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Dear Mr Dunne

**Request for advice under section 56 of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 regarding the Coastal Resources Limited Application - EEZ100015**

On 5 June 2018, Coastal Resources Limited (CRL) lodged an application for marine dumping consent with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for the dumping of dredged material in the Northern Disposal Area (NDA), located in the EEZ, approximately 25 kilometres east of Great Barrier Island (the application).

A copy of the application can be found on the EPA website – <https://www.epa.govt.nz/public-consultations/open-consultations/coastal-resources-limited/application/>

The Decision-making Committee (DMC) is requesting the following advice and information from the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI), Fisheries under section 56 of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 (the EEZ Act) to help it understand any potential effects of activities described in the CRL application on fisheries.

1. The Applicant asserts that the Northern Disposal Area is unsuitable habitat for fish. Please comment on whether this assertion is a fair statement.
2. Please advise on the potential effects on fisheries of dumping over 35 years at the Northern Disposal Area.
3. Please provide a map or plot of the trawl, fishing paths or footprints of fishers in the area around the Northern Disposal Area dumping site 25km east of Great Barrier Island, centred on 36°12.3403"S and 175°48.002"E (if that can be produced at a legible scale).
4. What quota is in place for FMA 1, including name of holder and fish species for that quota.
5. Please advise on the commercial fish species found in the Northern Disposal Area dumping site.
6. Provide evidence of the fishing effort made for the various commercial species in and around the Northern Disposal Area noting any seasonality of the fishing activity.
7. Provide records of the catch volumes and reasons for any change in volumes over the past 10 years.

8. Please provide a list of fishing charter operators that are operating in the area around the Northern Disposal Area dumping site.
9. Provide comment on the scale and significance of the recreational fishery that occurs in the area of the Northern Disposal Area dumping site.

Please provide this information to the EPA by **28 September 2018**. The information will be made available on the EPA website and be provided to other parties.

The DMC also requests that MPI Fisheries make available a witness(s) to attend the hearing, if required, to answer questions on any information provided in response to this request. At this stage the hearing is likely to commence in early-November 2018. Further details about the hearing will be provided to you if MPI Fisheries is requested to appear at the hearing.

If you have any questions or further queries please don't hesitate to contact the Project Leader, Amy Selvaraj on 021 676 494 or via email [amy.selvaraj@epa.govt.nz](mailto:amy.selvaraj@epa.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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