



Assessment, Research and Data Unit			
To:	Maritime Authorisation Unit	From:	John Evans, Director, ARD
Permitted Maritime Usage Licence Application:	MUL240008		
Applicant:	Mares Connect Ltd.		
Date	30 th June 2025		
Title:	Response to Supplementary Material submitted by the applicant on Minded to Determination and Reasons for the Conditions		

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Issued by:	John Evans	Director	30/06/2025

Introduction:

I have considered the issues raised by the applicant on 27th June 2025 in their submission on the Minded to Determination Notice issued by MARA on 25th June 2025. These comments took the form of marked-up annotations on the proposed licence. This report sets out the amendments requested by the applicant in relation to Specific Conditions 25 and 34 in Appendix 2 of the Proposed Licence only. This report also sets out the recommendations from the Assessment, Research and Data (ARD) Unit following a technical examination of the submission. It is noted that the applicant comments on the conditions themselves, rather than providing supplementary material relating to the reasons for the conditions.

Specific Condition 25:

The Holder shall not damage or interfere with any third party's property, infrastructure or fishing gear while carrying out the Permitted Maritime Usage.

Reason: To minimise impact on other users of the marine environment.

Applicant's response:

The Applicant notes that it has separate obligations under law not to damage the property of third parties and it will endeavour to avoid doing so at all costs. The Applicant considers that it does not seem fair or appropriate that such damage, even accidental damage, could result in a breach of a condition of the MUL.

MARA Response:

MARA notes that the operation of the specific conditions is set out in Section 6.2 of the proposed licence, and that this places obligations on the Applicant to notify MARA and to take reasonable and timely steps to rectify the non-compliance. Where such non-compliance arises from damage to third party property, MARA considers that the obligations are reasonable and necessary.

Recommendation:

No change to condition 25

Specific Condition 34:

At least two weeks prior to the commencement, and for the duration, of the Permitted Maritime Usage the Holder shall engage a Fisheries Liaison Officer to consult with and fully inform relevant fishers in order that interactions with ongoing fishing activities in the area are minimised during the course of the Permitted Maritime Usage.

Reason: To minimise impact on other users of the marine environment

Applicant's response:

The Applicant has proposed rewording the condition to the following:

At least two weeks prior to the commencement, and for the duration, of the Permitted Maritime Usage the Holder shall engage a Fisheries Liaison Officer to consult with relevant fishers and/or fisher's representative in order that interactions with ongoing fishing activities in the area are minimised during the course of the Permitted Maritime Usage.

MARA Response:

No specific reason for the proposed wording change is given by the Applicant. MARA consider that a Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO) is an appropriate mechanism to fully inform relevant fishers in order to minimise interactions with fishing activities.

Recommendation:

No change to condition 34



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