

Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan

Minute of the Hearing Panel

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On 6 December 2017, the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan Hearing Panel (the Panel) received a request from Environmental Defence Society Incorporated (EDS) and Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of NZ Incorporated (Forest and Bird) to extend the date for filing their evidence for Topic 6: Indigenous Biodiversity from 13 December 2017 to 1 February 2018.

Counsel for EDS and Forest and Bird indicated "internal resource constraints and prior commitments of relevant experts" as the reasoning for the required extension.

The Panel considered the reasons given by EDS and Forest and Bird very broad and lacking the detail needed to evaluate whether the circumstances were exceptional. On that basis the request was refused.

Dated 8 December 2017

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Councillor Trevor Hook

Chair of the MEP Hearing Panel