

Executive Summary

- i. Pursuant to section 62(1) of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 (**Act**), the application for a marine dumping consent by Coastal Resources Limited (**CRL**) to undertake a discretionary activity under section 20G of the Act and regulation 33(a) of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects - Discharge and Dumping) Regulations 2015, is **GRANTED** subject to conditions (listed in Schedule 1, including Appendix 1 – 8, of this decision).
- ii. The reasons for granting the marine dumping consent are set out in this decision as required by section 69 of the Act. In making our decision, we have acted as an independent decision-making committee under delegated authority from the Environmental Protection Authority (**EPA**).
- iii. CRL lodged an application for a marine dumping consent on 5 June 2018 (reference number EEZ100015) which sought authorisation to dump up to 250,000 m³ per year of mechanically dredged material from Source Sites within the Auckland and Waikato regions, at an existing dump site (known as the Northern Disposal Area) approximately 25 km east of Aotea / Great Barrier Island for a 35-year term.
- iv. After considering all the information and evidence, taking into account the matters listed in sections 59 and 60 of the Act, and applying the information principles in section 61 of the Act, we agree with the evidence of the Applicant, the independent advisors commissioned under section 56 and representatives from other Marine Management Regimes, that the adverse effects on the environment and any existing interests beyond the NDA will be negligible. We consider the suite of conditions imposed by us (listed in Schedule 1 of this decision) will ensure that any adverse effects are appropriately avoided, remedied and mitigated.
- v. A number of submitters opposed the grant of consent, with six of those submitters presenting at the hearing. We address the submitters' concerns in this decision report, but find, as set out in the paragraphs above, that any adverse effects (including cumulative effects) will be negligible beyond the boundary of the NDA.
- vi. Overall, it is our finding that granting this marine dumping consent meets the purpose of the Act, as set out in section 10 of the Act.