

Notice of Motion

To support Aotea Great Barrier's submission against the dumping of toxic waste from a marina into the marine environment of the Hauraki Gulf

In accordance with Standing Order 2.5.1 and 2.5.2, the following Notice of Motion has been received from Local Board Member Shirin Brown for inclusion on the agenda for the Waiheke Local Board meeting being held on 25 October 2018:

Background

- i) Aotea Great Barrier Local Board has objected to plans by Coastal Resources Ltd for a marine dumping consent off the coast of Aotea Great Barrier island in the outer Gulf.
- ii) The Aotea Great Barrier Local Board's submission states that the sea should never be a dump site, that land-based solutions for the disposal of dredged material should be found and that the application is inconsistent with laws to protect the environment.
- iii) The application to the Environmental Protection Authority would allow a 500 per cent increase in dumped material each year over 35 years. The Aotea Great Barrier Local Board states that the effect of that cannot be certain.
- iv) The submission states that bio-security risks would increase as the dredged material would be from infested waters, when Aotea Great Barrier Island's waters are largely pest free.
- v) It would also dump harmful polluting chemicals and heavy metals. Currently for the same level of toxicity in land-based activity, dumping must occur in specific dump sites which cater to toxic materials. It is not acceptable for this material to be dumped straight into the sea which is less capable to filter the toxicity than a land-based solution.
- vi) The Aotea Great Barrier Local Board states that granting the consent would be against the purpose of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012.
- vii) The current consent approved by the Maritime NZ in 2013 allows 50,000 cubic metres of dredged material a year until 2032 on a site 25 kilometres east of the island. The Board states that the permit was granted different legislation, before the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 came into effect and the Environmental Protection Authority was established.

- viii) Since the current permit was granted four and a half years ago, almost 200,000 cubic metres of dredged spoil has been dumped. Coastal Resources Ltd says that no adverse effects have been detected by monitoring, but the Board's submission argues that all monitoring techniques have limitations and that no monitoring has taken place on the coast of the island.
- ix) If the maximum volume for the permit is used, a million cubic metres will have been dumped. The new application is for a 500 percent increase a year for 35 years, a maximum of 8,750,000 cubic metres.
- x) We cannot claim kaitiaki responsibility for the Gulf if we do not address the issue of this level of toxic waste going into it.

Recommendation

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) support the submission (Attachment A) made on 10 September 2018 by the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board to the Environmental Protection Authority to a marine dumping consent application made by Coastal Resources Ltd under the the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012.
- b) In pursuance of a), authorise the chairperson approve and sign a letter of support to the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board to convey the support of the Waiheke Local Board.

Signatures:

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