

Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan

Minute of the Hearing Panel

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On 14 March 2018, the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan Hearing Panel (the Panel) received a request from Marine Farming Association Incorporated (MFA) and Aquaculture New Zealand Limited (AQNZ) seeking an increase in time allocated to speak at the hearing for Topic 11: Coastal Environments.

Counsel for MFA and AQNZ sought 40 minutes to present evidence and legal submissions. It was explained that the further time was requested in order to address the numerous submissions made on this topic on behalf of the industry. Counsel further noted that there were several submitters who, rather than personally appearing at the hearing, would be relying on the evidence provided by MFA and AQNZ.

The Panel stated that as MFA and AQNZ were both submitters to Topic 11: Coastal Environments in their own right, that the request for 40 minutes was nothing greater than what they were permitted to request without the need for the Panel's consideration.

The Panel noted two consecutive time slots could be booked for the hearing through the MEP support staff.

Dated 19 March 2018

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Councillor Trevor Hook

Chair of the MEP Hearing Panel