



VARIATION 1 AND 1A – EXTENSION OF TIME TO NOTIFY DECISION

Marlborough District Council (Council) prepared two variations to the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan relating to aquaculture activity, Variation 1: Marine Farming and Variation 1A: Finfish Farming. The variations were notified on 2 December 2020.

Pursuant to Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) Council is required to give a decision on those variations two years after notifying the proposal.

On 30 November 2022, Council lodged an application with the Minister for the Environment for an extension to that timeframe.

On 11 April 2023, the Minister approved the extension, providing the following reasons for the decision:

- Marlborough District Council has met the statutory requirements for making an application under clause 10A(1), 10A(2), and 10A(3)(c) of Schedule 1;
- Marlborough District Council has provided analysis to meet the statutory requirements of clause 10A(3)(a) and (b) of Schedule 1;
- agreeing to this extension of time until 28 April 2023 for Marlborough District Council is on the basis of providing procedural certainty.

In accordance with clause 10A(G) of Schedule 1 of the RMA, Council is required to publicly notify this extension.

For further information contact Louise Walker, at Marlborough District Council on Ph 03 520 7400.

Dated at Blenheim at 8:00 am on the 26 April 2023.

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