



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

Trans-Tasman Resources Limited iron sand extraction and processing application

M18 – Minute of the Decision-Making Committee – 3 February 2017

1. Submitters' evidence was to be received by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) by 12pm 24 January 2017 in accordance with the timetable detailed in the Hearing Procedures.
2. The following parties have requests with the Decision-making Committee (DMC) in regards to the late filing of their evidence:
 - a. On 23 January 2017 the Fisheries Submitters submitted a general memorandum concerning the requirements for filing of hardcopy evidence set out in Appendix 1 of the Hearing Procedures.
 - b. On 23 January 2017, the DMC received an email from Te Kaahui o Rauru requesting an extension to the filing deadline to 5pm, Friday 27 January 2017 for the evidence of Ms Catherine Iorns.
 - c. On 24 January 2017, the DMC also received an email from Sanford Limited seeking an extension to the filing deadline to 5pm, Tuesday 31 January 2017 for the evidence of Dr David Middleton. However, on the 31 January the EPA was informed that Sanford was not filing fisheries evidence but would deal with the fisheries science in their company submission.
3. On 24 January 2017, Trans-Tasman Resources Limited (TTRL) was consulted and no objection was expressed to either request outlined in (b) and (c) above.
4. On the 27 January 2016 a joint brief of evidence from Ms Iorns and Mr Scott on behalf of Te Kaahui o Rauru was received.
5. The DMC notes the Fisheries submitters' memo and the withdrawal of Sanford's request. The DMC accepts the late filing of Ms Iorns and Mr Scott's evidence will not give rise to material prejudice on the part of any other parties. Nor will it compromise the timetable that has already been set by the DMC. Under those circumstances the DMC will grant the extension requested by Te Kaahui o Rauru.

6. This evidence will be available on the EPA website. If any party has questions in relation to Ms Iorns and Mr Scott's evidence they are to submit questions to the DMC by **12pm Thursday 9 February 2017**.

For the DMC:



Alick Shaw
DMC Chair
3 February 2017