

**NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**HEARING OF RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS FOR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH DOUG'S  
OPUA BOATYARD, WALLS BAY, OPUA**

**APP.039650.01.01**

**MINUTE #2 OF HEARINGS COMMITTEE**

1. The hearing of above resource consent applications by Doug's Opu Boatyard ('the Applicant') has been set down to commence at **9am on Thursday 17 May 2018** at the Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands, Tau Henare Drive, Waitangi.
2. We responded to a number of procedural matters raised and outlined directions for the upcoming hearing process in our Minute #1 (dated 30 April 2018).
3. Since this time, the NRC has received further emails from submitters requesting a deferral of the hearing on the basis that there is not sufficient time to consider of the information provided by the Applicant on 2 May 2018 and pre-circulated before the hearing. An email has also been received from a submitter posing several questions of clarification about the application. This Minute responds to these requests.
4. The pre-circulation of any expert evidence prior to the hearing under the provisions of the RMA is intended to enable parties to pre-read evidence, thus enabling a shorter hearing and the focus on questions from the Hearing Committee. In this case, the Applicant has provided two plans prepared by Total Marine Services showing details of the proposal. The Applicant will present this at the hearing along with any legal submissions.
5. Submitters and the NRC's reporting officer will have the opportunity to comment on this material, and the further information provided by the Applicant on 17 April 2018, at the hearing or by way of a further written statement tabled at the hearing. We note that further information will be provided throughout the hearing process and that the parties will have the opportunity to respond to any new evidence. We do not consider the hearing should be deferred on the basis of the pre-circulation of evidence to be presented at the hearing.
6. We request that any further questions of clarification from any of the parties be addressed formally at the hearing, in writing, through the Chair of the Hearing Committee. Although there is no ability for any party to cross examine any witness, we advise we will seek a response to all relevant questions of clarification to enable a full understanding of the environmental effects of the proposal.
7. We remind the parties that any person who stated they wished to be heard at the hearing, should have already made contact with Ms Sluys at the NRC to arrange for an indicative hearing time. If any party has not already done so, please make contact as soon as possible by email to [alissas@nrc.govt.nz](mailto:alissas@nrc.govt.nz) or by phone on 0800 002 004.

**DATED** this 7 May 2018



Sharon McGarry (Chair)  
On Hearings Committee