



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

### Coastal Resources Limited application for marine dumping consent

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Record of consideration and decision on cross-boundary activities – 8 August 2018

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#### Cross-boundary activities

1. This record of consideration and decision relates to the application by Coastal Resources Limited (CRL) dated 5 June 2018 for marine dumping consent to dispose of 250,000m<sup>3</sup> of dredged sediment annually offshore at its Northern Disposal Area.
2. CRL's application seeks marine dumping consent for activities that are restricted under section 20G of the Act.
3. CRL's proposal involves dumping of dredged material. Dredging activities within the coastal marine area (CMA) are likely to require resource consent and conditions of consent may require characterisation of the sediment. No monitoring would be required in the CMA. The CRL's proposal can proceed without other resource consents.<sup>1</sup>
4. Section 93(1) of the Act allows the Environmental Protection Authority to decide (whether on request by the applicant or on its own initiative) if an application ought to be processed and heard (if a hearing is held) with an application for resource consent for the activity. The EPA may decide not to continue with processing or hearing the application until the application for resource consent is lodged with it and the relevant consent authority, or return the application to the applicant as incomplete under section 42 of the Act.
5. Section 90 of the Act allows for the applicant to make applications for resource consent separately. The EPA acknowledges CRL's intention to make separate applications to the relevant authority(s) for any resource consents required and compliance with any consent conditions within the CMA. The EPA considers that this approach is acceptable.

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<sup>1</sup> Cross boundary activity is defined in s 88 of the Act as an activity that is carried out partly in the exclusive economic zone or in or on the continental shelf and partly in New Zealand.

## Decision on Cross Boundary Activities

6. For the reasons specified above, and based on the information available at this point in time, I have determined that CRL's application for marine dumping consent is not required to be processed or heard with any resource consent application under section 93(1) of the Act, and the application did not need to be returned as incomplete under section 40 of the Act on that basis.



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