

# Submission Form

## Marine Consents and Marine Discharge Consents Application

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## 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:

I cannot receive electronic copies of information and updates

### 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:

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This is an additional submission written in regarding the plume information. We are concerned this info wasn't available in the initial releases. It was only overturned thanks to a community group, with limited funds. As previously stated, there are extensive knowledge gaps in the area that the plume will drift into; however, we know there are unmapped reef systems. The combination of the level of information gaps, the scale of the mining and the risk of impacts being understated is unacceptable. The flocculation tests described in the report were upscaled to a 21cm bucket. There was no local in-situ testing, which is again unacceptable for a mining operation of this scale and length. The research this testing model was linked to was not from similar locations - this site faces strong currents, winds and sizeable waves. Relying on modelling in relation to the sediment plume increases the risk. When combined with the complexity inherent with an underwater extractive activity and the extremely limited global experience means a significantly higher level of certainty is required than is demonstrated in this application. We continue to strongly oppose the granting of consent to Trans Tasman Resources Limited. We wish to appear before the Decision Making Committee and request hearings are held locally.

## 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?

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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.