

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

Trans-Tasman Resources Limited iron sand extraction and processing application

M5 – Minute of the Decision-Making Committee – 7 October 2016

1. The Decision-Making Committee (DMC) has received a memorandum of counsel on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui dated 5 October 2016, which accompanies this minute on the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) website. The memorandum requests that the time period for submissions be extended for a period of 20 further working days, beyond the current closing date for submissions of Friday, 14 October 2016.
2. Section 160 of the Act provides that the EPA must not extend a time limit unless it has taken into account:
 - a. the interests of any person who, in the EPA's opinion, may be directly affected by the extension; and
 - b. the interests of the community in being able to achieve an adequate assessment of the potential effects of a proposal.
3. The DMC therefore invites Trans-Tasman Resources Limited and any other person who considers that he or she may be directly affected by such an extension to comment on this request, by **1pm on Tuesday 11 October 2016**. Any comments can be sent by email to TTRLApplication@epa.govt.nz.
4. The DMC will consider the request and any comments received and issue its decision as soon as possible after 11 October 2016. In the meantime, any person intending to make a submission on Trans-Tasman Resources Limited's application for marine consents should not assume that an extension will be granted.

For the DMC:



Alick Shaw
DMC Chair
7 October 2016