

Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan

Minute of the Hearing Panel

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On 18 October 2018, the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan Hearing Panel (the Panel) received a joint request from the Marine Farming Association Incorporated (MFA) and Aquaculture New Zealand (AQNZ) seeking an extension to the filing date of evidence for Topic 18: Nuisance Effects. On 19 October 2018, the Panel received a further request for additional time to present their evidence.

In their requests, MFA and AQNZ explained that, during the drafting of evidence, they discovered a further expert would be required to adequately address Topic 18: Nuisance Effects (Noise) matters. They sought until 5:00pm on Friday, 26 October 2018. With the addition of an expert to legal counsel and an industry representative presenting at the hearing, an additional 40 minutes was sought for their appearance.

In its consideration, the Panel noted that Block 10 had not attracted a large number of bookings nor evidence. It also commented that the representatives from MFA and AQNZ had consistently worked within the requirements set out by the Panel. On this basis, the Panel granted the above requests.

MFA and AQNZ's evidence would now fall due on 26 October 2018 and three timeslots would be provided for their presentation of evidence and legal submissions on Topic 18: Nuisance Effect, during the Block 10 hearing.

Dated 25 October 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Hook', with a small flourish at the end.

Councillor Trevor Hook

Chair of the MEP Hearing Panel