

## **Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan**

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

#### **Minute 3AJ**

On 19 February 2018, the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan Hearing Panel (the Panel) received a request from Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Federated Farmers) seeking to be heard out of sequence.

Federated Farmers sought leave to speak to their submission points relating to topics 7, 8 and 9 during one session. As their Senior Policy Advisor would be travelling from Dunedin to attend the hearing, Federated Farmers believed it would be inefficient in terms of cost, time and carbon, to present on three consecutive days.

The Panel agreed with Federated Farmers that appearing at each of the three topics would be onerous. The Panel granted the request to combine and speak to their evidence on Topics 6: Indigenous Biodiversity (Significant Wetlands), 7: Public Access and Open Space and 8: Heritage Resources and Notable Trees matters at one time during the 12 to 14 March 2018 hearing dates.

Dated 22 February 2018

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

Councillor Trevor Hook

Chair of the MEP Hearing Panel