



EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AND CONTINENTAL SHELF (ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS) ACT 2012 (the Act)

Trans-Tasman Resources Limited iron sand extraction and processing application

M16 – Minute of the Decision-Making Committee – 3 February 2017

Pre-hearing Conference

Introduction

1. A pre-hearing conference will be held on **10 February 2017** at the **Level 4 Members Lounge** at the **Westpac Stadium Function Centre**, 105 Waterloo Quay, Pipitea, Wellington from **2pm** until **4pm**. The applicant and submitters are invited to attend.
2. At the pre-hearing conference, you will have the opportunity to hear directly from the Decision-making Committee (DMC) about how they intend to run the remainder of the process for the Trans-Tasman Resource Limited (TTRL) application and address any other process questions raised by parties in advance.
3. The Level 4 Members Lounge at the Westpac Stadium Function Centre will be set up for the pre-hearing conference in the same layout to be used for the hearing. That is, the DMC will be sitting at a table at the front of the room. Legal counsel for the applicants and submitters will be seated at tables in front of them. Members of the public will be seated in the public gallery at the back/side of the room (please see the attached diagram).
4. The pre-hearing conference will be transcribed. The transcription will be made available to all parties on the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) website. This means that if you are unable to attend you can still read everything that was said at the pre-hearing conference. The transcription is usually available on the EPA website within 3 days.
5. Please RSVP by **12pm 8 February 2017** to the Environmental Protection Authority at TTRLApplication@epa.govt.nz or on 0800 777 728 if you think you will attend. This will give staff an idea of the numbers likely to attend and assist them with their planning. While all parties are welcome to attend, it is not mandatory and it will not affect the way the DMC considers your submission if you do not attend.



6. If you have any additional process questions to be addressed then please provide these in a memo to the DMC by **12pm 8 February 2017**.
7. Please note that the pre hearing meeting is not an opportunity to revisit the decisions the DMC has already made in regards to the hearing procedures.
8. Topics to be addressed at the conference will be:
 - A. Pre-hearing process to date.
 - B. Hearing procedures:
 - a. Expert conferencing and joint witness statements;
 - b. Order of appearances;
 - c. Questioning of the witnesses;
 - d. Representation of submitters, grouping and multiple appearances;
 - e. Use of Te Reo Maori;
 - f. Media.
 - C. Site visit – suggestions on sites you consider may assist the DMC in their understanding and determination of the application.
 - D. Conduct of people in the process.
 - E. Any other procedural matters, which are relevant to the hearing.

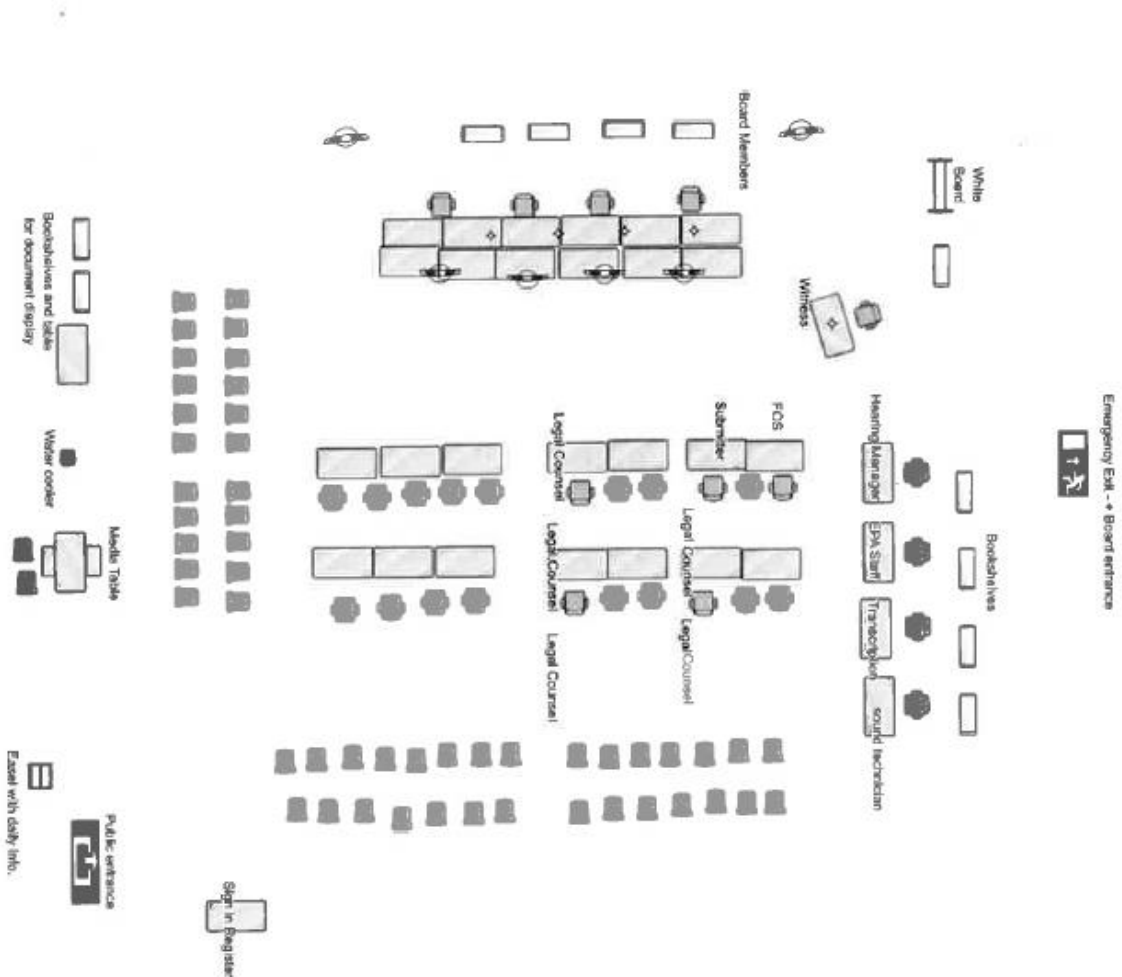
For the DMC:



Alick Shaw
DMC Chair
3 February 2017

Example of room layout for pre-hearing and hearing

Note: this is an example of how the room may be set out. The specific configuration for the Trans-Tasman Resource Limited application pre-hearing conference and hearing will depend on the venue and requirements of the Decision-making Committee.



Example of hearing room layout

