



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

### Trans-Tasman Resources Limited iron sand extraction and processing application

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#### M14 – Minute of the Decision-Making Committee – 20 January 2017

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1. In Minute 12 the Decision-Making Committee (DMC) confirmed the hearing locations would be Wellington and New Plymouth.
2. Since then the DMC has received and considered a number of requests by email and a memorandum<sup>1</sup> requesting review of the decision and include in the list of hearing venues Whanganui, Hawera or Patea, Hamilton and Auckland.
3. The DMC considers that the original decision set out in Minute 12 enables it to meet its obligations to establish a fair hearing procedure and to recognise tikanga Maori. The addition of further hearing locations would impose additional costs and complexities without any significant benefit.
4. Accordingly, the earlier decision set out in Minute 12 is confirmed.

**For the DMC:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alick Shaw'.

Alick Shaw  
DMC Chair  
20 January 2017

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<sup>1</sup> This correspondence is provided on the EPA website with this Minute.