

Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan

Minute of the Hearing Panel

Minute 3E

On 6 November 2017, the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan Hearing Panel (the Panel) received a request from counsel for the Marine Farming Association Incorporated (MFA) and Aquaculture New Zealand Limited (AQNZ) for an extension to the timeframe for providing evidence for Block 1. The Panel's First and Second Minutes set the deadline at 6 November 2017.

MFA and AQNZ have sought a two day extension to 5pm, Wednesday 8 November 2017.

Counsel for MFA and AQNZ provided several reasons for requesting the extension which primarily related to counsel, experts and witnesses being unavailable to liaise and finalise evidence by 6 November 2017.

The Panel considered the reasons provided by MFA and AQNZ for their counsel, experts and witnesses being unavailable to finalise the evidence within the required timeframe to be reasonable.

The Panel grants the request for late filing.

Dated 6 November 2017

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

Councillor Trevor Hook

Chair of the MEP Hearing Panel