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Dear Ms Conomos

**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 – <https://www.epa.govt.nz/public-consultations/open-consultations/coastal-resources-limited/application/>

The Decision-making Committee (DMC) has asked me to request the following advice and information from the Hauraki Gulf Forum under section 56 of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 (the EEZ Act) to help it understand the significance of any potential effects of the activities described in CRL application.

1. Please provide any relevant baseline environmental information the Forum holds about the marine environment in the Hauraki Gulf and/or in the vicinity of the proposed application site. From our discussions we understand that this information may be reported in your triennial State of the Environment reports.
2. Please confirm when the Forum's next State of Environment Report is due to be published. This is so the DMC can confirm it has the best available information from the latest environmental update that is publicly available.
3. Please provide the Forum's view, if any, on the effects on, or implications for, the marine resources of the Hauraki Marine Gulf from the increase in barge numbers proposed by CRL or routes the barges will traverse. Also provide the Forum's view, if any, if there is a preferred route for the barges to traverse. This information is required to better understand any potential effects the dumping consent application could have on the surrounding environment.

Please can this information be provided to the EPA by **26 September 2018**. The information will be made available on the EPA website and be provided to other parties.

The DMC also requests that the Hauraki Gulf Forum make available a spokesperson 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 the Forum 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Johnson'.

Richard Johnson

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