

Marlborough Regional Pest Management Plan Amendment Proposal

Minute of the Hearing Panel

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1. The Council has delegated the authority to hear and consider submissions on the Marlborough Regional Pest Management Plan - Amendment Proposal to a Hearing Panel. Based on the evidence provided, the Panel will make a recommendation to Full Council. Full Council will make the final decision on the proposal.
2. The Panel comprises the following people:
 - Councillor Cynthia Brooks (Wairau/Awatere Ward) - Chairperson
 - Councillor Nadine Taylor (Marlborough Sounds Ward)
 - Mr Ross Beech (Rural Representative, Environment Committee).
3. Submissions on the proposal closed on 29 November 2019 and a total of 20 submissions were received. Eight of those submitters indicated that they wished to be heard at a hearing.
4. The hearing has been set down for the Monday 24 February 2020 and will be held in the Chart Room at the Scenic Hotel Marlborough. A hearing notice providing confirmation of this date, venue, start times and further hearing details will be provided in due course.
5. A report in response to the submissions received will be prepared prior to the hearing. Marlborough District Council's Biosecurity Manager, Jono Underwood, has been tasked with completing this report. A copy of the report will be provided to all submitters and will be circulated no later than Monday 3 February 2020.
6. For submitters who indicated a wish to be heard, you may wish to give evidence by providing a written statement or discussing additional information, including expert evidence, which was not provided with your original submission, but which is relevant to and supports issues raised in that submission. If this is the case, written material should be provided to the Council one week ahead of the hearing. This date will be stipulated in the hearing notice.
7. Time for oral presentations and questioning is limited to 20 minutes per submitter, including any expert evidence. If you do not wish to appear, or do not require the full 20 minutes, you are requested to advise that in writing. Additionally, if you require more than one time allocation, that request also must be made in writing.

8. If you have any question or would like to make a formal request as discussed above, please direct these to:

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9. Updates on the progress and further information on the hearing process will be made available on the Council website:
<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/biosecurity/regional-pest-management-plan-2018/amendments-and-rpmp-reviews>
10. The Panel wishes to acknowledge the time and effort submitters have put into engaging with the process brought about by Council's decision to amend the Regional Pest Management Plan.

Dated: 19 December 2019



Councillor Cynthia Brooks

Chair of the RPMP Amendment Proposal Hearing Panel