

## **Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan**

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

#### **Minute 3R**

On 5 December 2017, the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan Hearing Panel (the Panel) received a request from Transpower New Zealand Limited (Transpower) to be heard on both Topic 6: Indigenous Biodiversity and Topic 5: Natural Character and Landscape topics during the hearing of Natural Character and Landscape, in the week commencing 26 February 2018.

As Transpower's submissions on topics 5 and 6 were similar in both reasons and relief sought, counsel for Transpower suggested that appearing only once during block 2, and providing only one set of evidence, would provide some efficiency in terms of time in hearing and avoid repetition of evidence.

The Panel considered the request and agreed with Transpower that their proposal would constitute an efficient use of time and resources and would not prejudice any other party or impair the process. Therefore the Panel granted the request for Transpower to be heard on Topic 6, Indigenous Biodiversity, during the week set down for Topic 5, Natural Character and Landscape. Transpower would be permitted two 20 minute slots during that week.

Dated 7 December 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