

Under the Resource Management Act 1991

In the matter of Resource consent applications by the Māpua Community Boat Ramp Trust made to the Tasman District Council to construct and operate a boat ramp and associated facilities.

MINUTE 4: DIRECTIONS OF HEARING COMMISSIONERS

1. In our Minute 3 we requested additional information from the Māpua Community Boat Ramp Trust. This information was provided on 31 January 2025, with an updated Appendix B expected on Friday 14 February 2025.
2. Appendix B contains a draft letter from Mr Gareth Oddy of Davis Ogilvie that further characterises the marine sediments within the area of the proposed boat ramp. Mr McFadden has indicated that this letter will be updated to include the results of additional analyses of the samples.
3. Mr Oddy states that seven samples were taken at the three sites indicated on Figure 3 of Appendix B. Site SS3 is near the base of the rock embankment, while sites SS1 and SS2 are in the vicinity of the low tide level and the toe of the proposed boat ramp. Mr Oddy states in the first paragraph of section 1.2 of his letter that:

As the boat ramp will require the removal of sediment down to a depth of 0.4 metres below existing ground level, soil samples were attempted to be retrieved from surface to this depth in all three locations, however groundwater ingress in locations and a fast-rising tide prevented additional deeper sediment samples from being obtained.
4. The results provided show that three analyses were undertaken: a sample from 0.4 metres depth at site SS3, a composite sample from SS1, SS2 and SS3 at 0.1 m deep and a composite sample from SS1, SS2 and SS3 at 0.3 m deep. There is no discussion as to the proportional make-up of the composite samples, but Mr Oddy states in the last paragraph of paragraph 1.2 that:

As deeper soil in SS1 and SS2 has not been assessed to date, further characterisation would need to be completed for environmental protection and surplus soil disposal requirements.
5. The amended plans show excavations to 500 mm for the reno mattress and to 400 mm to construct the ballast raft. The proposed excavations are deeper in the vicinity of sites SS1 and SS2 than site SS3.
6. To determine these consent applications, we consider it necessary to understand the levels of contamination at these sites, through the strata profile to the proposed excavation depth. This information informs our evaluation of the effects assessment and the appropriateness of proposed mitigation measures and potential consent conditions.
7. We therefore refer the applicant back to paragraph 8 of Minute 3 where we requested the following:

Characterisation of contamination of the marine sediments is required to the depth and within the area that the proposed excavation will occur. Using this information, and related to the information requested above, please provide details of the mitigation proposed to reduce the extent of any contamination and assess the resulting effects of excavation on the receiving environment.

8. We understand that providing the above information in a timely manner will be dependent on expert availability and tides. For this reason, we are not setting a due date here but ask that Mr McFadden inform us by Friday 14 February of the date that he will provide the above information.
9. We will issue further directions once we have received and reviewed the information.

Council contact details

10. All communications addressed by this Minute are to be made through the Principal Planner Resource Consents, email phil.doole@tasman.govt.nz or phone 03 543 8487.

12 February 2025.



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