

Submission Form

Marine Consents and Marine Discharge Consents Application

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Application Name: Trans-Tasman Resources Limited iron sand extraction and processing application
EPA Reference: EEZ000011
Applicant: Trans-Tasman Resources Limited
Notification Date: 17 September 2016
Submissions Close: Extension of submission period to 5:00pm, Monday 14 November 2016
Originally submission period was to close 5:00pm, Friday 14 October 2016

3. Electronic correspondence

You will receive information by email. If you are unable to receive emails, please indicate below:

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4. Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing?*

I / We **do not wish** to speak about my / our submission at the hearing.

OR

I / We **wish** to speak about my / our submission at the hearing.

If you **wish to speak** at the hearing, tick as many as apply to you:

- If others make a similar submission, I / we will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.
- I / we wish to present in Te Reo Māori.
- I / we wish to present in New Zealand Sign Language.
- I / we intend on having legal representation (i.e. a lawyer speaking on your behalf).
- I / we intend to have expert witnesses to support my / our submission.

5. What decision do you want the EPA to make and why?*

If you require more space, please attach additional pages. Please include your name, page numbers and *Trans-Tasman Resources Limited iron sand extraction and processing application* on the additional pages.

- Grant
- Grant with conditions
- Neutral
- Decline

My reasons for seeking this decision are:

Why is it necessary to mine for iron sand when currently there is an oversupply of steel worldwide? The planet is suffering from the effects of excessive extraction of resources, minerals, oil and water. There are estimates that we are using resources at a rate that to be sustainable would require another two planet Earths for current usage. Therefore it is not sensible too be extracting from harder to get at and more environmentally risky places. Recycling of steel needs to happen more than it currently is, which would reduce mining considerably. Environmental reasons. Despite reassurances that there is little sea life in the mined area, if we don't know what to look for it is too easy to dismiss the area as lacking life. 'We won't know what we've lost til it's gone', to quote Joni Mitchell, as this has happened far too often already. Which brings us to Maui's dolphin, a seriously threatened species, that could easily have the remaining 55 survival put at risk by the noise and the sediment plume. Sustainable resources such as fisheries are more useful to the local people in the long term than 20 years of iron sand extraction. The human race is at a critical time in history when we have to decide whether short term gain and profit is really worth it when balanced against environmental issues, the most obvious and critical being climate change, which will not improved by mining for a mineral there is an apparent over abundance of. Our efforts should be into restoring our environment, not into finding new ways to exploit it and potentially damage it further. Economic benefits via jobs and revenues. I have to admit to a high degree of scepticism as to the overall economic benefits to the country and the people of Aotearoa from the mining. The usual promise of 'jobs' appears to always be thrown out there to appeal to all sectors of the public because it sounds like there is income for the unemployed, more businesses and therefore a more prosperous community. But when the 'Myths' advertisement, October 5th 2016, they promise 'over 1600 jobs, including 700 regionally', but no mention of the type of jobs (cleaners?) or more importantly for how long, 20 years, (the life of the project) or for a few years, months, or days? It is so non-specific as to be meaningless. Because it's ours. What is very important when it comes to resources is whether the loss of potential resources, fisheries, coastline, marine life and soul is worth it for the promise of jobs and some return to our economy (not actually specified or even a ball park figure). The dangling of economic returns has the feeling of gold fever about it, but when it comes down to it these returns will finish when the dredging finishes, whereas the sustainable returns from a carefully managed ocean can continue indefinitely. The precautionary principle. Ultimately, the ocean belongs to us all, not just the people who live near it and this include the sea life that depends on an environment more interconnected than we yet understand. In the end, whether the planet needs more iron ore, whether we will have more jobs, whether the ocean is worse (or possibly better), the precautionary principle should prevail, certainly not profits for a majority overseas owned company. Bill Mollison summed up the precautionary principle in his works on Permaculture with the truism: 'We have the ability to change the environment at a greater rate than we can understand the effects of that change?.'

6. Do you have an existing interest that may be affected by what is proposed in this application?

Lawfully established existing activity, whether or not authorised by or under any Act or Regulations, including rights of access, navigation and fishing

- Any activity that may be undertaken under the authority of an existing marine consent
- Any activity that may be undertaken under the authority of an existing resource consent granted under the Resource Management Act 1991
- Settlement of a historical claim under the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975
- Settlement of a contemporary claim under the Treaty of Waitangi as provided for in an Act, including the Treaty of Waitangi (Fisheries Claims) Settlement Act 1992
- Protected customary right or customary marine title as recognised under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011

What is your existing interest and how may it be affected by this application?

If you would like to attach any supporting documents please do so below.

 File Attachment

Only ONE PDF or Word document with a maximum size limit of 15MB can be attached to this submission form. Please forward larger files or file types other than PDF or Word, or multiple documents directly to the EPA on a CD or DVD or USB stick.

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- I wish to receive a copy of my completed submission via email.