

# Coastal Resources Limited marine dumping consent application

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**Position**

No

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

**Position**

Yes I/we wish to speak to my/our submission at the hearing

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If you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing, tick the boxes that apply to you:

**Position**

I/We intend to have expert witnesses to support my/our submission.

**Notes**

**Clause**

We will send you regular updates by email

**Position**

I can receive emails and my email address is correct.

**Notes**

**Clause**

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

**Position**

Grant

**Notes**

Full submission is attached.

## Marine dumping consent application

**Application Name:** Coastal Resources Limited Marine Dumping Consent

**EPA Reference:** EEZ100015

**Applicant:** Coastal Resources Limited

**Submissions close on:** 5:00 pm 10 September 2018

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**3. Dredging New Zealand wishes to speak to its submission at the hearing**

- a. We intend to have witnesses attend the hearing to support our submission

**4. Regular Updates**

- a. I wish to have regular updates via email to support to the above address.

**5. I would like the EPA to make the following decision:**

- a. Dredging New Zealand requests that the EPA **grant the application**;
- b. My reasons for seeking this decision are:
  - Dredging New Zealand carries out dredging operations at many locations throughout New Zealand, mainly at marinas and port areas, but also in harbour and approach channels. Dredging is critical to keeping our waterways open and available for both commercial shipping and recreational boating activities.
  - All material is disposed of at sea. In the Auckland region there is only one site that accepts dredged material – the Northern Disposal Area (NDA) site consented to Coastal Resource Limited. This site is also the closest for disposal for many Waikato based marinas that need to undertake dredging to maintain their viability.
  - The NDA site does not have currently have approval to accommodate the long-term marine dumping needs for material being dredged from various sites around Auckland and Waikato regions. Unless the site's capacity is increased as

requested in the application, either a further site will need to be found, or waterways, marinas and port areas will not be able to be dredged, affecting the economy and recreational boating.

- Some of the Dredging New Zealand work is aimed at ensuring channels remain open for ferry traffic in the Auckland region. Ferries usage is increasing significantly as people look to alternative ways of commuting around the region. Without an increased capacity for disposal at the NDA site, dredging for ferries may become more difficult to achieve.
- c. Dredging New Zealand believes the proposed location is a suitable site for increased dumping of material because:
- i. It is accessible to areas where dredging is being undertaken and transportation is viable;
  - ii. The site is well known to disposal operators;
  - iii. In our experience in using the site, and from the monitoring we have carried out to date when we discharge material, the effects on the marine environment at the site are likely to be minimal because the material drops vertically with very little lateral dispersal.
  - iv. Any cumulative effects are likely to be restricted to the small part of the ocean in which the disposal occurs; Our understanding is that the sea floor is comprised of material similar in nature to that disposed;
  - v. The restricted nature of the disposal area should protect the biological diversity and integrity of marine species ecosystems and processes, and no rare or vulnerable ecosystems and habitats have been identified in the area;
  - vi. There are no known other marine management regimes in the vicinity of the NDA site;
  - vii. It is located outside the Hauraki Marine Park;
  - viii. The application material has demonstrated that marine mammals are generally not present in the area, and that is our experience in using the site, and the sea floor habitat is not conducive to fin fish feeding; there is no threat to human safety or health;
  - ix. In our view any effects can be retained within the disposal site, and will be minimal;
  - x. Overall the proposal will not be contrary to the purpose of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012;

## 6. Recommendation

Dredging New Zealand recommends the application is granted.



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