



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

Trans-Tasman Resources Limited iron sand extraction and processing application

M30 – Minute of the Decision-Making Committee – 3 March 2017

Questions for parties and their witnesses at the hearing

1. The Decision-making Committee (DMC) has received correspondence from Ms Karen Pratt (submitter 123055) outlining concerns with how her questions have been addressed by witnesses at expert conferencing and at the hearing.
2. In DMC Minute 21 dated 7 February 2017, the DMC agreed that all questions it had received at that stage would be put to parties and their witnesses. The DMC noted the expectation that many of the questions would be addressed through expert conferencing and that remaining questions would be addressed by the DMC at the hearing.
3. The DMC wishes to assure parties that these questions and further questions received from parties are being put to the relevant parties and their witnesses at the hearing, at length and without editorial interference, where these questions do not duplicate those posed by other parties and the DMC considers there is value in asking them.
4. The DMC notes it will continue to exercise its discretion as to whether answers provided by parties and their witnesses are sufficient or if further information is required in accordance with its obligation under the Act to obtain the best available information. Further, where follow up questions are provided to the EPA after a witness has completed giving their evidence, this further information would only be sought if the DMC considers it to be absolutely necessary.

For the DMC:

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

Alick Shaw

DMC Chair

3 March 2017