

## Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan

### Minute of the Hearing Panel

#### Minute 3AO

On 16 March 2018, the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan Hearing Panel (the Panel) received a request from Port Marlborough New Zealand (PMNZ) and GBC Winstone seeking both further time to present and an extension to their time to file.

In their memorandum, counsel for PMNZ and GBC Winstone, requested to speak for a combined time of 2.5 hours, which would include time available for questions from the Panel. They also sought an extension to the dates for providing evidence to 29 March 2018 and their legal submissions to 6 April 2018. The reason counsel provided for the requests related to the substantial nature of their submissions on the Coastal Environments topic, both in number and content.

The Panel considered that counsel's request for further time did not, as normal for such a request, base it on a larger number of witnesses than usual. Furthermore, in the absence of that type of special justification the Panel is mindful that a large number of submitters are in a similar position of having made submissions on a large number of issues which is usually able to be coped with by the Panel's prior reading.

However, the Panel did acknowledge that the points that will be addressed by the submitters were of importance in this particular issue and for this reason the Panel granted a further one hour over the 40 minutes they would be able to use under normal circumstances (a total of 1 hour 40 minutes, not including questions from the Panel). For this reason, the Panel also granted an extension to filing, although slightly reduced from what was originally requested to provide support staff suitable time to circulate documents to the Panel. Evidence would be required to be filed by 1:00pm on 29 March 2018 and legal submissions by 1:00pm on 5 April 2018. Both evidence and legal submissions shall be sent to [mep@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:mep@marlborough.govt.nz) by the allotted time.

Dated 19 March 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