

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

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

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M38 – Minute of the Decision-making Committee – 22 March 2017

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#### Extension of hearing

1. The Decision-making Committee (DMC), in accordance with section 159(1)(a) of the Act, has extended the time period in which to complete the hearing of the TTRL marine consent application until 31 May 2017 in order to allow time for the provision of further evidence as indicated in DMC Minute 36.
2. Section 52 of the Act requires that a hearing for a marine consent must be completed no later than 40 working days after the first day of the hearing. The DMC note that 13 April 2017 would be 40 working days after the first day of the hearing of the TTRL application, that being 16 February 2017.
3. In making its decision to extend the hearing, the DMC have taken into account the requirements to deal with the application as promptly as is reasonable in the circumstances and to establish a procedure that is appropriate and fair under sections 40 and 53 of the Act.
4. In accordance with section 160 of the Act, the DMC have taken into account the interests of the parties to the hearing, including the additional time and cost implications discussed further in Minute 37 setting out the timetable for steps required until the close of the hearing. However, the DMC is conscious of its obligation under sections 61 and 87E of the Act to base its decision on the best available information and considers that the extension serves the interests of the community in ensuring that the DMC is able to achieve an adequate assessment of the application.
5. The DMC wish to thank all parties for their contributions to the hearing up to this point. The DMC have received a considerable amount of information and heard a wide range of views from a large number of submitters and expert witnesses. Much time, effort and thought has gone into the evidence and representations that have been heard.

**For the DMC:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alick Shaw', written in a cursive style.

Alick Shaw

DMC Chair

22 March 2017