

## **Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan**

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

#### **Minute 3BB**

On 25 July 2018, the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan Hearing Panel (the Panel) received a request from counsel for Timberlink New Zealand Limited (Timberlink) requesting additional timeslots during the hearing of Block 10 topics, consisting of topics 10 and 21, in week one and topics 13 and 18 in week two.

In regards to topics 10 and 21, Timberlink requested 2.5 slots, providing a total of 50 minutes of time to present. Timberlink's counsel, along with two experts would be presenting on behalf of the company.

In relation to topics 13 and 18, the request sought 3.5 slots (1 hour 10 minute). Along with counsel, Timberlink would also be calling three expert witnesses to address the concerns raised in their submissions.

The Panel noted that, without the extra time requested, Timberlink would have been able to book two time slots for each week, minimising the extent of the request. The Panel also considered the importance to the company of the matters being considered in these topics. Finally, Timberlink had provided a list of the experts to appear.

In consideration of the above factors, and on the basis that the additional time would not hinder proceedings, the Panel agreed to the request. Timberlink was granted leave to book 2.5 timeslots in the hearing of topics 10 and 21 and 3.5 timeslots in the hearing of topics 13 and 18.

The Panel also noted the request by Timberlink to be heard immediately after the Report Writer's introductory comments for each week. This request would be accommodated if possible. The MEP Hearing Facilitator would endeavour to book the requested times once the booking system was available for Block 10.

Dated 3 August 2018

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Councillor Trevor Hook

Chair of the MEP Hearing Panel