

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

AND

IN THE MATTER **Resource Consent Applications by Northport Ltd - Port Expansion project at Marsden Point**

Application numbers:

- Whangarei District Council: LU2200107
- Northland Regional Council: APP.040976.01.01

DIRECTION 8 (14 SEPTEMBER 2023) FROM THE HEARING PANEL

EXTENSION OF EVIDENCE EXCHANGE TIME FOR SEAFUELS LIMITED

1. On the 21 August 2023 the Hearing Panel granted an extension of time for the Applicant to lodge its expert evidence. The Hearing Panel's Direction stated:

*Given the circumstances ... the Hearing Panel **grants** the extension of time requested (should that be required); noting this is an addition of two working days.*

2. The Hearing Panel has received a Memorandum from Seafuels Limited's legal counsel Mr Minhinnick, requesting a four working day extension for the filing of its expert evidence¹. This would provide for that evidence to be filed by 4pm on Wednesday 20 September 2023. The reasons for this are set out in the Memorandum.
3. The Hearing Panel does not agree to the 4-day extension, as we do not accept the reasons set out in the Memorandum justify that extension. However, the Hearing Panel grants a 2 working day extension as it has for other submitters who have requested an extension of time.
4. Accordingly, the Hearing Panel grants the request but for the commensurate extension of time as enabled by the Hearing Panel's 21 August 2023 Direction – i.e. 2 working days. On this basis Seafuels Limited's expert evidence is due at 4.00 pm on the **18 September 2023**.
5. Any enquiries regarding this Direction, or related matters, should be directed to Alissa Sluys - Consents and Hearing Administrator at alissas@nrc.govt.nz

¹ Dated 14 September 2023

Greg Hill

Greg Hill Chairperson
14 September 2023