

Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan

Minute of the Hearing Panel

Minute 3AV

On 30 April 2018, the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan Hearing Panel (the Panel) received a request from the New Zealand Transport Agency (the Agency) for an extension to the timeframe for providing evidence for Block 6.

The Agency requested a further two days to provide evidence on the basis that the Panel's procedural Minute specified 10 working days, from the date of the section 42A report being issued, would be provided to submitters before the date evidence would fall due. The Agency argued that only 8 working days had been allowed for in this instance. They further noted that the two days shortfall came about as a result of, firstly, ANZAC Day falling on one of the counted days and secondly, the report being received after working hours on the day it was due.

The Panel considered the reasons provided by the Agency and agreed that ANZAC Day had affected the count for working days. However, the Panel did not agree the time the report was issued affect the number of clear working days the Agency was provided to respond.

On the above basis, the Panel granted the Agency one further day to provide evidence, this would now be required by end of day, 8 May 2018.

Dated 2 May 2018

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Councillor Trevor Hook

Chair of the MEP Hearing Panel