

**Before a Decision-Making Committee
Of the Environmental Protection Authority**

EEZ100015

Under the Exclusive Economic Zone and
Continental Shelf (Environmental
Effects) Act 2012

In the matter of an application for a marine dumping
consent to dump dredged material
at a deep-sea site east of Great
Barrier Island

By **Coastal Resources Ltd**
Applicant

JOINT STATEMENT OF EXPERTS IN PLANNING

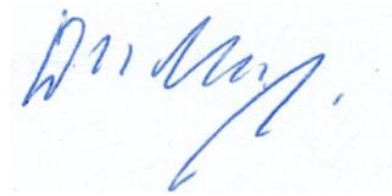
20 December 2018

1. Since Ms Clarke tabled an updated set of recommended conditions at the Hearing (Tuesday, 4th of December 2018), a further refinement of the recommended conditions has been undertaken by the Planners (dated 20 December 2018). This has included taking advice where relevant from the various experts for Coastal Resources Limited (**CRL**), the Department of Conservation and for the Decision Making Committee (**DMC**). In addition, Ms Clarke has undertaken a review of the draft conditions with relevant EPA staff.
2. To assist the DMC, the following summarises the key changes made to the recommended conditions since the draft conditions were tabled at the hearing by Ms Clarke.

Key Changes

3. "Appropriately Trained Crew Member" definition has been changed to "Trained Crew Member" and a new Schedule 8 has been included which outlines the training required. This Schedule is based on the advice of Dr Childerhouse and the training is expected to take approximately 3-4 hours.
4. The definition of "Source Site" has been clarified by the inclusion of the word "marine" before "site".
5. Condition 1 has been amended so it now refers to both the CRL responses to requests for information and also the evidence to the DMC of Mr Male.
6. Condition 7A has been amended by providing for the "clock to stop" if EPA requests further information during the certification of the sediment and biosecurity characterisation.
7. Condition 7AA has been amended to refer to the average concentration at the Source Site "for any dredging programme" undertaken;
8. Condition 8 has been simplified by removing any parts of the methodology which is already described in the relevant schedule.

9. Condition 8A has been corrected by referring to both benthic and biosecurity monitoring. The supporting Schedule 6C has been amended so it more clearly addresses biosecurity monitoring.
10. Condition 8A has also been simplified by removing any methodology description which are already covered in the relevant schedule.
11. Condition 24A sets out the requirements for an NDA Iwi Liaison Group as proposed by CRL.
12. There remain two conditions where the final wording is dependent on the final decision of the DMC:
 - (i) Condition 1A sets the volume of dredged material that may be dumped per annum; and
 - (ii) Condition 2 sets the expiry date for the consent.
13. There are two proposed conditions put forward by Mr Riddell where agreement has not been reached and which the DMC will need to consider as part of their decision making:
 - (i) Condition 5(d);
 - (ii) Condition 8B
14. In addition, Mr Riddell is seeking additional wording in Schedule 6C. There are no other outstanding matters where agreement has not been reached in the eight schedules.
15. Refinement of the schedules has been undertaken to remove uncertainties and to clarify the intent. The ecological experts also recommended some refinements which have been included.
16. If the DMC is mindful to grant the consent with the recommended conditions then the final set of conditions should be re-numbered. The order of schedules should also be changed so they follow the order in which they appear in conditions.



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