



## EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AND CONTINENTAL SHELF (ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS) ACT 2012 (the Act)

### Trans-Tasman Resources Limited (TTRL) iron sand extraction and processing application

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M48 – Minute of the Decision-making Committee – 25 July 2017

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#### Extension of date for decision

1. The Decision-making Committee (DMC), in accordance with section 159(1)(a) of the Act, has extended the time period in which to make the decision on the TTRL marine consent application by one further week until **Thursday, 3 August 2017**.
2. Section 68 of the Act requires that the DMC make its decision on an application for marine consent no later than 20 working days after the conclusion of the hearing. On 15 June 2017 the DMC extended the time period until 29 July 2017 as at that time it believed this would enable all matters to be completed. However, it is now apparent that it will not be possible to meet this deadline.
3. In accordance with section 160 of the Act, the DMC has again taken into account the interests of any person who may be directly affected by the extension. The delay in knowing the outcome of the proceedings will be an impact on all parties to the proceedings, but most particularly on the applicant. The DMC has also taken into account the interests of the community in being able to achieve an adequate assessment of the potential effects of the proposal.
4. In making its decision to extend the time to make the decision, the DMC is conscious of its obligations under sections 61 and 87E of the Act to base its decision on the best available information and has also taken into account the requirements to deal with the application as promptly as is reasonable in the circumstances.
5. Having assessed all these matters, the DMC is of the view that this further extension of time, to ensure it is possible to consider all the information presented at the hearing and prepare a fully reasoned decision, is in the best interests of all persons directly affected by the extension and the community.

**For the DMC:**

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Alick Shaw  
DMC Chair  
25 July 2017