



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

Tamarind applications for marine discharge consent and marine consent

Record of consideration and decision on time extension – 10 August 2018

1. On 23 April 2018, the EPA decided the Tamarind applications for marine consent and marine discharge consent are related applications under section 44 of the EEZ Act. This decision allows the applications to be heard and decided together by the Tamarind Board of Inquiry.
2. However, the timeframes for the two consent processes are not aligned (being 130 and 170 working days respectively in total), and that the marine discharge consent timeframe to make a decision will need to be extended by the EPA to align it with dates set by the Tamarind Board of Inquiry.
3. Section 44(2) of the Act enables the EPA to extend a time period that applies to the processing of the related applications in order to ensure that they are heard at the same time and place, and decisions on the related applications are made on the same date.
4. If an extension to the commencement of the hearing for the marine discharge consent is granted then the marine discharge consent and the marine consent will be held together. This may lead to cost and time efficiencies for parties participating at the hearing as they will only need to appear once. In making this decision, the EPA considers that no-one is unreasonably prejudiced.
5. The time period under s 44(2) of the EEZ Act is extended so that the hearing commences on Tuesday 6 November 2018, being the commencement date of the hearing for the marine consent to enable the Tamarind Board of Inquiry to hear the marine consent and marine discharge consent applications at the same time.

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'Allan Freeth', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Allan Freeth

Chief Executive

10 August 2018