

**IN THE MATTER of
the Resource Management Act 1991**

AND

**IN THE MATTER of
Hearing of submissions, further
submissions and variations on the
Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan**

**MINUTE 58 – TIME EXTENSION FOR
ECOSYSTEMS AND BIODIVERSITY
CAUCUSING**

INTRODUCTION

1. On 3 December 2024 the Hearing Panel issued Minute 54 – Ecosystems and Biodiversity Caucusing.
2. Minute 54 requested that identified planners caucus and provide a Joint Witness Statement on the following matters;
 - i. Can the provisions (objectives, policies and rules) be further simplified and made easier to read, understand and interpret, for example by reducing the length of, and/or better focusing policies on key matters and through the breaking up of rules and/or combining their ‘purposes’ where there are degrees of similarity; and
 - ii. Is there an ability for non-statutory methods to be incorporated into policies in conjunction with SNA’s, i.e. is there an ability for Councils to consider nonregulatory measures as part of the SNA process.
3. The Joint Witness Statement was to be received by the Hearing Panel by 31 January 2025.
4. The planners have held three meetings to caucus these matters, and have requested a time extension to reach agreement on the contents of the Joint Witness Statement.
5. The Panel grants an extension for receipt of the Joint Witness Statement to 17 February 2025.



Dean Chrystal

Independent Commissioner – Chair - on behalf of the Hearing Panel members

29 January 2025