

Board of Inquiry

Tamarind development
drilling applications

BOARD MINUTE AND DIRECTION

BOARD OF INQUIRY

TAMARIND TARANAKI LIMITED APPLICATIONS FOR MARINE CONSENT AND MARINE DISCHARGE CONSENT

IN THE MATTER

of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of a Board of Inquiry appointed under s 52 of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 to consider the applications for marine consent and marine discharge consent by Tamarind Taranaki Limited.

THE BOARD OF INQUIRY

David Hill
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BOARD MINUTE 1 - REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO THE TIMEFRAMES IN THE INQUIRY PROCEDURES 13 JULY 2018

1. On 29 June 2018 the Tamarind Board of Inquiry (the Board) released a set of Inquiry Procedures that are currently available on the EPA website. The Inquiry Procedures set out how the inquiry will be run and contain instructions regarding the timeframes by which all parties who intend to have witnesses are required to submit their evidence.
2. On 11 July 2018 the Board received a request from the applicant, Tamarind Taranaki Limited (TTL), requesting the Board consider changes to the timetable requirements, specifically the due date for filing:
 - Applicant's Evidence in Chief which is due 12pm 16 July 2018; and
 - Applicant's Rebuttal evidence, which is due 12pm 5 October 2018.
3. TTL has requested that the date for filing its Evidence in Chief be amended to 12pm 23 July 2018 in order to allow its witnesses to address the matters arising out of the EPA's Key Issues Report, the EPA's technical reviews, and the Board's further information requests.
4. Furthermore, to accommodate two of its witnesses and legal counsel being away overseas, TTL requested that its Rebuttal evidence be extended to 12pm on 19 October 2018, and that the remaining dates in the timetable be amended accordingly.

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5. In its request TTL notes that it has no objection to the due date for submitter's evidence being extended to 12pm 27 August 2018 to ensure no prejudice is caused.
 6. The above request and information has been considered by the Board.
 7. The Board accepts the Applicant's timetabling request, and does not consider that moving the due date for Evidence in Chief and Rebuttal evidence gives rise to any prejudice on the part of other parties. Indeed that is likely to assist in narrowing the issues before the Board. Nor will granting that request compromise the underlying timetable already set by the Board.
 8. In addition, to ensure that all submitters have a fair and reasonable opportunity to prepare their evidence the Board also agrees that the timeframe for Submitter Evidence should be moved by one week to 12pm 27 August 2018.
 9. To ensure that sufficient time is provided for in the process, the Board intends to move the commencement date for the hearing out by one week to Tuesday, 6 November 2018. This requires the Board to make consequential amendments to other dates in the Inquiry Procedures in the lead up to the hearing. Under these circumstances the Board is prepared to adjust the timeframes as provided for in the Inquiry Procedures.

Board resolution

10. The Board accepts Tamarind Taranaki Limited's request for changing the timeframe by which the Applicant's Evidence in Chief, Submitter's Evidence, and Applicant's Rebuttal Evidence are to be received, and makes other consequential amendments to the Inquiry Procedure dates. The timetable contained in the Inquiry Procedures is to be revised and the revised Inquiry Procedures incorporating these changes are to be posted on the EPA website along with this Minute.

For the Board:



David Hill

Chairperson

Tamarind Board of Inquiry

Dated: 13 July 2018