Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan Minute of the Hearing Panel

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On 7 December 2017, the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan Hearing Panel (the Panel) received a request from the Department of Conservation (DoC) for an extension of time to present at the hearing on both Indigenous Biodiversity and Landscape and Natural Character topics. DoC sought an hour time slot for each topic which would include question time from the Panel.

DoC made the request on the basis that they had multiple submission points to cover on both topics. It was also noted that they would have several witnesses and would be providing legal submissions.

As the Panel pre-read all evidence and submissions prior to the hearing, they considered the request for an extension to an hour on each topic to be excessive. Due to this reason, the Panel granted an extension to 30 minutes for each of the two appearances. Panel questions would be over and above this time.

Dated 11 December 2017

Councillor Trevor Hook

Chair of the MEP Hearing Panel