

The Marlborough Salmon Farm Relocation Advisory Panel

The Minister for Primary Industries has appointed a three-person Marlborough Sounds Advisory Panel to provide him with independent advice on the proposal. The Panel will hold public hearings to allow persons who have made written comments to meet with the Panel and speak to their comments. These hearings will be held after the consultation period beginning mid-April.

Iwi authorities will also have an opportunity to meet with the Panel independently.

The Panel will talk to submitters, review the expert research reports, and analyse all written comments, and prepare an independent written report and recommendations to the Minister for Primary Industries.

The public hearings will be open to the public.

The Panel

The Panel is:

Professor Peter Skelton, CNZM (Chair)

Professor Skelton is a former Environment Court Judge and Associate Professor of Resource Management Law at Lincoln University. He has more than 20 years as a Judge of the Environment Court, as well as an independent Commissioner with significant experience on a wide range of RMA hearings. Professor Skelton is currently an Environment Canterbury Councillor with portfolio responsibilities for all planning and resource management processes.

Mr Ron Crosby

Ron Crosby is a highly respected retired lawyer and member of the Marlborough community. He has a strong legal RMA background and is a current Commissioner. He has significant experience in resource consent decision-making roles. He is very well respected by iwi as a historian on Maori history, and sits on the Waitangi Tribunal. Ron Crosby has acted as the initial independent facilitator for the Marlborough Salmon Working Group.

Mr Alan Dormer, MNZM

Alan Dormer has a sound legal background and a wealth of experience both as a Hearing Commissioner and a public policy advisor. He has been appointed as an advisor to the last five governments and the Law Commission. Alan Dormer has 40 years as a practising lawyer specialising in environmental and administrative law. Alan Dormer is a former President of the RMLA and he was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the recent New Year's Honours list, for his "services to the law".

Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the Panel are found [here](#).

Guide to persons attending a public hearing

The Panel has provided a guide to help people prepare for the public hearings to talk to the Panel about their written comments and what they can expect on the day. The guide is found [here](#).

Dates of Public Hearings

To be confirmed.