

Coastal Resources Limited marine dumping consent application

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Overall Notes:

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Do you intend to have a spokesperson who will act on your behalf (e.g. a lawyer or professional adviser)?

Position

No

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Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing?

Position

No I/we do not wish to speak to my/our submission at the hearing

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We will send you regular updates by email

Position

I can receive emails and my email address is correct.

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Clause

What decision do you want the EPA to make and why? Provide reasons in the box below.

Position

Refuse

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I am opposed to any dumping of any material in the seas around Great Barrier Island, regardless that the proposed site is just outside the boundaries of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park. The HGMP Act states that its purpose is "to protect in perpetuity...the natural and historic resources of the park including scenery, ecological systems, or natural features..." and "to sustain the life-supporting capacity of the soil, air, water, and ecosystems of the Gulf in the park." Dumping sediment on the boundary of the Marine Park is in controvention of this. There is a high likelihood that any sediment taken from areas around Auckland and Waikato will be contaminated with concentrations of heavy metals, colloidal proteins, pesticides and petroleum hydrocarbons. There is no minimal contamination that should be acceptable to transfer to a dumping site in the area proposed. The effect of dumping will not only create a disturbance on the seabed but will also affect water quality which will have an effect on the marine life around Great Barrier Island. The potential for disruption to the migratory path of whales and dolphins and seabirds is extremely high with the proposed 140 barge-loads annually, (two or three times per week, every week for 35 years). In conclusion the 1996 Protocol states that permits for the disposal of waste at sea are only granted if all other waste disposal options have proved to be impractical. I do not believe that dumping dredged waste at sea, on the fringes of a Marine Park is the only disposal option available.