

Submission Form

Marine Consents and Marine Discharge Consents Application

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Te Runanga o Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa

Marine Consents and Marine Discharge Consents Application

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: Further extension of submission period to 5:00pm, Monday 12 December 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:

The application and the assessment of effects of the activity are somewhat experimental in nature which creates uncertainty as to what the effects will be in reality. The assessment is based upon modelling as there is no existing operational reality in the area to give certainty to how this activity is going to behave and with questionable economic benefits accruing; we believe it is too much of a risk to the marine environment to warrant pursuing the activity in the first place. The reliability of the modelling is unproven and it appears the application is going to fall back on the mechanism of an adaptive management regime to try and promise to plug any unforeseen gaps. Our key concern areas include: 1. The effects of the sediment and the sediment plume within and beyond the project area; 2. The lack of a bond mechanism to ensure that if something goes wrong there will be some cover to clean it up. (It also gets the applicant to show its confidence in its own convictions); 3. The noise effects on Marine Mammals in the area; 4. Effect on the benthic ecology, fish habitat (including the 5 rock reefs), sea birds; 5. And, the overall experimental nature of the proposed activity and how it will be managed.

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?

1. The Ngati Apa (North Island) Settlement included a statutory acknowledgement of the Ngati Apa coastline from Motu Karaka which is approximately nine kilometres south from the Whanganui River mouth to Omarupapako which is five kilometres north from the Manawatu River mouth. 2. We are working with two ahu whenua land trusts in our rohe in making an application under Takutai Moana 2011 for the interests within the same boundary markers noted above. 3. Our Commercial fishery interest as part of FMA 8 under our Treaty Fisheries settlement. 4. We are part of a group of iwi from Taranaki that share in a Pataka system (?Pataka Whata?) for customary fish for Tangi and Kaumatua Hui. 5. We are still working on our customary fishing regulations in terms of defining customary fishing areas within our rohe. 6. We are also looking to re-establish our customary navigational traditions rights in the moana including traditional navigation pathways to Te Tau Ihu whereby Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa frequently journeyed from the Rangitikei to the top of the South Island.

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.

Email Address

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