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Dear Stephen

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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, 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 – <a href="https://www.epa.govt.nz/public-consultations/open-consultations/coastal-resources-limited/application/">https://www.epa.govt.nz/public-consultations/open-consultations/coastal-resources-limited/application/</a>

Thank you for providing the DMC with information on the 28 September 2018, in relation to Auckland Council's coastal planning framework, the role of the Harbour master, and contaminant levels in dredged sediments.

The DMC is now seeking additional advice and information from the Auckland Council under section 56 of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 (the EEZ Act) to help it understand the nature and effect of other marine management regimes that may be involved in managing the effects of CRL's application and to assist them in obtaining the best available information. The DMC would like the following questions to be answered by Auckland Council:

- 1. Does Auckland Council have any comments on the alternatives for disposal of dredged material either on land or off shore?
- 2. Are there any limitations on increasing the amount of barge traffic in relation to the dumping?
- 3. Does Auckland Council have a preferred route that the barges to CRL's proposed dump site should use?

Please provide this information to the EPA by **12pm 26 November 2018**. If this timeframe is too short then please advise the EPA and we can look at your options. The information will be made available on the EPA website and be provided to other parties.

The DMC has requested Auckland Council make available a witness(s) to attend the hearing, to answer questions on any information provided in response to the earlier request to Auckland Council and in response to this request. The hearing commencing on 28 November 2018. An indicative hearing schedule will be released next week.

Yours sincerely

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