



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

Trans-Tasman Resources Limited iron sand extraction and processing application

M6 – Minute of the Decision-Making Committee – 7 October 2016

1. The purpose of this minute is to disclose a professional connection between a member of the Decision-Making Committee (DMC), Dr Kevin Thompson, and a potential witness.
2. It has come to the DMC's attention that Dr Ngaire Phillips may give evidence for a submitter, Kiwis Against Seabed Mining Incorporated. Dr Phillips is a member of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Committee, which makes decisions on applications under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (under delegation from the Environmental Protection Authority). Dr Thompson is the Chair of the HSNO Committee.
3. The DMC¹ is of the preliminary view that this professional connection does not give rise to a conflict of interest that would in any way affect Dr Thompson participating fully in this process as a DMC member. If any party or interested person wishes to comment on this matter (including in relation to issues of perception), they can do so by email to TTRLApplication@epa.govt.nz by **5pm on Wednesday 19 October 2016**.

For the DMC:

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

Alick Shaw
DMC Chair
7 October 2016

¹ Parties should note that Dr Thompson is not taking part in any DMC discussions or decision relating to this matter.

