

**BEFORE THE WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL AND NORTHLAND REGIONAL
COUNCIL**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of a resource consent application by Northport
Limited under section 88 of the Resource
Management Act 1991 for a port expansion
project at Marsden Point

APPLICATION NO. LU2200107 (WDC)

APP.040976.01.01 (NRC)

**ADDENDUM TO STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF BRETT LEWIS HOOD
(PLANNING)**

13 September 2023

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ADDENDUM TO STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF BRETT HOOD

1. My name is Brett Lewis Hood. My qualifications and experience are as set out in my statement of evidence in chief dated 25 August 2023.
2. In the process of preparing for the marine ecology expert conferencing I have become aware that some parts of my statement of evidence in chief incorrectly/inconsistently describe the conclusions in Dr Kelly’s statement of evidence in chief in respect to effects on marine ecology.
3. The relevant paragraphs of my statement of evidence in chief are 7.32, 8.13, 8.74, and 8.188.
4. To clarify, my understanding of Dr Kelly’s evidence in terms of effects on marine ecology are as set out in Table 1 (paragraph 35) of his statement of evidence in chief, and that:
 - (a) Effects on threatened or at-risk species, and the Significant Ecological Areas identified in the Proposed Regional Plan, will be in the range of negligible to less than minor;¹ and effects on other potential areas of significant indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna as determined under the criteria in Appendix 5 of the RPS can be kept within minor and/or transitory levels.²
 - (b) There will be no significant adverse effects.³
5. For the avoidance of any doubt, I confirm that my conclusions in respect to those provisions relating to indigenous biodiversity (including Policy D.2.18 of the PRP) are unchanged.

Brett Hood

13 September 2023

¹ Dr Shane Kelly EIC, paragraph 36(a)

² Dr Shane Kelly EIC, paragraph 36(b)

³ Dr Shane Kelly EIC, paragraph 35. For the avoidance of doubt, my understanding is – and Dr Kelly has confirmed during personal communications with him – that Dr Kelly’s (conservative) assessments of certain “moderate-high” levels of effects (refer to paragraph 15 of Dr Kelly’s EIC) do not equate to “significant” adverse effects.