

UNDER THE

Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental
Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012

IN THE MATTER OF

a Decision-making Committee appointed to
consider a marine consent application made by
Trans-Tasman Resources Ltd to undertake iron
ore extraction and processing operations
offshore in the South Taranaki Bight

**MEMORANDUM ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF
CONSERVATION CONCERNING FURTHER CAUCUSING OF MARINE
MAMMAL EXPERTS ON CONDITIONS (NOT NOISE)**

1 May 2014

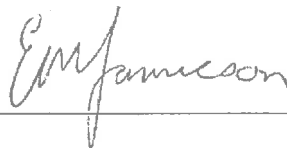
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MAY IT PLEASE THE COMMITTEE:

1. Discussions between the marine mammals experts involved in EPA facilitated caucusing have continued to address possible marine mammal (non-noise) conditions. The experts who have been involved in this process are:
 - Mr Martin Cawthorn (ITR)
 - Dr Simon Childerhouse (TTR)
 - Mr Andrew Baxter (DGC)
 - Professor Bernd Wursig (DGC)
 - Associate Professor Liz Slooten (KASM)
 - Dr Michael Huber (EPA).
2. Mr Miles Yeates (EPA) was not available for this work.
3. The outcomes of this caucusing are attached (Attachment 1).

Dated: 1 May 2014



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