



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

### OMV New Zealand Limited (OMV) application for marine discharge consent

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M1–Minute of the Decision-making Committee – 2 August 2018

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### Proposal to extend commencement of hearing

1. The Decision-making Committee (DMC), is exercising its power under s 159(1)(a) of the Act, to extend the time limit in which to commence the hearing of the OMV New Zealand Limited marine discharge consent application. The DMC propose that the hearing commences on **Tuesday 4 September 2018** to ensure that all members of the DMC are available for the hearing.
2. Section 51(3) of the Act requires Schedule 3 to apply to hearings of publically notifiable activities other than s 20 activities. Under clause 1(2) of Schedule 3 to the Act the date of commencement of any hearing must not be later than 40 working days after the closing date for submissions on the application. Extending the time limit so that the hearing will commence on 4 September 2018 would amount to an extension of 1 working day to this timeframe.
3. In accordance with section 160 of the Act, in considering whether to extend the time limit, the DMC has taken into account the interests of persons directly affected by the extension and the interests of community in being able to achieve an adequate assessment of the potential effects of the proposal.
3. The DMC notes that pursuant to Clause 1(3) of Schedule 3 of the Act the EPA must give at least 20 working days' notice of the commencement date, time, and place of the hearing. The EPA will issue this notice **no later than Tuesday 7 August 2018**. An updated version of the hearing procedures will also be available on the EPA website.

**For the DMC:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Hill".

Greg Hill

**DMC Chair**

2 August 2018