAL on 21 November 2017.

On this basis, the Panel refused the request for an extension to the filing of legal submissions.

Dated 1 February 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