

**Marlborough Regional Pest Management  
Plan Amendment Proposal**

**Minute of the Hearing Panel**

**Minute 3**

1. We wish to firstly thank all submitters and other parties that have been involved in the process to both prepare the proposal to amend the Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP) to include a programme for pest conifers, and to engage with the consultation process.
2. Under delegated authority, we confirm that we are satisfied with the level of consultation that has occurred in accordance with section 72(1) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act).

**Summary of Consultation undertaken on the proposal**

3. After the proposal was made by the Marlborough District Council (the Council) on 19 September 2019, it was provided to Crown ministers and their representatives for comment on 4 October 2019. This included the Minister for Conservation, Land Information, and Minister for Biosecurity, Agriculture.
4. On 4 October 2019, all proposal material was also made available on the Council website for ease of access.
5. On 4 October 2019, the following iwi were contacted with details of how to review the proposal and also provided an offer to meet and discuss its contents.

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| - Ngati Koata Trust                  | - Te Runanga O Ngati Kuia (Nelson)                   |
| - Te Runanga O Kaikoura Inc          | - Ngati Toa Rangatira Manawhenua Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust |
| - Ngāti Apā ki te Rā Tō Trust        | - Ngati Rarua Trust                                  |
| - Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui Trust   | - Te Puni Kokiri                                     |
| - Te Runanga A Rangitane o Wairau    | - Ngati Tama ki Te Waipounamu Trust                  |
| - Te Runanga O Ngati Kuia (Blenheim) | - Toitu Te Whenua Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu             |

6. On 4 October 2019, the following organisations and specific landowners were also contacted with details of how to review the proposal and also provided an offer to meet and discuss its contents.
  - Environment Canterbury
  - Tasman District Council
  - Nelson City Council
  - Royal Forest & Bird Society of NZ
  - Federated Farmers of NZ
  - Fish & Game NZ (Nelson/ Marlborough)
  - NZ Forest Owners Association
  - NZ Winegrowers
  - Marlborough Forest Industry Association
  - Marlborough Sounds Restoration Trust
  - South Marlborough Landscape Restoration Trust
  - Rural Advisory Group
  - Avon Waihopai Residents Association
  - Landowners immediately adjoining the former Wye Reserve Containment Area
7. On 7 November 2019, a public notice was issued via local newspaper and electronic media channels stating the process was open to public submissions on the proposal.
8. On 7 November 2019, a letter was also sent to 46 residents and ratepayers associations highlighting the commencement of the public submissions process.
9. The period of public submission closed on 29 November 2019.
10. One late submission was received, which the Panel agreed to accept and consider in the process.
11. As outlined in Minute 1 of the Panel on 19 December 2019, a total of 20 submissions were received with 9 wishing to be heard at a hearing.
12. The hearing was held on 24 February 2020 and adjourned for the Panel to consider if further evidence would be required. Subsequently, Minute 2 of the Panel was issued seeking further information from the report writer. The hearing was formally closed on 23 March 2020.

## **Preparation of RPMP**

13. Under delegated authority, the Panel confirm that we are satisfied that all issues raised in consultation undertaken on the proposal have been considered. As a result, the Panel approve the preparation of a RPMP in accordance with section 73 (1) of the Act.
14. Under delegated authority, the Panel have applied section 100 of the Act in accordance with section 73 (2) of the Act, to decide that Marlborough District Council is to be the management agency for the amended RPMP. We are satisfied that Marlborough District Council meets the requirements of section 100 of the Act in that it:
  - a) is accountable to the Plan funders, including any Crown agencies, through the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002;
  - b) is acceptable to the funders and those persons subject to the proposed Plan management provisions because it implemented previous Regional Pest Management Strategies; and
  - c) has the capacity, competency and expertise to implement the proposed Plan.
15. We now direct staff to prepare a RPMP that:
  - a) addresses the recommendations made by the Panel on submissions received;
  - b) addresses the matters to be specified under sections 73(3), 73(4), 73(5) and 73 (6) of the Act;
16. When the revised RPMP has been prepared, it is to be supplied to the Panel to be assessed against section 74 of the Act.

Dated: 20 April 2020



**Councillor Cynthia Brooks**

Chair of the RPMP Proposal Hearing Panel