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Dear Mr Sanson

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 Department of Conservation (DoC) 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 the CRL application.

1. Please provide a list of the whale and dolphin tourist companies that are operating in or around the Northern Disposal Area?
2. Please provide references to the information or reports relied on by the Department to support its application to establish a proposed marine reserve for Great Barrier Island?
3. Can you please advise if any of the species protected under the Wildlife Act are located within or nearby the Northern Disposal Area?
4. Please advise what information/reports are available on the marine ecosystems of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, Cuvier Island, Great Barrier Island and around the northern part of the Coromandel Peninsula?
5. Is there currently invasive marine species present on Cuvier Island? If so, what strategies is DoC using to address this situation?

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 DoC 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 DoC 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Johnson', is positioned above the printed name.

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