

**SURVEY OF PUBLIC OPINIONS
ABOUT THE PROPOSAL BY
MCCALLUM BROTHERS TO MINE
SAND FROM THE SEABED IN
BREAM BAY**

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Council by Bream Bay Guardians
Inc**

**Now also with an Epilogue
including results up until the survey
closed on 4 April 2026**

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INTRODUCTION

Bream Bay Guardians ran a survey seeking opinions about the McCallum proposal from a cross section of people in and around Bream Bay and Whangarei. The survey was designed to complement a parallel petition opposing the McCallum proposal, with the survey providing an opportunity for anyone participating in the survey to express their opinions either in favour of the proposal or not.

By disseminating invitations to participate in the survey as widely as possible within the limits of available time and resources, including in the local newspapers (Northern Advocate and Bream Bay News), the survey sought an independent and unbiased indication of public support or opposition to the proposal, including giving those in favour of the proposal the opportunity to express their opinions and be heard. (The concurrent petition provided ample opportunity for those opposed to the application to make their opinions known, unlike anyone supportive of the application, who did not have a simple way to make those opinions known: the survey provides that opportunity for such people.)

Consequently a neutrally worded online questionnaire was developed, and invitations to participate in the survey were widely disseminated in Whangarei and the wider Bream Bay areas starting in the last week of November 2025. Results in this report are based on the 1170 responses received up until the end of Thursday 11 December.

As well as informing the public about the survey and inviting them in the independent media to participate, survey invitations were also circulated using a printed flyer and on the website and Facebook pages of the Bream Bay Guardians. Bream Bay Guardians sought to present the opportunity to the public to participate in the survey entirely neutrally, for example with no encouragement to express any particular point of view in the survey.

A professional survey researcher, David Fougere, provided advice and input about the survey. David also designed and set up the survey for online participation, analysed the results and prepared this report. David is Managing Director of Phoenix Research, a long established survey research company, though he provided assistance with this survey pro-bono, in his private capacity. He has holidayed at a family bach at Langs Beach for over 50 years, though sought to contribute to this survey as a neutral, independent, professional and objective researcher.

After the initial period when the survey invited members of the public to participate in the survey, up until 11 December, the survey was left “open” to others also to “have their say”, until 4 April 2026. The main body of this report is based on responses received up until 11 December, with an “Epilogue” showing the findings from the full survey period.

KEY FINDINGS

After several introductory questions, including screens that could be viewed to present information about the McCallums proposal (see details in the next chapter), the following key questions were presented in the survey:

Are you in favour or not in favour of the McCallum Brothers company being granted permission to mine sand from the seabed in Bream Bay?

In favour

Not in favour

Not sure/don't have an opinion

Those in favour or not were then asked to identify the strength of their opinion:

Is that ...

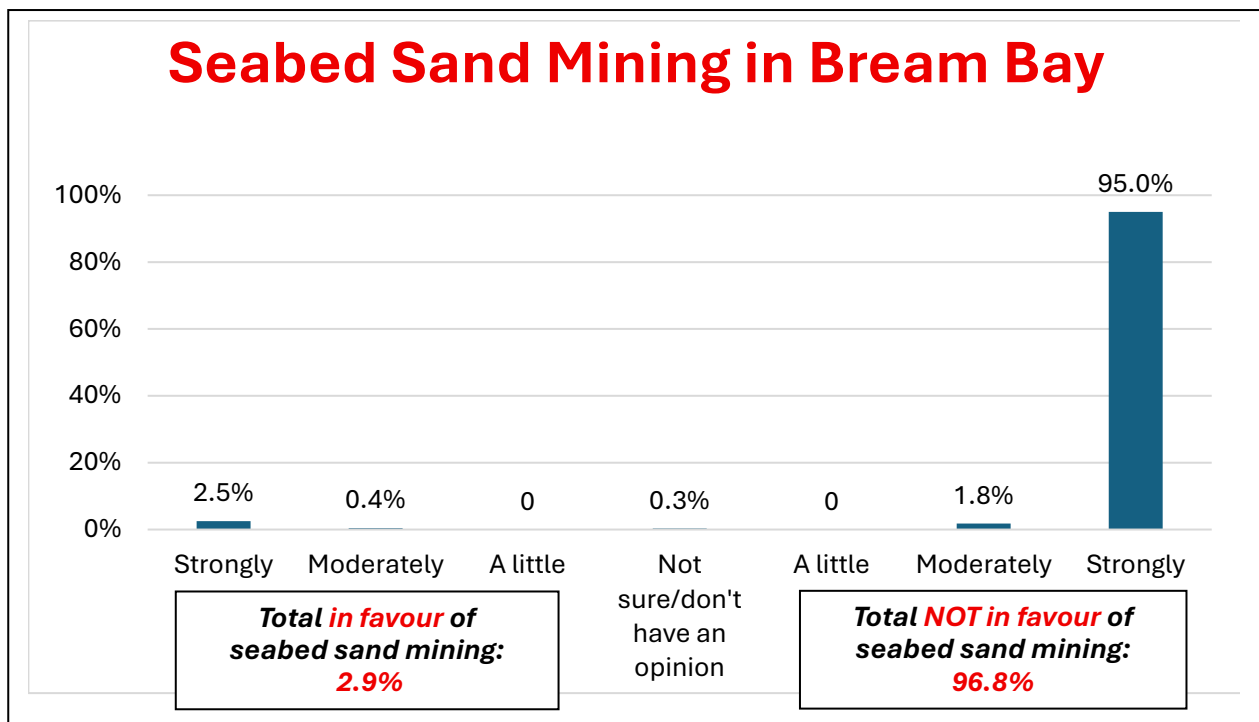
Strongly

Moderately

Only a little ...

In favour/not in favour

Results:



Based on the answers of 1,055 people who answered these questions (i.e. up until 11 December 2025)

FULL RESULTS

The survey began with a brief introduction, then asked people if they had heard of the proposal for seabed sand mining:

VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY: YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT SEABED SAND MINING IN BREAM BAY

We'd like to get your thoughts about seabed sand mining in Bream Bay. Combining your answers and others, this survey will inform the Whangarei District Council and others about the feelings of the community on this important topic.

Had you heard of the Fast Track proposal to mine sand from the seabed a few kilometres from the shore in Bream Bay before today?

Heard of the proposal?	Number of people who answered this question:
	1170
	%
Yes	87
No	11
Not sure	2
	100

The survey then provided the following explanation and gave people the opportunity to either go directly into the survey questions, or alternatively view further information about the proposal:

McCallum Brothers is an Auckland-based company that has been mining sand from the seabed off the coast from Pakiri for over 70 years. They have recently stopped that mining and now have a Fast Track proposal seeking permission to do similar seabed sand mining in Bream Bay, for 35 years.

This survey seeks your opinion on this proposal.

Please choose one of these options:

Take me to the survey

I want some more information first. (You can jump back into the survey at any point.)

96% opted simply to proceed straight to the survey without viewing the further information that was offered.

The few people who chose the latter option above then viewed a screen as follows:

INFORMATION

Application by McCallum Brothers
Their initial consent application is [here](#)

Government documents about the proposal
The [Fast-Track](#) website listing of the project – this contains links to related government sites

Media coverage of the proposal
Stories in [RNZ](#) or the [NZ Herald/Northern Advocate](#)

Various articles about the proposal and seabed mining can be found [here](#) or [here](#)
[Those links were to <https://savebreambaysand.org/> and <https://www.endangeredspecies.org.nz/post/10-000-say-no-to-sandmining-in-te-akau-bream-bay> respectively]

Opinions about the proposal on [Te Ao Māori News](#)

About this survey
This survey has been approved by the Northland Chamber of Commerce, as a neutral body seeking to understand public opinion about the sand mining proposal. The survey is being conducted by independent professional survey company Phoenix Research. The survey is also supported by The Northern Advocate and Bream Bay News, who will publish the results because of the public interest in this proposal. The results of the survey will also assist those making decisions about the proposal.

All were then shown the following screen:

SURVEY

Are you in favour or not in favour of the McCallum Brothers company being granted permission to mine sand from the seabed in Bream Bay?

In favour
Not in favour
Not sure/don't have an opinion

Those in favour or not were then asked to identify the strength of their opinion:

Is that ...
Strongly
Moderately
Only a little ...
In favour/not in favour

The results from those two questions were shown as a graph in the "Key Findings" chapter of this report. Here are those results as a table:

Opinions of the proposal	Number of people who answered both questions needed for this summary 1055 ¹ %
Strongly in favour	2.5
Moderately in favour	0.4
In favour only a little	0.0
Not sure/don't have an opinion	0.3
NOT In favour only a little	0.0
Moderately NOT in favour	1.8
Strongly NOT in favour	95.0
	100.0

¹ A few people answered some of the questions in the survey but not all the questions. That's why the tables show the actual numbers of people who answered each question.

COMMENTS

After expressing their opinions of the proposal through the questions above, people participating in the survey were given the opportunity to comment:

If you'd like to comment on the proposal, or the answers you've given above, please write your comments in here:

671 of the total of 1170 people who participated in the survey provided such comments. These are shown in several sections, in this order:

- Comments from those in favour of the proposal
- Comments from those NOT in favour of the proposal
 - Since there were many more of these comments, this section starts with a summary of the main themes running through the comments of those not in favour of the seabed sand mining
 - That summary is followed by the listing of all the actual comments

Note that the comments have been edited very lightly from the text provided directly by people participating in the survey. That editing has been essentially for spelling, to assist readability.

Comments from people in favour of the proposal

100% do it and create better economic opportunity for the north
Country needs concrete so it only makes sense aye
Dig, dig, dig
Drill baby drill..
I am alarmed that the lobby against offshore sand mining for which there is scant evidence for adverse environmental effects is being prosecuted with such effort while far more significant, proven impacts - notably vehicles on the beach, are being trivialised or dismissed. Meanwhile the community ignores the clear evidence that sea level change will profoundly alter the coastline, over the same period as the proposed sand mining. Where is the community response to this? Perhaps banning vehicles and managed coastal retreats to preserve an ecologically intact coast would require some personal sacrifice. The hypocrisy here is appalling.
I've seen their operation first hand and the effect on marine life is negligible, the hysteria is unbelievable
Sand and gravel are indispensable for modern infrastructure and manufacturing. Construction: Sand is a key ingredient in cement, concrete, and asphalt, which are used to build roads, bridges, dams, housing, and other vital infrastructure. Without it, the construction of modern cities would effectively cease. Employment and Income: Sand mining provides a source of income and employment opportunities, especially for unemployed youth in local areas, serving as a vital livelihood where alternatives may be limited. Economic Growth: The industry contributes to local, regional, and national economies through job creation. Infrastructure Development: Companies involved in the

extraction process may also contribute to the development of local socioeconomic infrastructure, such as roads, hospitals, and schools.
The country cannot be held back by green luddites
There is a lot of sand in the sea and we as people need sand for construction etc
We got to get moving again
We must support NZ companies to ensure there is work for our people.
We need to jobs in Northland.
Industry is good. No harm caused in the obvious mining location
Mine it

Summary of comments from people NOT in favour of the proposal

With the very large number of people commenting in the survey on their reason not to be in favour of the McCallums proposal, it is useful to summarise those comments. The following are 15 main themes running through these people's comments.

1. Environmental damage to marine ecosystems

Strong concern that mining will:

- Destroy benthic (seabed) habitats
 - Harm fish, shellfish, birds, and marine mammals
 - Disrupt food chains and breeding grounds
- This is by far the most common theme.

2. Coastal erosion and beach degradation

Many comments argue the removal of sand will accelerate:

- Beach narrowing
 - Dune loss
 - Increased vulnerability to storms and sea-level rise
- Bream Bay beaches are seen as highly treasured and already under pressure.

3. Irreversible and long-term impacts

Frequent statements that:

- Sand is a finite, slow-renewing resource
- Damage will last decades or be permanent
- The 35-year duration of the proposal is unacceptable

4. Lack of local benefit / profits exported elsewhere

Many emphasise:

- No meaningful benefit for Northland or Bream Bay
- Commercial gain for private companies only
- Local communities bearing all the risk

5. Threat to recreation, tourism, and community wellbeing

Comments highlight:

- Impacts on swimming, fishing, surfing, boating
- Loss of natural beauty that attracts visitors
- Reduced quality of life for residents

6. Cultural concerns and kaitiakitanga

Strong expressions—particularly from Māori—about:

- Duty to protect te taiao (the environment)
- Loss of cultural and spiritual connection to the moana
- The proposal conflicting with kaitiaki responsibilities

7. Effects on wildlife including whales, dolphins, and seabirds

People noted:

- Recent whale sightings
- Concerns for dolphins, penguins, seabirds
- Noise and disturbance from dredging vessels

8. Opposition to industrialisation of the coastline

Many object to:

- Turning Bream Bay into an “industrial extraction zone”
- Visual, noise, and vessel traffic impacts

9. Better alternatives exist

Frequent suggestions include:

- Using land-based sand sources
- Recycling construction materials
- Sand from rivers or other offshore areas with lower ecological sensitivity
- Reducing demand through different building materials

10. Insufficient scientific evidence / precautionary principle

Comments express:

- Lack of robust independent research
- Uncertainty about impacts on currents and sediment flows
- Calls for far more rigorous environmental study

11. Timing concerns (climate change, severe weather events)

People argue:

- With increasing storms and climate-change-driven erosion, removing sand is reckless
- Communities need buffering, not extraction

12. Distrust of approval processes / perceived weak governance

Themes include:

- Concern decision-making may favour commercial operators
- Calls for stronger protection of coastal environments
- Complaints that public voices are ignored in similar decisions elsewhere

13. Local identity and attachment to Bream Bay

Many express:

- Emotional connection to the beaches
- Pride in local volunteer dune restoration and planting
- Mining would undermine decades of community work

14. Safety and navigation concerns

Some comments mention:

- Hazards posed by dredging vessels
 - Turbidity affecting underwater visibility
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15. General principled opposition to seabed mining

A sizeable group simply opposes seabed mining anywhere in Aotearoa, not just in Bream Bay, based on environmental and ethical grounds.

While the key themes identified above accurately summarise the topics people identified, it is important also to acknowledge the strength and depth of feeling many people expressed about these topics. For example, the first topic, “Environmental damage to marine ecosystems” may sound “mild” or simply objective, but the depth of feeling around that topic (and others) was sometimes quite profound, as the following listings show.

Comments in full from people NOT in favour of the proposal

As nga kaitiaki (guardians/caretakers) of te taiao (the environment/the earth) Patuharekeke take seriously any intentions to plunder the resources of the earth and the seas with disregard to the long term effects on the environment and the animal and human population of our area. The harmful effects of sand dredging in coasts south of our area have given us no hope to believe our coastal area and population won't be negatively impacted by McCallum Bros plans. We want to maintain bird life and fish life and whanau recreational activities on our pristine shores. Industry in the Whangarei Harbour has drastically impacted our environment and ability to gather food that has historically been part of our lifestyle and tradition. It is now an obligation placed on us to protect what is left to us. Handing McCallum Bros carte blanche to devastate our shores and environment is a travesty and harmful to te taiao and should be protected by our government and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Choose people and our close relatives - the sea, the fish and sea and bird life that depend on us for their protection. Choose te taiao over destruction and the accumulation of wealth by business interests. Choose life.

In Bream Bay our beaches are our greatest asset. They are enjoyed by both local people and visitors and bring many thousands of tourists here every year. It would be foolish to put them at risk by allowing the extraction of over 8 million cubic metres of sand from our bay. I see no benefit to Northland from this proposal. As a member of the Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust I spend many hours

working on dune and back dune protection along the shoreline of Bream Bay. If the McCallum application succeeds it would be an affront to the many volunteers who do this work.
No I do not support seabed sand mining in Bream Bay
- Sand mining in Bream Bay poses a major threat to the ecology of the area - Sand will not be replenished - Bottom dwelling shellfish along with other fish will be destroyed, with a consequent impact on the food chain, including larger creatures such as dolphins, orcas who are part of the ocean habitat currently - McCallum Brothers have a poor record of compliance in their previous involvement at Pakiri. - There are other sources of sand which don't have the same environmental impact
- The effect of sand mining in Bream Bay is irreversible as sand is not being replenished. - The impact on seabed ecology could be disastrous - There are other sources of sand available. - McCallums have a poor track record in their performance at Pakiri. - Fast tracking the process denies wider input and essential critical scientific scrutiny as to the likely impact
"Suck it up" somewhere else - further offshore? Kaipara harbour produces/moves a lot of sand/silt - go well offshore there or "land mine", & convert into usable land.
1) This project does not create any significant benefits to Northland. It is a project serviced from Auckland. 2) There is not a need for this project - there are already multiple options for the supply of sand that are currently approved. a) Kaipara, B) tara Iti - on land c) and even better man-made sand which most countries have already transition to. 3) Bream Bay is an ecosystem that has already experienced significant impacts of natural events cyclone Gabriel etc - if this sand was extracted the impacts of such events are going to be considerably worse. 4) Impact on the ecosystem - 35 years of extraction is going to have an impact on the eco system. Whales, dolphins fish, birdlife will all be impacted from noise and pollution. 5) The applicant has already had a checkered history in relation to its previous mining sites. Their appeal was pulled before a lot of information was presented - why trust them - especially when northland does not receive any significant benefit.
1) We had a whale playing in Bream Bay a few days ago. The ecological disturbance to the Bay will wreak havoc on ocean life. 2) in other places they are recycling bottles and turning them back into sand and rebuilding beaches with them. We have a huge recycling issue in New Zealand. Why would we do the damage of mining sand when we could be using our recycled bottles. Please leave our beautiful bays alone.
1. It will totally ruin not only that part of seabed and marine life but as other sands slide in to replace what was taken, a large part of seabed will be taken and change all over Whangarei Heads, Bream Bay and the Harbour. 2. Most of the population live on the east coast of NZ, perhaps they could explore remote parts of the west coast where the sea life is not so prevalent. However research would need to be taken to see what Sealife would be affected. 3. Company needs to explore other options like reusing plastic or tyres into granular or other products that replicate sand. 4. Bream Bay is a popular and WORLD renowned surf beach. This would affect the swell and all the coastal beaches including beaches at Whangarei Heads
17 square kilometre area of seabed in the marine and coastal area of Bream Bay, The ecology of which will be ruined by sand mining.
35 years of sand mining to support 35 years of urban development in Ak? Sand is short globally I think McCallum Bros need to pursue alternatives now instead of 35 years once they have irretrievably damaged Bream Bay.
A beautiful coast line with marine reserves, deep sea mining will destroy eco systems that thrive on the sea bed.
After years of sand mining off Pakiri in spite of huge public pushback, because of environmental concerns, McCallums now seek to shift their operations to Bream Bay. Sand mining will cause irreparable damage to the seabed and consequently the fragile marine ecosystem.
All evidence suggest this supply of sand is not critical and can be met elsewhere. We should be cautious about the damage it could cause our marine environment. Also it's not theirs!
All negatives for the community from the proposal- no positives. I am concerned about the environmental impacts. There are other, better alternatives than mining the Bay.

Allowing removal of sand from Bream Bay will destroy the bay and will impact negatively on Bream Bay residents. Go and mine off Auckland beaches.
Am of TePatuharakeke whakapapa. The continued sand extraction is harmful.
An absolute disgrace!
Apart from the desolation it will cause to the seabed . Killing the delicate ecosystem that so much life depends on. The noise will cause marine mammals to leave the area missing out on foods that could be important to the whole breeding population .
Artificial sand should replace this without destroying our Moana. Inland America use only artificial sand so let's do that. Too easy to just dredge up the Moana and to hell with the future, live for the dollar and the day
As a local I have witnessed the changes brought on by climate change. We don't need people digging holes in the seabed also.
As a long-time resident and regular fisherman in the bay it would be devastating to see any of the marine life activity or coastline put at risk by this activity
As Bream Bay has a closed coastal sand system any mining of sand will be lost forever and also the major destruction of the seabed's living organisms
As this has already been shown to be destructive as in the past sand mining by McCallum Bros in Mangawhai. They have been charged before with lack of environmental credibility
Aside from the serious environmental & cultural implications of sandmining Te Akau McCallums over dredged at Pakiri , they cannot be trusted
At Langs Beach , the beach shape has changed and will continue to change as part of natural process ; the sand mining in Bream Bay will only increase this change , and will cause issues with swimming , fishing in the area
BACK OFF
Bad for NZ
BB is a popular beach for summer tourists and residents. Its an important kai area and there are endangered nesting birds on the shore. Sand mining will interfere with all of these activities including messing up the birds food gathering. Last week there were humpback whales migrating. This beach is a precious resource and should not be exploited for the gain of a single company. There are alternative measures for concrete and building including reusing what has already been made. Time to mine the old rubbish dumps you haven't covered with houses and look at alternative sources for materials. We owe it to our kids and grandkids to preserve what near pristine areas we have and we owe it to near-extinct birds not to hasten their demise for individual profit.
Believe that this should not happen at all.....there are plenty of alternatives available easily
Bream Bay and the ecosystem dependent on the sand, need the sand to stay where it is.
Bream bay beaches are used by wildlife and people alike. It will negatively impact our beaches that are already suffering erosion from increased storms due to climate change. We don't need to intentionally add anymore stressors to our environment. Also it doesn't bring any economic benefits including jobs to our region.
Bream Bay has a number of treasures including the people who live there, the sea life and those who choose to visit. A company of a few harming and stealing from the environment for their own personal gain is not who we are.
Bream Bay has delicate and important biodiversity and sandmining will compromise that.
Bream Bay holds many a childhood memory - on both sides of the harbour; Ruakaka on one side and Parua Bay and Whangarei Heads on the other side. Bream Bay offers some of the most beautiful sandy beaches of Aotearoa and this area and its native wildlife should be protected for ever.
Bream bay is a family recreation area. The beaches are beautiful sandy beaches for families to enjoy. There is no need to sand mine at all. There are other products that can used instead of sand.
Bream Bay is a closed system of sand so that any sand will not be replaced by natural movement.

Bream bay is a critical area for many species including orca, bottlenose dolphins, humpback and brydes whales, and snapper etc. We must protect the seabed from any further damage. The seabed is a critical area for nutrient recycling and is essential for the food web to function correctly.
Bream bay is a lovely area for families and people to live and visit mining will ruin it for everyone
Bream Bay is too populated and is growing quickly. It's an area for recreational fishing and enjoying beach/coast life. Disturbing the seabed here would negatively impact the marine life. If you must remove sand from the sea bed, do it in a much more remote area.
Bream Bay sandmining will be a disaster for this area which is not only being used for recreational fishing. The surrounding area has been closed for regeneration for at least 4 years to recover. The sandmining will put these efforts at an enormous risk.
Bream Bay should be protected, not dug up, damaged, and have its sand removed for private profit. Note -- The missing sand will affect our beaches negatively, (there is evidence to this effect). Bream Bay is a beautiful taonga for northern New Zealanders and a valuable resource for food, recreation, learning about how we humans can live in harmony with the natural world, --- and quite simply a beautiful and spiritual place for us all in which to commune with the natural world and soothe our souls.
Bream Bay is an area where the population is growing fast. There will be many families living here. The beaches need to remain safe for the future.
Bream bay's future is growing in population with the port expanding and the solar farm starting. Our dunes need protecting to keep the community safe. NO SANDMINING!
McCallum needs to look for alternatives. Why should our marine environment be destroyed for one businesses human greed? The destruction of the marine life & lifestyle of our local people will be very sad.
Categorically opposed - all the research and science proves the terrible damage sandmining does - we need to learn from past mistakes - don't touch our coast and sea floor - everybody loses (except the greedy!)
Continued taking of sand cannot continue. McCallum's/construction/ roading need to find other means for infrastructure. Surely there are more sustainable products methods. We don't need more roads
Crazy to even consider this. Why would anyone consider this beautiful area suitable for exploitation
Damage to sea floor and the excessive ongoing stripping of sand potentially impacts sea life, shore sand movement and the environment for years to come. Sand mining in this location may benefit one commercial enterprise financially but the wider ecological disadvantages far outweigh those benefits.
Damage to seabed is unconscionable. McCallum Brothers have not behaved honourably in their Mangawhai mining venture.
Definitely against any sand mining in Bream Bay
Definitely against sandmining, it will ruin our lovely coastline
Definitely no to sand mining in Bream bay. It will be extremely destructive to seabed with no economic benefit to community. Only McCallums will benefit. THIS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN
Definitely not wanted in our beautiful coastline/ not good for our ocean bed/ not good for the sea life
Destroy our ecosystems...
Destroyed our beach in Pakiri . Don't do it
Destruction of sea bed
Destructive!
Detrimental to the Bream Bay region and its unique and endangered wildlife. Please choose another location
Destroying scallop beds and fishing habitat

Destruction Devastation Disturbing The Next Generation will be gravely affected Aotearoa. This is Colonial all over again. We need to look into saving our environment not destroy it and leave our Grandkids to suffer. Sandmining Sucks
Disturbance of aquatic life for many km even away from the allocated site. Bird disturbance.
Don't destroy our sea bed for profit
Don't do any sand mining on NZ coastlines. Find an ecological option!
Dredging the seabed could alter the ecosystem.
Ecological, environmental concerns and disturbance to the Bream Bay community. This would be a long term unwanted business venture that we would all be 'seeing' and 'hearing' for many years. That is unacceptable when there are other options that do not cause damage to the environment, the marine ecology and disturbance to local rate paying residents
Effects of Kaimoana, fish species, pipis, tuatua, crabs
Endless greed is ruining this country. Exploitive extractive actions must stop.
Enough of the environmental destruction and playing with nature for short economic gains
Environmental damage
Environmental degradation of Bream Bay. Corporate greed
Environmental effects of sand mining would not be in the interests of the wider community. there is no process that would mitigate the destructive effects on the seabed if sand mining was to be permitted.
Environmental nightmare. More value in leaving the seabed intact than selling the sand. All financial benefits are taken away from the area.
Environmentally corrupt
Everything about this proposal is wrong wrong wrong. I cannot believe that the Government is allowing this fast track proposal to go ahead. There is no benefit whatsoever locally so how has it got this far? The fact that there is no consultation or hearing of public views is shameful. This sand mining will definitely destroy Bream Bay and the world class Waipu Cove (along with all the other beautiful beaches) will become mere rocky shores if this sea bed mining is allowed to go ahead, due to the type of bay it is. There are alternatives to using this special sand to make concrete - already there is man made sand from rocks available. If we can 'manufacture' humans we can certainly manufacture sand! Joni Mitchell's 70's song comes to mind - 'They paved paradise to put up a parking lot' Have we learned nothing about protecting our precious natural environment? This is really a crisis and I believe that people will become very militant if it is permitted to go ahead. It is a proposal based on lies and mis-information for personal profit and unfortunately our country's leaders are buying into it. I feel desperate as a New Zealander - it just isn't the way we do things here. I note that one of our leading marine biologists felt similarly ashamed of NZ at an overseas environmental conference recently when other countries were putting in huge efforts to save the ocean and NZ something like 0.05% and no ratification of the treaty to reclaim 30% of the world's oceans. Are the politicians heads made of concrete??
Extraction of sand off Bream Bay will compromise the bay, the marine life, and the shoreline.
Extractive mining in pristine environments needs to stop. There are alternatives available for making concrete. The resource will be gone forever once mined. The payoff for people of NZ, and Bream Bay in particular, is not worth the loss of environment and resources.
Fast Track process should not be able to action permission. If environmental mitigation is not possible, permission needs to be refused.
Fast tracking this project is avoiding a necessary full environmental assessment. The process is biased towards big business and not the community and long term environment.
For generations my family has gathered at Bream Bay Beach for fun, family gathering, swimming and to gather sea food to enjoy and to get for the older members of the community and afar, will not be able to do this if this is permitted. It all destroy the sea life of shell food, that a lot of family rely on

help their families. Their would be more fishing. It would destroy everything. No Sand Mining in Bream Bay.
For years we have continued fishing off this beach. Don't ruin it!!
From an ecological point of view , sand mining can only be damaging . Please don't allow this in northland . Our coastal beauty both above and below the water is our leading asset
From the information I have been hearing about this proposal over the last few months I am very strongly opposed to sand mining in Bream Bay
From what I understand, the sand mining will only damage the bay, and probably ruin the world class surfing that happens at Waipu. There must be an alternative to sand mining, in this day and age.
Go away and find an alternative to mining the ocean
Go out 50 miles from the 12 mile limit
Go to mine in the Kaipara Harbour
Greed is the driving force these days with these companies humanity and our wildlife etc non existent
Greed!
Greedy exploitation and wreaking marine reserves for their own pockets
Have heard heaps about how it will change our sea bed and shore, not for the better
Honour the Treaty of Waitangi. You could learn a lot of wisdom from Tangata Whenua
Hopefully all community will get behind this to stop the sand mining
How can something like this be fast tracked when it so greatly affects the beach areas and the New Zealand people so connected to the water
How can they even think about spoiling our beautiful beach. Go to the West Coast you lazy sods. So it will cost you more to truck it out. You can afford it.
How dare they think closing down from Pakiri and moving to another is a given, not at our place. Doing a fast track application seems to be just like the govt. Disgusting process or even just the thought of thinking they can. Get out of our town.
I am a local open water swimmer and have seen with my own eyes the wonderful marine life we have in the bay. Sand mining will definitely have an impact on marine life and must be stopped. We know the history of destruction caused by McCallums from further down the coast, so why would we let the same happen here?
I am a longtime fisherman of the very area they want to mine this is a very important fishery for all the species. This is my Gurnard Ground, Snapper, Kingfish, Dory you name it. This is where the Whales and Dolphins chase and feed upon pilchards and mackerel. To name bur a few. This is Bream Bay, by name by nature. We don't want the sand mining here.
I am absolutely against any form of sand mining in our beautiful Bream Bay. It is imperative that we protect and enhance our bay for generations to come and enjoy.
I am against this proposal because of the potential negative impact on the local environment and wildlife.
I am aware this action to stop the extraction of sand will impact the operation of a business but it is time to consider the impact of this destruction of our environment. All of the critters and humans will suffer if this mining goes ahead.
I am concerned about the potential long term damage to The Bream Bay seabed floor and the natural environs as a result.
I am deeply concerned about the proposal and the negative environmental impacts to our bay where we live and play and plan to for many more years to come. There are alternative options to meet the demands of sand. I do not see the economic benefit to our region at all to even begin to offset environmental damage. I am strongly against the proposal.
I am most definitely against any seabed mining in Bream Bay. For obvious reasons.
I am not clear why this needs to be fast track under the legislation

I am not in favour as it will alter the seabed which will affect all the beaches along the Bream Bay coast, the shell fish beds, the fish feeding grounds and the sea life.
I am opposed to sand mining at Bream Bay, a precious area with unique ecosystems that sustain marine life and kai moana for local communities. This destructive activity risks huge harm to the Bream Bay coastline.
I am strongly against it, due to the environmental impact and harm it could cause to sea life
I am strongly against sand mining on the grounds of habitat destruction as well as possible hydrological issues. I would prefer we produced building fine aggregates from quarry crushers of recycling concrete.
I am strongly opposed due to the effects that sea bed sand mining will do to fragile marine ecosystems, our fisheries and the erosion it will cause to the coastline that sustains local livelihoods and cultural heritage.
I am strongly opposed to the proposed sand mining in Bream Bay. The environmental risks are simply too great—coastal erosion, damage to marine habitats, and long-term impacts on biodiversity are all well-documented consequences of this kind of activity. Bream Bay is a treasured natural environment, vital to the local community, recreation, and tourism. Once this ecosystem is disrupted, the damage cannot be undone. For these reasons, I do not support the proposal.
I am strongly opposed to the sand mining of Bream Bay as this activity threatens the long term health of this cherished coastline, that is enjoyed by the community. I am also very much opposed to the fast track application as something this important and close to the community should be reviewed and involve the community with the decisions
I am strongly opposed to this as it will disrupt benthic ecology and impact the threatened birds and marine mammals. It is also opposed by many local people for these and other reasons.
I am totally against this sand mining
I am totally in support with the arguments against the proposal going ahead.
I am very concerned about the impact the sand mining will have on the Bream Bay seabed. We have recently been privileged to have whales in our bay, something we don't want to risk losing.
I believe sandmining in Bream Bay will destroy or disturb its ecology - promote sand erosion on beaches .
I believe that this proposal will harm the ecosystem and wildlife of Bream Bay and will not bring economic benefit to Northland communities
I believe this will destroy the sea bed with no advantage to the local community
I believe this would be a disaster for our seabed. If this goes ahead the damage can not be reversed
I can see no good coming from mining vast quantities of sand from our bay. There are enough struggles for our marine life in the Bay without having this robbery causing damage to the sea bed and all the creatures that live upon it.
I cannot see how the local community will benefit economically to make this worthwhile, especially when there are alternatives to produce the sand needed for concrete. The environmental damage that has been shown in Pakiri by the very SAME company that now wants to come here is clear evidence that this destructive extractive process will cause damage to our environment in Te Akau as well. I am strongly against this proposal and believe the government should be looking at ways to support the community in more long-term, sustainable ventures like investing in tourism infrastructure.
I can't see how dredging up sand is beneficial in anyway shape or form. It's clearly a no brainer that it will only cause harm to the environment.
I can't understand how this particular proposal has even been approved for progression to a Fast Track application. It doesn't meet any the criteria stated as being required for the Fast track shortlist. There are unfolding damaging and detrimental long term effects from Sand Mining now becoming apparent from the previous venture further down the coast. We don't want a repetition of this damage and destruction in Bream Bay which can never be reversed. There are good and plentiful

alternatives to ocean sand mining available now without the devastating negative impacts on our marine life.
I disagree with the proposal for two reasons. First the environmental impact, and secondly the conversion of natural resources that belong to ALL New Zealander's now and into the future, into profit for the few, is abhorrent and amoral.
I do not accept this proposal, This proposal does nothing good for the environment and the people. This proposal should not go ahead.
I do not support the destruction of NZs natural environment. Once it is gone, it is gone forever.
I do not understand why we need to take sand from Bream with no regard to the sea bed, the scallop beds and the fish. Surely there are other places that sand can be sourced. Unbelievable that this is even being considered.
I don't believe there isn't an alternative to seabed sand. Research shows R&D is 'fast tracking' other types of high quality sand.
I don't think it should go ahead
I don't agree with this proposal.
I don't live in Northland, however this issue affects all New Zealanders. We do not want to see our oceans and seabeds destroyed.
I don't support sand mining it will destroy our whenua.
I don't want any sand mining anywhere on our east coast. They have the ability to mine sand from the shore and pump it out to their vessels. Sand mining is ruining the ocean and it's delicate ecosystem
I feel it is destroying our ocean floor and the life there.
I feel the sea beds should be left alone. I know companies will say not much damage will be done but they don't always speak the truth when it's to their advantage. I feel seabeds/sea life will be upset/damaged
I find it unbelievable that seabed mining in Bream Bay is even a consideration in these times when the natural environment is so under threat, as will be the creatures who rely on the health of this area to survive. It is disgusting that there is no regard given to the eco system and the viability of life in pursuit of profit. It is so sad.
I find the 'urgency' and 'fast track' modes this Government is using to be undemocratic, especially where the Environment is concerned.
I grew up in Bream Bay, don't ruin this paradise.
I have been coming here for over 50 years and if they got permission they would ruin the area
I have seen how badly they have changed beaches where they have mined already.
I have seen what large scallop dredges do to the sea bed and the proposed dredges will be hugely destructive
I just don't agree with this process at all. Thinking of the marine life and the impact this has on our environment. This cannot happen, especially in our beautiful ocean.
I live and fish in Bream Bay, this company has a track record of not doing the right thing by the environment. This will ruin the bay and should NOT be approved!
I live in Bream Bay and we have a diverse environment of protected birds and sea life. This would be destroyed if the sand mining goes ahead.
I live in Northland my whakapapa is to Takahiwai. I strongly disagree with seabed mining for my children's future. It is unnecessary, will destroy the environment and future of the area. Just for a quick buck. The area has so much potential to bring in income in a way that won't devastate the environment for future generation's generations.
I oppose sand mining in Bream Bay due to severe environmental risks like destroying marine habitats, causing erosion, degrading water quality and harming fisheries/tourism - Stop Now!
I oppose seabed sand mining in Bream Bay. The proposal presents unacceptable ecological, cultural, and economic risks that are neither well-understood nor adequately mitigated. The cumulative effects on fisheries, sediment movement, coastal erosion, shellfish beds, and marine biodiversity are poorly

quantified. Once disruption occurs, it is not reversible at a meaningful scale. Bream Bay is not an abstract extraction zone. It is a living coastal system, a food source, and a place of identity and wellbeing for local communities and mana whenua. The proposal does not demonstrate that these values have been prioritised over commercial interests. The precautionary principle should apply. Where long-term harm is plausible but unproven, the burden lies on the applicant to show safety, not on the public to prove risk. That burden has not been met. In short, the potential loss far outweighs any claimed benefit.

I oppose the proposal for seabed sand mining in Bream Bay. This activity poses unacceptable environmental, cultural, and community risks to an area that is ecologically sensitive, economically important, and deeply valued by mana whenua and local residents. Seabed mining would disturb and permanently alter the benthic environment, destroying habitats essential for fish, shellfish, and other marine species. Bream Bay is a key breeding and feeding area for numerous taonga species, and the long-term effects of sediment plumes, noise, and seabed disturbance are poorly understood but likely to be significant and irreversible. At a time when marine ecosystems are under growing pressure, introducing a high-impact industrial activity is irresponsible and inconsistent with principles of precaution and environmental stewardship. The proposed mining also threatens the social and economic wellbeing of the region. Commercial and recreational fishers rely on healthy seabed ecosystems, while communities along Bream Bay depend on clean water and thriving marine life to support tourism, local businesses, and quality of life. Once the seabed is degraded, these values cannot simply be restored. Additionally, any disturbance of the rohe moana must reflect the rights and responsibilities of mana whenua as kaitiaki. Seabed mining would undermine these responsibilities by placing short-term extraction above long-term guardianship and intergenerational wellbeing. For these reasons, I strongly oppose seabed sand mining in Bream Bay and urge decision-makers to prioritise the protection of our marine environment, our communities, and our cultural heritage. The risks are too great, and the consequences too permanent, for this proposal to proceed.

I read that there is chances of other areas/sources to utilize outside bream bay, instead of disrupting this beautifully existing coastline

I smell a rat why do they want to mine at night?? McCallum have been found out not sticking to the Rules at previous Mining Sights. and also major damage to Shore lines where they have mined Previously. this will also damage the seafloor and marine Life !!!!!

I strongly object to the way this government can and does override environmental issues including all flora and fauna.

I strongly oppose the fast track proposal to sandmine in Te Akau Roa o Ngatiwai (Bream Bay coast) I hold manawhenua over these lands and being Patuharakeke and Ngatiwai Uri tracing back many generations we have used this seashore and moana to sustain and feed our people. Sandmining will devastate sealife, marine species and shellfish , it was cause a significant imbalance in the tidal species of flora such as mangroves that surround our tribal lands. Our Sand can't be sold for profit - If you agree to pass the sandmining application, you are playing a part in destroying the mauri of the moana and taking a part in destroying our ecosystem.

I strongly oppose the proposal in itself. The bad record of McCallum in complying with conditions in their existing sand mining activities makes me even more opposed. I'm also opposed to the Fast Track legislation as it undermines (no pun intended!) local and regional democracy, undermines the conduct of proper environmental assessments and undermines the ability of the district and regional council to monitor and enforce environmental standards.

I strongly oppose the sand mining in Bream Head, I cannot believe this could happen in this most beautiful ocean. Please STOP this!!!

I strongly oppose the sand mining. It will ruin the area and the environment for generations. The govt needs to stop selling out to private businesses that lobby the govt. It will end up costing taxpayers billions of dollars to fix the damage. I'm happy to join a group civil action as well.

I strongly oppose this proposal because the Moana is my kai cupboard for my whanau...leave it alone!!!

I think it is absolutely abhorrent that this is even being considered given the known damage that they have caused off Pakari. Have those making these decisions not learned anything!
I think that it is outrageous that the government and company think that the fast track consenting process is appropriate for granting a 35 year license for mining the sea bed without any proper research or investigation into the possible impacts on the environment.
I think this is short sighted money grabbing that is entirely misguided and will impact our community and environment significantly.
I think what they are proposing is absolutely appalling and should not be allowed to go ahead!!
I understand McC Bros have broken the law already, on their existing mining rights so can't be trusted not to do so again. Re endangered coral.
I walk this beach daily and pay rates to live here and enjoy seeing other ratepayers enjoying the area. What rates do McCallum brothers pay Whangarei council? This sand mining will wreck our beach.
I want my grandchildren to still have a lovely surf beach long after I'm gone.
I worry about the effect it will have on the coast line and all the marine creatures that live there, as well as many other concerns.
I worry about the inevitable ecological effects of the sand mining on Bream Bay the effect on sea life and the long term implications of damage to the environment . Especially as the sand can be accessed from elsewhere without the environmental damage that will occur here in Bream Bay . And the sand can be land mined - I have to question Minster Shane Jones urgent approval of this proposal !!! It will NOT create jobs in the area as suggested .The only jobs will be McCallum workers on their specialised boat they already have that they bought for previous sites and are keen to utilise !!!!! This is not a good decision
I would hate to see the beautiful beaches of Bream Bay affected in any way. I would also hate to think of the effect the mining may have on sea life further out.
I'm against sand mining in beautiful Bream Bay because it threatens one of our most fragile coastal ecosystems. Sand isn't just scenery—it protects the shoreline, supports dunes, and provides essential habitat for countless marine species. Removing it disrupts breeding grounds, increases sediment in the water, and destroys the seabed communities that fish and other sea life depend on. Once that balance is damaged, it can take decades to recover. Bream Bay is too precious to sacrifice for short-term profit; it deserves protection, not exploitation.
I'm against the proposed sand mining operation in Bream Bay because it risks causing long-term, irreversible damage to one of our most precious coastal environments. The dunes and shoreline here aren't just beautiful — they protect our communities, support wildlife, and hold deep cultural significance. Although the company could extract sand from land-based sites, it's cheaper and more convenient for them to mine offshore, and that economic shortcut comes at a real cost. Removing sand from the seabed threatens erosion, harms local ecosystems, and puts recreational use and local livelihoods at risk. Once this kind of damage is done, we can't simply put the sand back. Bream Bay deserves protection, not exploitation.
I've seen the impact sand mining has had on the Mangawhai community. We don't want this in Bream Bay.
If this beach is a popular recreational place then it should remain as such without the presence of mechanical vehicles. However if the removal of sand is off-shore (i.e. dredging) it must be done in a way that doesn't affect the recreational use of the beach.
If this consent is given an ecosystem will be destroyed for what! There are manmade alternatives that can be used to fill the gap for the creation of concrete. Why would you destroy a beautiful New Zealand coastline, enjoyed by the Northland residents and attracts 100s of tourists each year. The applicants, McCallum Brothers have a poor record of protecting our coastline they should not be given consent. The community won't stand for it and will do everything in it's power to stop this insane project going ahead, it will destroy Bream Bay and this amazing marine area will not recover.

If this is allowed to progress it will be detrimental to our Coastal Ecosystem and alter the whole Coastal Area for many Years and for this Company to line their pockets without any thought to what they are causing.
If this is passed it will destroy our fishing and food gathering for decades to come
If this was to go ahead this will contribute to the destruction of our ecosystem here in Bream Bay. It will shape the future of these lands and sea for generations to come, it will affect how we swim, fish and view the bay. Most of all our sea life will be thrown out of balance and this is something that we can not predict this impact and the future of our marine environment
I'm against the sand mining activity & consent on a number of grounds, including disruption marine life & habitat, disturbance & destruction to marine ecology, instability of sea floor with the hight take being sought. Bream Bay and the entire Te Renga Paraoa harbour areas have been the source of plentiful kai moana to the neighbouring tribes and communities in the area. Sand mining on the scale being sought will absolutely negatively impact this. I live on the Whangarei Te Renga Paraoa harbour and have seen ongoing degradation of the water quality, marine life and seafloor. I strongly object to sand mining in Bream Bay.
I'm appalled the government would even consider the proposal.
I'm nearly 96, and the older I get the more sure I become that human beings have to go back to living in balance with nature. No more seeking profits for companies and 'easier' living for humans.
I'm so furious about how short-sighted, selfish, and money-hungry this country has become. NO SAND MINING IN BREAM BAY....EVER!!!!
I'm very concerned about the environmental impacts of the sea bed mining on the Bream Bay area. This area needs greater protections not more environmental degradation and pressure.
In Bream Bay locals enjoy and respect the ocean, the sandals, the fishing quota and restrictions in order to maintain and nurture the area for our future generations. We respect restrictions and Rahul when the necessity arises. This sandmining will destroy the sea bed, affect the sand dunes, and create disturbance to an area to which sea life is dependant.
In NO way should our coastal natural environment be removed, mined, ruined in any way. There's no reason this is right at all.
Irreversible destruction of the marine and coastline environment is not acceptable for private commercial gain.
It appears that there is adequate sand supply from other sources, so mining the seabed with its associated environmental consequences is not justified.
It concerns me that we think that 'growing the economy' is more important than having a heartfelt connection to nature - working with it, rather than exploiting it. The benefits of a 'heartfelt' connection would make our lives better than we could ever understand now, in the 'head' consciousness in which we are now living.
It concerns me what the effect of sucking this sand from so close to our shoreline will be on the beaches of Bream Bay . Why do they need to get sand so close to the shore . Why not go out further beyond the Hen and Chicken islands
It has been proven that sand mining has had a devastating effect in Pakiri, and it will in Bream Bay too. It will not provide jobs for Northland. McCallum Bros have already broken the rules and cannot be trusted.. WE SAY NO. Sand is readily available on land
It has to be stopped
It is an absolute no brainer to prevent sand mining in Bream Bay. We must preserve our beautiful eco system at all costs
It is clear that Bream Bay is a "closed system", I.e. any sand taken will not be replaced.
It is disgraceful to have this proceed and should be stopped immediately. To have any destruction of our seabeds and seashores is just plain stupid and irresponsible.
It is disgusting it will affect the whole ecosystem!!
It is disgusting that sand mining in Bream Bay is even an option

It is environmentally wrong and there are alternate supplies. For example the land based sand mining Forestry Beach
It is monstrous to consider allowing the seabed to be blindly ploughed up, mutilating and destroying the organic life there and creating plumes of debris to smother the surrounding sea floor. To allow this would have ongoing destructive impact on the whole of Bream Bay for the sake of private gain without consideration for long term environmental impact.
It is not necessary. There are plenty of land-based sand suppliers. They've shown at Leigh how environmentally damaging this practice is.
It is not only MCCALLUM BROS, the local iwi needs to take a bit of the blame. New Zealanders, and Maoridom partition and protested government to have the right of control over the foreshore and seabed. It seems none of this has been taken into account. As a local I can see what will happen over the years having worked the pipi bed Snake Bank and Mair Bank for years until it closes. I am wondering what will become of them. There is also the scallop beds as well to consider., there is also a little gem only a few locals know about, we call it Crayfish Island which is abundant with life, What will happen to this. When a strong Easterly and Hightide approach our shore is damaged beyond recognition. And with the added dredging, I can't imagine, I don't want to imagine the sight. So I super strongly and absolutely do not want sand mining in our beautiful part of paradise...
It is proven that there is no need to sand mine anymore. An suitable alternative material is available and proven to be successful.
It is ridiculous to me that our country that sells itself as this clean green oasis even allows sand mining. This would be of no benefit to Northland and would ruin one of the most beautiful bays in the entire country. People are awestruck when they come over the Brynderwyns and get that first view of Bream Bay, having a big mining boat out in the middle of it would be such a disappointment. We should not only be opposed to sand mining in our bay but in general, it's impact on the environment is devastating
It is ridiculous! Will protest this to the max. Our precious seabed! We have whales, sharks, dolphins, fish etc on our coast. Sand mining off bream bay?! This is insane! So angry with the government and McCallum Bros. Private profit off out public asset, which we pay rates for the area of. Also we have a famous surf break here too
It is solely dollar driven
It is unbelievable that people are even thinking of doing this. It is really detrimental to the environment.
It is undemocratic with this government having no remit to this and furthermore a company with a poor track record being allowed to do this. Disgusting is what comes to mind. Sick of business interests taking precedent over nature and the people.
It is unnecessary as land based alternatives already exist. Marine sand mining is destructive and outdated. Refer to detailed research by The Guardians which demonstrate there is no valid economic argument to support marine sand mining at Bream Bay. It provides minimal, if any, economic benefit to Northland. The prime benefit is to a private company. By continuing with destructive marine sand extraction it works against the development and expansion of newer technologies eg Kayasand producing quarry based sand which could provide localised sand production for concrete production etc throughout Northland. McCallum Bros will therefore specifically harm the economic growth potential for Northland. Tourism related to Bream Bay and Whangarei will be damaged if consent is granted for the mining. It promotes a global message that NZ doesn't care about its environment. Recreational fishing tourism is extremely beneficial to Northland.
It just is not logical in this pristine location.
It seems outrageous that sandmining had to be stopped
It will affect ocean, kaimoana & environment.
It will damage the seabed and environment, having lasting effects on all people living here. STOP
It will destroy marine life and change the landscape of the beach as it will move the sand around

It will destroy our beautiful bay and dolphins and orcas will not be seen again. Sue or the noise of the ship. It will destroy the ecology of the floor of the sea.
It will destroy the beautiful seabed we have here
It will destroy the recreational fishing and coastline
It will have adverse and on the environment and everything that lives in and around it for future generations.
It will kill the bay and the fishing. These guys have a bad environmental track record
It will ruin the seabed, sea life, our beaches. All the profits go to the McCallum family & and those they have bribed to support their cause. There is no benefit for the local community no jobs , no money.
It would have an enormous negative impact on the ocean -seabed and foreshore - ecosystem. And the communities.
it's a closed bay without replenishing sand. This Will affect erosion/sand movement in Bream Bay and also disturb breeding grounds for scallops, snapper and other fish that rely on the bottom . There are alternatives that don't disturb our ecosystem .
It's a limited resource once taken it's gone forever and ruined the bay
It's a no brainer! Ripping up the seabed is highly destructive with evidence showing mining activity can cause lasting damage to fragile marine ecosystems. We have right to say NO to this proposed attack on our ecosystem.
It's appalling to think that something so potentially impactful to the environment would be allowed to go through fast track. Mining the sea bed needs to be well researched and consulted
It's not just sand ! It's a whole ecosystem that will be destroyed.
It's simply not right that a private company can profit from an activity that will have widespread devastating affect on the health of Bream Bay.
It's time we let Mother Earth heal and be allowed to nurture all other beings. The consequences are all negative for sand mining.
It's utterly disgusting that you could even sand mine our beautiful bream bay in the first place. They people involved have absolutely no respect for our bay or the ocean or the environment and they absolutely couldn't give a dam about our community at all. They are interested in one thing and that is making money at any cost!!!! DONT TOUCH OUR BAY
It's a beautiful beach and would be a terrible shame for it to be altered. 35 years of removal of sand there's a long and devastating time.
It's a snapper spawning ground and also a scallop breeding ground
It's all about greed for them, why come here when there are a lot of people who enjoy the beach. What will you say to your grandchildren when they ask why do you do what you and ruin the planet.
It's all about the dollar and never about the long term effects on the sea and eco system
It's an outrage. Please do not support this proposal!
Its devastating to the seabed and ruins the surf breaks.
It's our backyard and this will have a huge impact on our environment. Take this somewhere else. Leave our beautiful bay .
It's is ridiculous we are going through this after the long fight at Te Arai. Sand is our 3rd largest commodity, I know it is needed but they were granted permission to mine further out to sea, so they can do that. They cannot and have not stuck to the rules.
It's not easy to find balanced objective information but if there are landbased alternatives that use quarry waste, that option would make more sense.
It's so damaging to our environment to allow this sand mining. What happened to Keep Aotearoa beautiful? I want Bream Bay to remain a beautiful coastline for many generations
It's time to stop plundering irreplaceable "resources" and change to sustainable and environmentally practices.

It's unnecessary, destructive and will destroy all life forms on the sea bed including scallops. We owe it to our descendants to protect our shores
Just find another way, don't muck up our coastline and lifestyle.
Just leave Bream Bay alone. We've already lost the right to gather scallops and pipi (Mair bank). This will not help. Leave Bream Bay alone.
Just stop it already !
Keep Bream Bay the way it is.. No sand mining!
Kei te wai nga mana katoa o Ngātiwai hoino me tiaki te moana
Langs Beach local here. We all know how Pakiri was impacted = despite the McCallum's assurances there would be no environment impact. Locals know that it categorically untrue
Leave bream bay how it is, it's a jewel in northland.
Leave NZ the way it is. We have to stop taking our sand as we need it where it is. We need to find alternatives maybe like crushed up recycled glass. Or something. Mother nature put it there for a reason and it wasn't to remove it. So leave it alone.
Leave our beach alone
Leave our beach alone! Go find something else to ruin so you can line your pockets.
Leave our beautiful beaches alone!!! Our beaches are for our families to enjoy for years to come and we do not want anyone coming in and taking what is not theirs for their own financial gain!!!
Leave our beautiful bream bay alone. Stop this fast track to hell.
Leave our beautiful coast and go to another country .
Leave our Bream Bay alone
Leave our harbour alone!
Leave our oceans alone!
Leave our sand where it is!!!
Leave our seabed, our beaches, our marine, life, our ecology, our natural beauty alone. Please! The world is falling apart, please please protect what we are so incredibly lucky to have. It is priceless. Sand mining will totally destroy the area in all the ways. And for what? We can't get back what we have destroyed. Please stop this - for us, our children, their children! For all the sea creatures, the history, the ecology... It is just so wrong to even be considering this.
Leave our seabeds alone
Leave our seabeds alone!
Leave Paradise alone, don't vandalise a piece of Kiwi heaven!
Leave the foreshore for NZrs to use privately
Leave the sand alone. It's bad enough the dredging for the log boats and pollution from said boats. No one has the right to sell Northland sand. I strongly disagree!!
Leave the sand where the sea has put it and its meant to be, get your profit some other way, not by ruining our coastline and the many life cycles it supports. It is clearly all about making the rich richer while ruining this beautiful coastline. Not acceptable.
Leave the sea bed alone
Leave the sea bed untouched. The marine life is under enough pressure without the mining destroying it
Leave the seabed alone. Globally we take sand for construction at a much, much faster rate than it is created. Recycle glass into sand and save our marine life.
Leave this sand alone. Use something else instead of sand
MacCallum's have aggressively mined sand close to the shore in this area for years. They have taken enough and shouldn't get another opportunity to steal sand. I have witnessed them mining just a few metres outside the surf line in breach of their licence. They are not good stewards of the bay and don't deserve any support by the public.
Make concrete out of other material

<p>Many beach landscapes have been reshaped for worst after sand mining. The natural fish habitat and the beach lifestyle of the Bream Bay community will be changed forever. No money is worth destroying countless lives.</p>
<p>McCallum Bros do not have a good track record of environmental safety and honesty – just look at the Pakiri project – and the "Fast Track" process lays this open for all manner of things being glossed over. I appreciate the need for materials to build, but we only get one Bream Bay, and utmost care should be taken in the entire process, and that is not what this looks like.</p>
<p>McCallum brothers have a shocking record of non-compliance with their consents & are likely to continue this behaviour. To destroy a beautiful part of Northland is crazy when there are other options for sand available. This is pure greed.</p>
<p>McCallums are not trustworthy guardians of our habitat and are motivated by greed.</p>
<p>McCollum brothers has relied upon engagement with hapū who have been selective in their invitation to hui and give their feedback. Neither of the groups have mandates from their hapū to represent them in significant dealings with big corporates including McCollum bros. The proposal will cause significant adverse effects on takutaimoana and coastal geomorphology.</p>
<p>McCullum are not to be trusted as in evidence off Pakari and Mangawhai. Their record of poor business practices. NZ is already getting sand from the land in Ruakaka. NZ needs to recycle concrete. Sea animals have no voice, we need to speak for them. The scallop industry needs support to keep building this fishing business back. There is already so much influence on the environment from human activity in Bream Bay, especially the Port. We need to balance all of this.</p>
<p>McCullum Brothers have destroyed further south dredge for 70 years the seabed at Bream Bay. This is a pristine superb piece of coastline, that has rare native seabirds and tiny little chicks on the beach. We drove pass this bay from the Wairarapa on 4th and 5th and this action by McCullum Brothers simply can't occur from damage caused further south!</p>
<p>McCullum is not a responsible company and break the law when it comes to sand mining. They were fined due to breaches in their resource consent and can longer operate out from Pakari. Sand mining causes beach erosion which will affect birds nesting in the dunes, change the bottom of the seabed and kill sea creatures that live on the sea floor, cause turbidity of the water in the surrounding area which could affect sea life including whales, dolphins, and fish. Sand mining in Bream Bay is not required for NZs growth as enough sand can be retrieved out of existing quarries and operations as well as made from recycled glass.</p>
<p>McCallum's should not be allowed to mine any more sand from the sea beds. That company is just all about the money. They do not care about environmental impacts. I drove trucks for a very very short time for that company and was definitely not impressed on the way they go about doing things, dodgy as the days ...</p>
<p>Mine offshore</p>
<p>Mining sand from seabed's is a foolhardy practice when all coastal margins are threatened by existing and unstoppable sea level rise due to climate change. This is not scaremongering - sea level rises of about 200mm have been recorded globally and will only continue into the known future. Stop now before those inevitable impacts become untenable.</p>
<p>Mining the seabed is destroying the habitat. There are plenty of land based options for obtaining sand. USE THESE.</p>
<p>Mining will change the lay of the sea bed, impact sea life and our recreation, swimming and boating & fishing.</p>
<p>Morally and ethically WRONG</p>
<p>My concern is for the sealife which will be affected dramatically</p>
<p>My family and I strongly oppose seabed mining as it makes our beaches a dangerous place to swim. Our kids deserve to be able to swim safely, and dive in their waters.</p>
<p>My family and wider family have enjoyed the beauty of bream Bay for the last 60 plus years. This will ruin the beauty and eco system we love, just for money</p>

My Key concern is the sand in Bream Bay is a finite, non-replenishing resource. Once it's gone, it's gone! Additional concerns: Habitat Destruction: The dredging process, often compared to a "vacuum cleaner operating on the seafloor," destroys vital seabed habitats, creating "dead zones" where marine life cannot survive. The proposed mining area overlaps with a scallop recovery zone that is closed to harvesting. Threat to Endangered Species: Bream Bay is a critical habitat for a wide array of species, including the nationally critical tara iti (New Zealand fairy tern) and endangered hawksbill and green turtles, migrating whales, dolphins. The mining operations, including noise and increased water turbidity, threaten these vulnerable species and disrupt their feeding and nesting behaviours. Coastal Erosion: as mentioned above, the Sand in Bream Bay is a finite, non-replenishing resource, deposited thousands of years ago. It's extraction disrupts natural sediment flows that protect beaches and dunes, leading to increased coastal erosion and changes in beach structure, which can make beaches unsafe. Water Quality Degradation: The process releases fine sediment plumes that can drift for miles, smothering marine life, lowering oxygen levels, and potentially re-mobilizing existing pollutants like heavy metals from the sediment into the water column. This can harm both marine animals and human health for those who swim in the water. Impact on Fisheries and Livelihoods: The damage to marine ecosystems and kaimoana (seafood) stocks threatens the livelihoods of commercial and recreational fishers and the local tourism industry. Scallop populations, in particular, are at risk. The fast-track approval process, which excludes formal public consultation avenues, is undemocratic and ignores our voices. I advocate for the use of sustainable alternatives, like manufactured sand from recycled materials, an options already being explored by other New Zealand companies.

Nature in danger

Negative environmental impact.

Negative impact to the seabed and biodiversity

No benefit to the community, just the company, will affect our beach, it's not on.

No economic benefits to Northland, impact on the beaches with no replenishment of sand, and better alternative sources of sand closer to Auckland.

No matter how they try to say it won't impact the ocean / port surrounding area, you cannot remove cubic metres of sea bed without any consequences

No need to destroy seabed for sand

No need to mine the ocean when there's plenty of sand on land

No need to sand mine. Damage to the bay. Already shown they don't stick to the rules when mining.

No proposals for sand mining should be fast tracked, there should be ample time for community, environmental and other affected party consultation.

No reason to permit environmentally damaging aquatic activity with uncertain consequences when benign land based options are available

No sand mining

No sand mining in bream bay

No sand mining in bream bay because there are too many unknowns about what will happen to the sandy beaches and sea floor

No sand mining in Bream Bay, protect our local ecosystem

No SANDMINING in Bream Bay. It will destroy our moana, there are alternatives to SANDMINING and we must STOP this!

No seabed mining our beach, wrecking our bay, food and environment for wildlife. It will forever change our beaches and disturb our environment

No to sandmining in Bream Bay!!

NO TO SANDMINING IN BEAUTIFUL BREAM BAY, LEAVE MY BACKYARD ALONE

No way will we allow sand mining

No wrecking our lovely beach.

No, no, no, never.

No, to stripping the sea bed. They are actually destroying the environment
Northland has some of the best beaches and fishing. Dredging damages both the beaches and the sea life in these areas. The need to look at some recyclable products that can be used. Move with times and leave nature alone.
Not allowed In many other countries for good reason
Not good for the environment or Bream Bay erosion factor are just a couple of concerns
Not only can the sand be providing with less damaging methods, but McCallums have frequently flouted their previous consent and there's no reason to assume that they will behave any better this time. This sand mining causes environmental degradation, damages wildlife and brings zero reward to local communities. Consenting it would be simply wrong, even with a more reliable company.
Not only is Marsden Pt taking away more sea, making it harder for swimmers and boaties to enjoy, they also want to rid the natural resources that have no beneficial impact now or in the future. The devastation left will take generations to regenerate.
Not only is sand mining likely to effect sea life, it will probably cause erosion in the Bream Bay foreshore as it has in other places they have been sandmining
Not our bay, not our sand. Leave the ecosystem alone. Damaging to the seabed.
Nothing but greed. Too stupid to find other income source not harmful to the environment or animals. Not fit for purpose humans!
NZ First politicians should take note that they can't simply rail road their agenda over the very people that voted them in. The community overwhelmingly doesn't want this, the population has spoken yet the politicians push on because they see the \$ before anything.
Absurd that the government is even considering letting them do this it will totally f... the bay little loan still allowing commercial boats in the bay which have already decimated fish stock by over fishing bait fish
Once the mining starts the seabed will never be the same. Nature's balance will be damaged, the life of many will be disturbed with noise pollution and the destruction of an important eco system.
Other options are available rather than ruining our precious Bay
Our beach sand is pristine and well worth preserving. McCallums do not have a good reputation. Go find sand elsewhere!
Our beautiful bay is our home and a taonga
Our coast is vulnerable. The Industries at Marden Point are on sand, not far above sea level. We can't risk taking sand as McCallum Bros want to do out of our eco-system. AND Auckland has other options to fuel its building. Use them.
Our family swims at Ruakaka from September to May. We also fish from a boat at Bream Bay. We believe sand mining will make the water very cloudy and affect these pursuits. It will also affect the marine life negatively.
Our harbour has suffered irreparable damage over the past few years due to heavy storms and it need time to regenerate itself and let nature weave its own magic. It needs to be left alone !
Our hills are full of sand, go and mine those leave the seabed alone so that we can feed our families and show the next generation what it is like to live in a beautiful country not spoilt by company greed and man made machines that will pollute our water and destroy the ocean floor
Our ocean is a precious taonga
OUR ocean's health is more important than McCallum's profitability
Our precious environment! A lot of residents live here for the surfing aspect, its a community life line that ties us together! changing the contours of the moana would devastate the bream bay surf community. We need to protect our most valuable and loved asset from the hands of corporate greed! OUR ENVIRONMENT IS NOT FOR SALE! OUR ENVIRONMENT IS FOR EVERYONE, NOT JUST FOR THE PROFITS OF THE SHAREHOLDER!
Our seabed is already at risk from overfishing and the sand is being mined from areas nurturing marine life. We understand there are alternative options for the sand, that there is no material gain

to the local community in this, and that environmental cost would be high. We would also lose sand from our beaches as it moves to fill the void. That would be so sad and short-sighted. This impact has already been seen at Mangawhai and overseas.
Our whanau are not in favour for many reasons. Damage to sea life, private company taking resource of all New Zealanders for private profit, our coast has enough risk with climate change, need to protect what sand we have there and allow sand dunes to rebuild after Gabriel at Uretiti. It's way too long a contract, 30 years!!! That's ridiculous, we need to know if damage is being done it can be stopped after 1 year if necessary. Fast track means no due diligence or time to research effects. Plenty of sand off other coasts less populated, less tourist attraction for Northland etc. go West Coast South Island if you want sand! Thanks
Pakiri Beach is affected forever. The sand from Bream Bay is not even needed for anything. Thus the Council needs to listen.
Permanent destruction of the "top soil" of the sea floor
Please do not disrupt nature on the bay any more than we already are. Let the wildlife have a chance.
Please don't mine our sea bed in Bream Bay!!
Please don't fast track this
Please don't sand mine in Ruakaka, environmental impact needs to be understood.
Please don't allow this company to take this precious resource from our beautiful beach
Please don't do this to Bream Bay, don't ruin our ocean and our backyard
Please don't let them destroy the seabed in Bream Bay
Please leave bream bay alone, our oceans need protecting!!!!
Please leave Bream Bay as it is. Disturbing the seabed will disrupt the sea creatures that inhabit the seabed upsetting the ecology and the food chain. It could cause the beautiful beaches to lose their sand and possibly have a change of sea currents causing unsafe swimming and recreation. Please find a place of less environmental impact to obtain the sand required. Don't risk the beauty of Bream Bay.
Please leave our seabed alone. Do not change what nature has created. It is there for a reason and has been for thousands of years. It is not there to make a profit for a few. Let the balance of nature be undisturbed
Please protect this amazing bream bay area for everyone not just take take take for money
Plenty of sand in the Kaipara, go mine the entrance
Potential to damage the area so we won't be able to fish and collect seafood as we currently do
Prime scallop beds are at risk which will effect the whole ecosystem food chain
Private enterprise should never be allowed to profit from any practice that damages the environment. There are alternatives to sand. This company has already been proven in court to be unlawful. Bream Bay is a jewel, its seabed and ecosystems are precious to all who live and visit. Apart from the enormous environmental damage, there will be absolutely no benefit to the local economy. We cannot allow this proposal to ruin our home.
Private profits should NOT be at the expense of communities or future generations
Profit is for one individual company with other less invasive options
Proposal is unnecessary & of no benefit to anyone or anything in Aotearoa NZ except McCallum Brothers
Protect our natural resources
Redic with viable alternatives
Research show NZ already has enough sand future resources. We do not need this mining. This mining company has a poor compliance record. For years they abused their permit at Pakari, and were eventually taken to court. We don't need or want a company who cannot be trusted or follow rules. Our environment in Bream Bay is already under pressure, from current shipping, dredging and commercial fishing. Sand mining might be the tipping point of an environmental disaster. We do not want sand mining!

Resources are taonga for all - not a source of profit for few
Ridiculous idea to sand mine the ocean which will destruction the seabed and cause coastal erosion.
Ripping up our land and waterways for sand is environmentally devastating and completely unacceptable. This practice destroys habitats, accelerates erosion, pollutes waterways, and leaves long-term damage that cannot be reversed. It is disgusting to see our natural environment torn apart for short-term gain. I propose an immediate halt to destructive sand extraction, proper environmental assessments for any future proposals, and a move toward sustainable alternatives. Our whenua is not a resource to be stripped—it's a taonga that must be protected.
Ruin our pristine environment for no local gain
Ruining the habitat and the ecosystems. (Alternatives can be found for their sand!) NO sand mining.
Sand dredging will destroy the aquatic environment by disturbing the seabed and discharging silt over a huge area that is an existing breeding area for a huge number of species near existing environmental sanctuaries, Poor Knights, Hen & Chickens, Mokohinau's & Little Barrier
Sand for concrete is always needed. However, there are other sources (eg manufactured sand) without having to resort to mining the seabed.
Sand is an ecological resource to be carefully nurtured for marine life and the stability of the coast. It shifts naturally in response to currents and storms, but it provides protection for the coast and an environment for marine life. Exploiting it for building purposes will cause damage, both known and unknown. It is greedy, not necessary
Sand is irreplaceable. Mining sand will directly impact beach habitats and the native birds that live there.
Sand is one part of the balance ecosystem naturally provided. It has unlimited protective and generative role for living creatures within the coastal environment. Mining deeply has little respect for this critical function in it's pursuit of profit. What is/are the benefits for the coastal environment?
Sand mining as proposed will cause severe environmental hazards to the seabed & foreshore of this vulnerable coastline. Though very aware that east coast sand is required for concrete production it must be of a limited nature & subject to tight monitoring.
Sand mining at Pākiri did irreparable damage. The effects could be equally devastating in Bream Bay.
Sand mining destroys our coastline and marine habitats. It makes money only for the company, not the community it takes from. Invest in jobs for people by making concrete from manufacturing sand.
Sand mining has a huge and lasting negative effect on the natural and marine environment!
Sand mining has ruined the foreshore at Pakiri. I don't believe we can trust McCallum Bros to abide by any restrictions
Sand mining in a bird conservation area that has already been affected by erosion is insanity. This proposal must be stopped.
Sand mining in Bream Bay is going to wreak our marine life. Our kai moana has been slowly depleting over the years and this will not help. We have so much beautiful whales and dolphins swimming around out there, what affect will this have on them. If we don't stop this now there may be no beautiful beaches for our children. Nowhere for them to fish or gather shellfish. Stop thinking about lining peoples pockets with money and think about the consequences of your actions. Approving this sand mining is telling your kids you don't care about them or their future.
Sand mining in Bream Bay is not a good choice. We all live here because of the beautiful sand. It holds the sea back. If you take sand from one place like when building sandcastle. When water passes over it causes it to move, this what will happen if mined. There are alternatives. Go use alternatives. Leave our sand and beach alone.
Sand mining in Bream Bay is the worst proposal I have ever heard. It will destroy so much with zero gains for the local people and communities.
Sand mining in Bream Bay will affect the ecological system in the Bay and the whole surrounding area. This sand mining by McCallum will not benefit the local or Northland community. The McCallum business and its staff (from out of the area) will take the product it is raiding from Bream Bay and

selling it to other areas. It is the only entity that is benefiting from this. Bream Bay is a special environment used by locals, fishermen, beach lovers, many Aucklanders and tourists. The bird reserves on most of the beaches will be disturbed as the food chain will be destroyed. Some of these bird populations will decimated.
Sand mining is destructive of the ocean seabed, disrupting the ecosystem and its inhabitants. The miners have already taken enough elsewhere. Leave Bream Bay alone. There are alternative sources
Sand mining off the beautiful Bream Bay should not be allowed. It will destroy the Bay and decimate the fishery.
Sand mining will be devastating to all marine systems and subsystems in Bream Bay
Sand mining will create ongoing environmental destruction to the Bream Bay sea bed and sea life as well as potentially impact the foreshore. The area is currently under a restriction for gathering of scallops to allow their numbers to build up. How can mining of the sea bed be given consent in these circumstances? Just because it is out of sight does not mean it is OK.
Sand mining will destroy Bream Bay, it's a clear pocket liner for Shane Jones
Sand mining will destroy our sea bed, our beaches, our fish population, our shellfish regeneration. Leave it and mine somewhere else
Sand mining will destroy the seabed and ecosystem that exists in Bream Bay. This has been recognised at Pakiri and Mangawhai, where sand removal from the sea floor has created numerous undesirable and destructive issues. Sand mining is not required as many quarries have invested and installed sand making facilities within their quarries
Sand mining will have a massive detrimental impact on the Bream Bay marine environment. This cannot be allowed to happen.
Sand mining will have a negative impact on the marine environment and local community
Sand mining will impact on the eco system and destroy sea floor. Also McCallums have a very bad track record and breached their mining rights repeatedly over many years while they operated further south of Pakari.
Sand mining will negatively impact on the environment the wildlife and the people. Sand dunes Tara iti at risk of extinction, whales and dolphins won't visit, and the sea bed will be damaged. Scallops fish. They've broken rules before, they will do it again.
Sand mining would irrevocably alter habitats and water flows, damaging commercial and recreational fisheries, and risking the undermining of the Bream Bay dune structures.
Sand on land offers little biodiversity as opposed to seabed which is full of life for a balanced ecosystem. Take the stuff nature has already delivered us sustainably.
Save our seabed. Shut down the sand mining!!!
Scallop gathering ban in Bream Bay to allow for scallop beds recovery is fair enough. But then to allow dredging of the very same area (with both seafloor disturbance and associated water turbidity) is not logical.
Sea bed mining should be prohibited in its entirety.
Sea bed dredging causes clear harm, this is not in dispute. It needs to be stopped and an alternative found.
Sea bed mining is destructive and the beds are not replaceable, this is backed by scientific studies. This should not be allowed. I and my entire family completely oppose and will fight this
Sea bed mining should not be allowed in Aotearoa New Zealand
Seabed mining is completely destructive of marine fauna and flora and the fact that the disruption is not visible from the shore is no excuse to undertake it.
Seabed mining accelerates coastal erosion as it alters the whole balanced annual system of sand movement.
Seabed mining causes irreplaceable damage to the marine life. We do not want seabed mining done in the Bream Bay area
Seabed mining destroys natural biodiversity, contributes to coastal erosion and is unsustainable.

Seabed mining poses a wide range of severe and potentially irreversible ecological problems across all ocean layers, from the seafloor to the surface. Key impacts include habitat destruction, biodiversity loss, pollution from sediment plumes and noise/light, and disruptions to the ocean's crucial role in climate regulation.
Seabed mining will disrupt marine and human life in Bream Bay. It is also totally unnecessary when there are so many alternatives to sand mined from the ocean.
Seabed mining will have a terrible impact on the local environment, it can not go ahead
Seabed sand mining causes lasting harm to the environment and destroys fragile seabed ecosystems. It will affect fish and mollusc populations for many years and disrupts the breeding cycles of marine mammals, some of which are already endangered.
Seabed sand mining in Bream Bay does nothing for the local economy or bring any jobs to the area but totally destroys the seabed
Seabed sand mining is simply not needed with other options available in the Northland/Auckland area. Sea floor destruction on this scale is indefensible.
Seabed sand mining would totally destroy the eco-system, affecting all sea creatures in the area - destroying their food sources and in most cases killing everything in the wake of mining.
Seabed sand off Auckland is for Aucklanders, within reason. Bream Bay & Mangawhai get to use their slice of sand IF they want to
See what has been done to the coast of Morocco and other countries where this has been allowed. Better to recycle old concrete than make new, ruining the environment and landscape in the process
Senseless destruction of the seabed. What about the loss of our kaimoana and the ika breeding grounds
Short sighted destruction of our natural environment for the financial gain of very few.
Short term financial gain for long term devastating environment and social impact
Should not be Fast Tracked as there is no urgency for sand and there are alternatives
Similar to their previous applications, there are strong reasons to ban the seabed sand mining especially in that district.
Simply no reason for this to occur. AND there is ZERO regional or national significance in this private business application. It fails the MERIT test as defined in the legislation for fast track.
Split the Tangata Whenua
Stay out of the Bay - go offshore if you want to take sand.
Stop ruining the coastal environment where I live, fish and play
STOP sand mining NOW and preserve our beautiful coastline
Stop stealing our sand and raping our oceans
Stop taking sand away from our beautiful beaches it affects sea our sea life, destroys the sea bed floor and ruins our Moana
Stop the sand mining to keep our marine environment healthy
Strong NO to this mining proposal!
Strongly against. It will cause biodiversity loss, ecosystem destruction, noise/light pollution and hugely disrupts marine life.
Strongly disagree with it being fast tracked, maybe if the consent process was longer to allow better understanding of the implications to the local community or the lease length was much shorter, and then re-applied for based on environmental impact, maybe would be more palatable to the local communities
Strongly disagree with this proposal. Leave our oceans alone
Strongly not in favour
Strongly NOT in favour of giving away the sand. Strongly NOT in favour of the fast-tracking process. I support local people having a voice in decisions that affect them.

<p>Taking large volumes of sand from the seabed will destroy the ecosystem down there. Just because you cannot see it doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Find an alternative. The beaches in Bream Bay will slowly loose sand as it washes out to fill the holes created, this is a fact. Short term monetary gain would ruin this area forever!</p>
<p>Taking so much sand will adversely affect the sea floor and all the life that depends on it as well as a flow on effect on many other species. Put a stop to it now before it gets started. There are other environmentally friendly alternatives such as synthetic sand!</p>
<p>Te Iwitahi Manihera reps, Te Parawhau hapu Tangata Whenua group to Bream Bay, Te Akau as per MACA Takutai Moana claims (Te Iwitahi is a senior ancestor to Whangarei Terenga Paraoa, as per the name 'Te Iwitahi Civic Centre') Fully support opponents, local community, Maori whanau hapu, Mayor Ken Couper etc Environmental and Cultural degradation and desecration, totally unacceptable. Any Maori groups claiming to represent Tangata Whenua and support the Mining, are dishonest false claimers. Pakiri and Mangawhai set very clear precedents why to NOT allow Sand mining in Bream Bay. There are alternatives.</p>
<p>Tell them to go to the West Coast of the South Island</p>
<p>The area of beaches will be ruined by this action. There are alternatives to stealing sand from Bream Bay for Auckland concrete</p>
<p>The beaches are taonga. We are stewards of them, and they should not be destroyed for private gain.</p>
<p>The Bream Bay area with its beautiful beaches and marine environment is priceless, how are you going to teach the younger generation to appreciate its beauty if you destroy it. Just to make money for a small amount of individuals who are blind to the beauty.</p>
<p>The Bream Bay sand is not required to supply Auckland construction. The mining will not provide any employment or economic benefits to the local community and is more likely to cost money to monitor compliance. The mining will damage the environment irreversibly.</p>
<p>The company concerned has already dismissed evidence of a whale and calf using the bay on their way to Antarctica. What else are they dismissing and hiding? We do not need any more of our precious moana destroyed by mining interests.</p>
<p>The damage caused in Pakari is very evident to the beaches and therefore the wider community</p>
<p>The damage it will do to the seabed and the relevant sealife is unthinkable!!</p>
<p>The damage mining does to the sea floor can not be fix once done. The sea floor is an important part of the eco system.</p>
<p>The damage that will be done to our pristine marine environment that is the envy of the world will be irreversible. So hard to believe this is happening in this day and age with all the environmental information we have at our disposal. Bloody corporate greed. It's utterly disgusting.</p>
<p>The damage that will be done, not only to the seabed but also the shoreline because of changes made on the seabed will be irreversible and the loss of sea life will be terrible.</p>
<p>The damage to the seabed and ecosystem far outweighs the economic gain to this area or country . Seabed mining is outdated and destructive</p>
<p>The dangers of seabed sand mining to all life and the environment are now known and understood so it is only the greed for money that is continuing this disaster waiting to happen. Please Government STOP this before it is too late for our sea and bird and wild life and our beautiful NZ environment.</p>
<p>The destruction of marine life in this area in the process of sand mining outweighs the economic benefits. It is not worth it</p>
<p>The destruction this would cause to ocean life would be devastating, how can we still be doing such things in this age?</p>
<p>The effects of the sandmining on endangered wildlife, and the environment have been well documented. There is strong public opposition to the proposal and little public benefit.</p>
<p>The environmental impact of sand mining is more than minor and therefore sand mining in Bream Bay should be a prohibited activity</p>

<p>The environmental risks and adverse effects from sand mining are well-documented. The adverse ecological and cultural and social effects are at a magnitude that is not justifiable, and certainly not outweighed by any positive effects. The limited monitoring capacity of Council and the non-compliance history of the applicant further increase the risk of an unacceptable outcome, clearly demonstrated in the recent High Court case against the applicant regarding their existing sand mining business.</p>
<p>The exploitation of this resource poses unacceptable environmental, cultural, and social costs. Proceeding in the manner proposed would cause irreversible damage to marine life and coastal ecosystems.</p>
<p>The fact that the Fast Track Amendment Bill, which massively reduces the effect of public input, is required for this in the first place shows that it is already known to be deeply unpopular.</p>
<p>The fast track and lack of community input is shameful. We must protect our environment. No benefit to Northland.</p>
<p>The fast track approach is a massive disappointment and disservice to local communities. It takes away the voices of families, of people who live in the proposed sand mining area, and goes against core values of New Zealanders.</p>
<p>The fast track legislation is unsuitable to determine whether or not to allow sand mining to take place. It fundamentally undermines the decision making process by ensuring that the decision makers do not have all of the facts in front of them. Taking sand from our marine environment is the poorest option available. The government has an obligation to ensure the decision makers in the fast track process have all information available to them regarding other options for producing concrete. The decision makers must hear from the community through members who are most impacted by the proposed mining.</p>
<p>The fast track process should be for consenting critical infrastructure not for general mining sand that isn't in demand</p>
<p>The fight by the Pakiri community to stop sand mining by this company because of the environmental/ sea bed impact along with breaches the company made in its practice are evidence enough, plus reports on projected impact on local beaches are reasons enough for the council to decline this proposal</p>
<p>The humpback is here as guardian of our bay to speak up. This region needs to be protected. Can't have sand mining ongoing while the Port harbour is mined also and those major developments. Would be headed for environmental and ecological disaster.</p>
<p>The impact of the sand mining on this significant marine area that is a critical habitat and feeding ground for many marine species including mammals such as Bottlenose Dolphins and Humpback Whales is significant. Furthermore, there are sustainable alternatives from gravel quarry spoils to supply the sand needed for infrastructure creation. There is no need to fast track or approve this consent application to mine sand from Bream Bay.</p>
<p>The impact on local marine life, the seabed and loss of sand will be catastrophic for Bream Bay. There are other viable sources of sand from onshore mining. There is no need to dig up the sand and sea bed of Bream Bay. The profits will not come back to Northland and there are no jobs for locals as part of this proposal.</p>
<p>The impact on sea life, shore birds (many critically endangered), and coastline is likely to be profound.</p>
<p>The intention to remove so much sand from not far off shore in Bream Bay has the potential to devastate the beautiful sand beaches of Ruakākā and Waipu because of the circular motion of the water in the Bay. The potential disruption to marine life, including visiting whales, orca and dolphins is enormous.</p>
<p>The intentions of this Auckland Company are very disappointing considering that so many people have aired their views and shown their feelings. Isn't 75 years mining enough? Enough damage done, certainly! The National party caucus and prime minister have passed a cynical and devious, American, Donald Trump-style law which has allowed this same sand-mining company to apply for 35 further years of mining in the same area. It is an outrage, and the Nats Government and this same Auckland</p>

mining Company know it. I declare them to be enemies of this country! Sincerely, xxx [signature redacted]
The marine life, recreational activities, and the natural landscape will all be severely affected by any mining. We must protect these areas and not let ONE Company make millions out of our Bream Bay. We are many thousands of people and billions of sea life, not one money making company.
The natural environment and wildlife are for everyone to enjoy and protect. A private company is interested in profit for the shareholders, at the expense of other New Zealanders.
The net benefit to the community here is marginal as it will provide almost no jobs, and all the money will flow out of this region while doing ecological damage. The main benefit will be for the company owners.
The new fast track process is just a way to prevent objections. The aim seems to be make money at any environmental expense. We cannot continue with this.
The ocean and its bounty is for all. No one person or group should have the right to put it at risk for financial gain
The only beneficiaries to sand mining are the mining company themselves. The natural environment and its future should not be available for pillage, especially when the company making the application has already been opposed by local communities in nearby locations.
The only people that will benefit from this are McCallum Bros. The people of Northland and Auckland will not. The ecology of Bream Bay will suffer. This will be a disaster for a stunning location, that is full of marine life. It cannot happen!!
The Pakiri beach community spent a lot of years, expertise, and money to stop McCallum Brothers from continuing to mine the sand there. McCallum Brothers were caught breaking their resource consent again and again, and didn't follow the rules that they were supposed to abide by. The beach at Pakiri is now awful, dumpy, and has many holes which make swimming dangerous. We do not want that to happen in Bream Bay. Our beaches are precious, the environment needs to be respected and cared for AND there is no local job creation in this proposal. There is no benefit to the Bream Bay community that can mitigate the damage this mining will cause. We are in Waipu and we STRONGLY OPPOSE the Fast-track sand mining of Bream Bay.
The planet has suffered too much damage already. We need to change how we do things and how we make concrete is one of them. There is a company in Kerikeri making Hemp Crete. I know the pine forests are unrelated, but for the planet everything is connected and land could be planted out in hemp - for concrete, insulation and fibre and so many other things without causing irreparable damage to the planet. For the sake of our children please can we have planet before profit.
The population is growing in Bream Bay because of the Port Expansion and the big Solar farm. Beaches need to be safe for families and dunes need to be preserved to protect the housing in the area.
The Port will be destructive enough without additional ecological changes
The process is unfair and undemocratic. I fear all rational arguments will not be heard
The proposal is criminal and clearly being fast tracked. Shame on the Government.
The proposal relies on science that is indeterminate about effects. There have been significant effects at Pakiri which science is not able to confirm whether the off-shore mining has worsened or not. Precautionary principle says Bream Bay mining should not be proceeding.
The proposal to mine in this area is wrong on so many levels. Totally opposed!
The proposal to mine the sea floor will have disastrous effects on marine life in the bay. The only economic benefit will be to the McCallum's. This is MAD.
The proposal is a disgrace and must be contested.
The sand is not needed, other alternative sources exist. McCallums have a terrible track record.
The sand mining is going to adversely effect the beach, wildlife, surf. I'm concerned that the ocean floor will not be able to support the current sea life and Kai Moana. It is proven that the landscape will change as seen at Pakiri.

<p>The sand mining operation in Pakiri was cancelled, or strongly opposed by the Courts. There must be solid environmental reasons behind this. Simply moving the sand mining to another location does not resolve the environmental impacts, it is simply navigating another approval process for hope of a better outcome. There are no new mitigating factors to the process, and the environmental conditions are extremely similar. Sand can now be made from byproducts of quarry waste, this is an example of being smart with our limited resources. Doing the same thing and expecting different outcomes is not smart.</p>
<p>The sand to be taken is not actually required for Auckland concrete production as there is already 3 times enough sand available already to cover Auckland's requirements so this is not required. Plus the ecology impact will be terrible for the area and the damage unable to be reversed as highlighted in Pakiri</p>
<p>The seabed is the critical foundation of all sea life and the area proposed is huge. Bream Bay has an intact ecosystem including mammals and great variety of birds and this will be severely disrupted if the proposal goes ahead. Local families also rely on fishing to feed themselves. We have already had to accept the port expansion, this is enough. Take the sand from Auckland where the concrete is destined for.</p>
<p>The taking of this amount of sand would be severely detrimental to our local environment. This company needs to find a long term solution that is more efficient and uses less resources- they should look at reusing a waste product instead</p>
<p>The Whangarei coastal area is famous for its sandy beaches and sea life. Commercialising the removal of sand in the area will destroy that environment very quickly. Our sea beds will die and will become murky waters just as the Hauraki Gulf has become.</p>
<p>The whenua is the food basket for the hapu who have lived there for ever</p>
<p>There are alternatives available to seabed sand mining.</p>
<p>There are alternatives instead of messing up seabed floors of which is not enough knowledge to know what the long term impact is.</p>
<p>There are alternatives to concrete made from fresh sand. Also ways to reduce our concrete usage. The ocean is public and belongs to us all and the creatures living in there, no one should exploit it.</p>
<p>There are alternatives to sand for use in the construction industry. It is a known fact that erosion from sand mining causes destruction. There is no possible gain in sandmining to the environment or the public. Sand mining cannot have a zero effect on the sea bed or environment.</p>
<p>There are ample opportunities to source sand for construction purposes in better quality from land-based sources or recycled concrete waste. Let's not allow our biosphere to be exploited any further.</p>
<p>There are good, economical and environmentally better, land-based alternatives to McCallum's sea bed destruction.</p>
<p>There are no benefits for any local living thing in this proposal. Furthermore, the environmental and fiscal damage of this proposal will create negative and long term impacts.</p>
<p>There are now alternative ways of making concrete substitutes. Enough is enough. Too much sand has already been dredged from our ocean floors - sorry McCallum Brothers, it's time to say goodbye to sand mining, recycle/repurpose your dredges and plant change to a sustainable business.</p>
<p>There are other alternatives these days without damaging our sea floor. Look to the future for your grandchildren not just for your profit in the short term.</p>
<p>There are other alternatives. This area needs conservation</p>
<p>There are other options for sand .. and it makes NO sense to mine sand from Bream Bay as it is a beautiful beach used for recreation, swimming, fishing.. also by mining this area for sand will be catastrophic from an ecological perspective.</p>
<p>There are other options for sand to make concrete without taking sand from a Bream Bay. This sand removal will damage Bream Bays ecology, scallops, dolphins, endemic birds and change the beaches shape in a negative way.</p>

There are other places to mine sand already granted and other materials that can be used instead of sand. Protect what we have in the Bream Bay area
There are other sources of sand available to cover the shortage claimed for infrastructure works . Science has determined that offshore sand mining will have a detrimental effect on the local environment. It will also not create any local jobs . So stop it for the above reasons
There are other ways to get sand for building purposes instead of the seabed.
There are plenty of other options less destructive and less invasive than destroying the seabed and its entire ocean habitat in the region of Bream Bay.
There are plenty of other places that they could mine sand. There's a strong possibility that it will have a harming effect on shellfish and fishing stocks that are already under pressure.
There are plenty of other places they can mine sand far away from built up areas
There are too many environmental risks. We need to protect the seabed not destroy it. There are also numerous viable alternative sources of sand. This activity is not necessary.
There are too many unknowns what could happen to beaches, birds and fish. Keep New Zealand beaches as they should be not pillaged by firms making obscene amounts of money at the expense of our wonderful beaches.
There has been consideration of the environmental impact
There is a huge ecosystem that Bream Bay supports and the removal of seabed sand and mining will greatly impact this. As a coastal community we take being kaitiaki of our area seriously and that includes the protection of our harbour entrance and the delicate balance that currently exists, with snapper breeding beds and scallop and pipi beds nearby. We need to support these life forms not destroy their environment.
There is compelling evidence that sand mining within 15 kilometres from sand dunes will cause erosion of those sand dunes.
There is documented evidence McCallum Bros shoddy business practice including misleading their own consultants. They cannot be trusted. Bream Bay needs to be a food basket not destroyed by a dredge
There is no doubt in my mind that mining sands off the coast here will cause damage to the environment and the wildlife we treasure so much. There are other ways to get sand for the Auckland building industry without destroying Bream Bay. It will not bring any good to our community and profits will go to McCallum Brothers so why should they be allowed here? I say no very strongly NO to allowing this to go ahead.
There is no need for the MaCallum Brothers to take the sand from our beautiful Bream Bay. There are plenty of other options for them to obtain the sand they need. There is no need to destroy the seabed in our beautiful backyard!
There is no need to take sand from the sea. This is purely a commercial operation benefiting McCallums, with no regard for the marine environment and no benefit to the Bream Bay community.
There is no no benefit, only harm, for the Bream Bay community for this proposal.
There is no part of New Zealand where seabed sand extraction should be allowed to continue. Whangārei District Council, you have an opportunity to stand firm against corporate interests who would come, take, and give nothing back, despite the claims of more jobs. Unsustainable economic development is not in our future!
There is no shortage of sand in Auckland or Northland. And there are no economic benefits to Northland - just for McCallums,
There are other options
There is plenty of sand already available without destroying the environmental beauty of the bay
There is plenty of sand on shore that could be mined with minimal environmental impact
There is plenty of sand onshore.

There is too many unknowns about the ecological damage caused by seabed mining that extend beyond the area of the mining itself. There needs to be a national moratorium on all seabed mining until we understand it better and based on the experiences of other island nations.
There should never ever be any removal of sand in Bream Bay. It is just far too detrimental to the environment
There's no price for ocean health, we simply have to uphold good old kiwi values
There's plenty of alternatives that might harm the environment less, and this shouldn't be fast tracked.
They are going to ruin the beach
They are guessing on impact and not everything is about money
They breached their last consent and will do it again. This stretch of the coast has given enough.
They cannot be allowed to proceed
They have already closed mining at Pakiri which seems to show that it is a forgone conclusion they believe that they can start mining at Bream Bay. That is so wrong. Leave Bream Bay alone
They have proven not to be trustworthy breaking previous consents with little consequences
They ruined Kawakawa Bay in Auckland
They should be told to stop damaging the environment for profit. They belong to all of us.
They will ruin the habitat of sea life in Bream Bay.
Think about the future for our Children and the Environment & the how we survive off the plentiful seafood and Fish that puts food on our table that is our livelihood. And you will destroy it.
This area has a strong tourist base as well as a increasing community that engages fully with the Bay i.e. beach activities, fishing, recreational boating etc. This proposal will neither provide employment or any environmental advantage to the community. It will adversely affect the natural seabed and beach sand so I strongly oppose it
This area is subject to shift in sands by nature and this will severely effect this causing loss of shellfish, possible tidal changes, create further possible rips for swimmers and upset the ecosystem already established. Fish life in this area is critical for food for endangered birds. The area has only recently recovered with shellfish after years if past dredging of the seabed. More studies are needed before this goes ahead on the environment possible changes and independently too..
This area needs to be protected.
This can't be allowed to happen. Bream Bay is a closed system that supports significant wildlife on seabed, fisheries etc. There will also be impacts of the extraction process on marine mammals, fisheries and our beaches becoming even more prone to erosion.
This company has not met the conditions of previous resource consents to mine sand . Their poor history should exclude them from future operations.
This fast track approval will not benefit the northland region.
This fast track process is negating the voice of the community
This government need to listen to the people, especially Tangata Whenua who know the detrimental impact seabed mining will have on their livelihood.
This harming our environment and creatures and allowing the destruction of our environment to benefit overseas businesses.
This has the potential to be a major destructive activity for both the marine livestock and the recreational users of this outstanding stretch of New Zealand coastline. Tourists & Locals alike all come here for its beauty & clear, clean waters & great fishing & diving. To have this ruined by seabed disturbance would be unthinkable.
This is well documented environmental madness. The effects on the whole ecosystem will be very negative.
This is a beautiful bit of coast used by locals and tourists, approval of this project is not in the best interest of New Zealanders

This is a blatant disregard for the people and wildlife that inhabit Bream bay.
This is a classic example of the natural environment being exploited, depleted and damaged for the sake of commercial gain for a very small group of people. It is outdated and unnecessary.
This is a complete nonsense and will damage the ecosystem and foreshore irreparably. There is no creditable proof of mitigation by McCallums they have been rejected at Pakari and Mangawhai and are just creeping up the coastline looking for a council that is not strong enough to see though self interest and eco destruction
This is a fast track way to ruin the beaches and kill the marine life in Bream Bay; and it is ssssooooo unnecessary
This is a precious part of the delicate Northland Eco System that will suffer unsustainable damage to all marine life in the immediate & surrounding areas for decades to come
This is a pristine piece of New Zealand that many many people enjoy! Don't destroy it!
This is a very environmentally destructive practice as evidenced by multiple international and national scientific research papers. The negative coastal and environmental affects of this are already visibly demonstrated from the decades of mining that was until recently conducted further south offshore of Pakari. Not only is this practice destructive, it is unnecessary. https://www.endangeredspecies.org.nz/post/new-research-reveals-seabed-sand-mining-unnecessary-as-sustainable-alternatives-exceed-demand Say no to this proposal. It doesn't meet the criteria for national benefit by any stretch of the imagination and the long term consequences are irrevocable for the local ecosystems and the beautiful beaches impacted by these dredging activities at proposed extraction zone.
This is an absolute travesty waiting to happen. This must stop!
This is an incredibly risky proposal that has not been studied or expertly reviewed. The impacts will be forever; please no sand mining!
This is another delicate eco system already under pressure from commercial harvesting, is a known breeding ground for many fish and shell fish species. As a responsible recreational hunter gatherer, I am tired of wearing the brunt of over exploitation of our fisheries in our area, and will not agree to any degradation of the seabed, especially unnecessary sand mining for industry outside our area.
This is going to permanently damage the sea bed/ natural habitat for sea life, as well as alternately effect sand on beaches in Bream Bay. Sand can be mined without ruining seabeds.
This is no benefit to Northland economy, so need to learn how to make sand from rocks like the rest of the country.
This is not a good idea
This is not an appropriate activity to be carried out in a fragile coastline in which the sand and ecology takes decades to try and recover from. The West Coast sand is remade in a much shorter time frame than on the East Coast, so that could be a more plausible location for some very small and sustainable sandmining activity.
This is not what fast track should be used for. It does not meet the criteria
This is of no benefit to Northland, it is totally unnecessary to mine sand and the destruction to the seabed and coastline would be utterly incomprehensible .
This is our beach front! Sand mining is bad for the environment, the sea life, and the ecosystems. Damage is known to extend well beyond the mining area. At what cost for personal profit are you willing to approve?!
This is our local fishery. I run a charter business out of Whangarei. I believe this will harm our fishery
This mining will stuff up the natural environment in Bream Bay and surrounding areas. There are other ways of getting the product they need rather than with this proposal.
This plan to seabed mine the sand in Bream Bay needs to be halted NOW
This project will harm marine life, destroy seabed habitats, and potentially release contaminants from the seabed sediment. It will negatively impact the critically endangered tara iti and other vulnerable species that live in the area. Callum Bros are the only ones gaining economic benefits and there will

be negative impacts on local industries, such as fishing, as the evidence from the Pakiri Beach mining operation where scallop populations have not recovered. We live here and appreciate our beautiful bay. We do not want these cement Aucklanders killing our bay. We say NO
This project will ruin the Bream Bay coast line
This proposal aims to impact our community in such a negative way. The long-term impacts of this decision will impact generations. I strongly oppose this proposal.
This proposal has potential to change the total ecosystem in Bream Bay
This proposal is completely unnecessary. There are so many other more sustainable sources of sand outside of Bream Bay that can be used. This proposal makes zero sense economically and environmentally for all of Northland. The only entity to benefit is McCallums.
This proposal shows absolutely no consideration for the sea bed /ecosystem in and around the waters of Bream bay and therefore should not proceed.
This proposal WILL cause seabed damage and migration that disturbs all sealife, affecting the living environment for these diverse species. Noise and other pollution from the machinery involved is a huge concern.
This proposal will damage our coastline our seabed, fish and bird life to put money in the pockets of a few people who don't give a damn about the environment present and future.
This proposed mining will adversely affect hugely the structure of the seabed in Bream Bay, as it has further south in Pakiri.
This sand mining is a destructive proposal that gives no economic benefit to Bream Bay or the surrounding area, but will do huge ecological and environmental damage to the area. It should not be given approval.
This should never be allowed. Why would you want to destroy a very popular fishing and holiday spot? Visitors come to Bream Bay because of its beauty, fishing and swimming! DON'T MINE BREAM BAY, YOU WILL DESTROY IT. Think of the future and the next generations
This should not happen, the sea bed should be left alone, it will destroy Bream Bay and the fish life - unbelievable you are even considering this - is this the legacy you want to leave to our children and grandchildren - shame on you.
This shouldn't be allowed to happen. We need to stop this!
This type of activity should only be conducted outside the accepted fishing grounds and areas. Ie outside any outlying islands or island groups. Outside a line drawn from Cape Brett to Great Barrier Island and on to East Cape.
This venture is environmentally and morally wrong and endangers not only our future to enjoy this area but the future use for generations to come.
This will be one of the biggest ecological disasters in Northland's history. Who wants to put their name down as being responsible for that?
This will damage our seabed and destroy the sealife in the area
This will destroy the eco system and ruin the Bay. It will decimate the scallop beds
This will destroy the sea bed and affect Bream Bay.
This will destroy, the local community, tourism, and most importantly our seafood and wildlife.
This will do ever lasting damage to the seafloor with killing other living creatures that live in it and the further spread of silt from the extraction. There are other companies that are looking into and doing other methods of making sand from glass etc. They have done this because they know the effects this has on the sea environment. Our ocean environment is already in a fragile state we do not need anything that will affect it further.
This will effect our sea life, which will effect our people who eat from the sea, swim and enjoy beach life.
This will have a significant impact on fish breeding grounds. This silt that will come off the dredge will cover a wide area with currents In the water and kill off shell fish in surrounding areas. At the moment the market has a surplus of sand and the prices have dropped pointing out that there is no demand

for this amount of sand There are plenty of inland mining sites able to keep up with demand. There are lots of alternatives and plenty of quarries set up to supply the market There is no need for off shore mining in this day and age
This will ruin our coast and it's not even needed. No economic benefit, they get it for free, how can it even qualify?
This will ruin the biodiversity of the area. There is already so much dredging going on in the sea bed. We need to protect this area.
This will upset the natural habitat and seabed floor, which will have a flow on effect to the marine life. This area is a popular holiday destination and we need to protect it for future generations
This would be catastrophic. Stop allowing profiteering by pillaging and instead create a marine reserve.
This would be very sad as it will change the beach for us all that spend our summers there.
This would completely effect all who live in the Bream Bay area and should not be allowed to proceed
Time to stop destroying nature
To allow this is just adding to the catastrophe our environment is struggling with for its health and survival
To destroy a bay when there are alternatives is simply not an option
To Fast Track seabed sand mining in Bream Bay is outrageous. An application to mine for many decades into the future will cause irreparable harm to the marine ecosystem and must be declined
To grant McCallums a 35 year sand mining licence for the whole of Bream Bay after the sand depletion problems that they have caused in the Pakari/ Mangawhai area is just plain crazy. This will cause enormous environmental destruction on a number of levels at a time when we must protect the Bay for our and the country's future! Studies have shown that are plenty of land based sand extraction businesses as well as future opportunities to meet NZ's construction needs. Raping and pillaging Bream Bay for sand is an outdated mode of extraction that will make this part of Northland's notable and pristine environment poorer while private wins
To the Decision Making Panel / Relevant Authority, My name is xxx [name redacted]. I am a resident and ratepayer in Ruakākā. I am making this submission to strongly object to the McCallum Brothers proposal to extract marine sand from the seabed at Te Ākau, Bream Bay. I oppose the proposal in full. 1. The proposal is industrial in scale and duration, with irreversible risk. McCallum Brothers propose extracting roughly 8.45 million cubic metres of sand over a 35 year period from an offshore area about 4.7 kilometres from the coast. This is not a small or temporary activity. It is a multi-decade industrial operation. Even if effects are described as "minor" in modelling, the sheer duration magnifies uncertainty. Any long term seabed change that is wrong in the assessment is wrong for a generation. 2. Seabed habitat destruction and ecological harm are unavoidable Dredging physically removes benthic habitat and creates repeated disturbance. The seafloor is not an inert sandbox, it is a living system that supports fish, shellfish, and the wider food web. Industrial dredging risks: • direct loss of seabed communities in the extraction footprint • sediment plumes that can smother filter feeders and eggs or larvae • disruption of feeding grounds for fish and seabirds • slow or incomplete recovery in a site that is repeatedly mined. Community groups and ecologists have raised these risks strongly, and the company's long history of sand extraction on other coasts has generated sustained opposition and concern about seabed damage. 3. Coastal processes are complex, modelling confidence is not proof. McCallum Brothers and their consultants argue that the mining area is beyond the active coastal zone and therefore disconnected from beach systems. That is a theory based on models and assumptions. It is not a guarantee. Real coastlines respond to storms, sea level rise, and sediment movement in ways that models often underplay. A 35 year extraction plan is occurring in the same timeframe as accelerating climate driven coastal change. If the models are wrong, even a little, the consequences are major: beach narrowing, dune instability, and altered nearshore habitats. Given the uncertainty and the stakes, the precautionary principle should apply. The burden of proof is on the applicant to show no significant risk, not on the public to prove future damage after it happens. 4. Threats to protected, taonga, and endangered species: Bream Bay is a

significant ecological corridor. Opponents have highlighted risks to seabird foraging systems and other species already under pressure in this region. Even if direct nesting sites are onshore, the offshore food web is part of the same system. Sediment plumes and habitat loss offshore can translate to reduced prey and poorer breeding outcomes onshore. 5. Cultural and kaitiakitanga impacts are profound. Local hapū and iwi have expressed clear opposition, describing Te Ākau and the wider bay as culturally and spiritually significant, not a commodity. Mining a shared moana for private profit cuts directly across kaitiakitanga and the relationship between people and place. These are not effects that can be “mitigated away” with conditions. They are fundamental. 6. The fast track process is the wrong tool for this decision This project is being pursued under fast track approvals, a pathway that shortens timelines and limits community participation in a decision with generational consequences. For an operation of this scale, with contested science and deep cultural impacts, a compressed process is inappropriate and removes community rights to be properly heard. 7. Weak local benefit, high local cost. The sand is intended for the upper North Island construction market. Bream Bay communities bear the environmental and cultural risk, while the economic benefit flows elsewhere. That is not a fair distribution of costs and benefits, and it undermines the social licence required for any resource extraction. 8. There are better alternatives. Sand is not a critical mineral. There are alternatives that reduce pressure on marine systems, including manufactured sands, recycled construction aggregates, and demand reduction through smarter building practices. Proceeding with seabed mining when alternatives exist is a choice, not a necessity. Decision sought: I ask that consent for the McCallum Brothers Te Ākau, Bream Bay sand extraction proposal be declined. If decision makers are minded to grant any consent despite the above, then at minimum: • the consent term should be short, with mandatory independent review before any renewal • extraction volumes and frequency should be drastically reduced • a genuine adaptive management regime should be required, with automatic stop triggers based on real monitored effects • monitoring must be independent, publicly reported, and fully funded by the applicant • cultural effects must be addressed through ongoing hapū and iwi control, not consultation after the fact • no consent should proceed without a full public process equivalent to standard RMA scrutiny But my primary submission remains that the proposal should be refused. Signed, [redacted] Ruakākā resident and ratepayer.

Totally against this proposal. Wrong on all levels. Marine environment destroyed. No benefit to community. Alternatives available to satisfy need for sand. Total greed and disrespect for our environment.

Totally opposed to sandmining in our local beach area where we camp annually - for in excess of 18 years.

Us of Whangarei have been having to fight off this shit for soo long it just keeps coming. When will you realise it's not good for the place. All the seafood is becoming extinct in the area and you want to destroy it more for profit that will not be put back into Whangarei and if it is it just goes to fixing the damage that's done in the first place from it

Utter environmental vandalism if this goes ahead

Very worried about damage to the sea bed and resulting damage to the Ruakaka beach and sand dunes plus loss of feed for the fish in the area reducing availability of snapper etc for fishers

We are planning on retiring in Bream Bay in a couple of weeks and were expecting to live mostly off the land and sea. That is now in jeopardy with the damage that will be done to our fishing area.

We are strongly not in favour of any sand mining to be done to the Bream Bay Area. It will cause damage to the sand dunes, bird sanctuaries, harm the scallop beds, cause major damage to the marine life in the bay.

We are very concerned about the effect the mining will have on all aspects of the environment

We are very lucky to have a sandy dynamic beach so close to Whangarei where we can still enjoy access to Kai Moana, swimming, visiting whales and dolphins, native bird life and seals and some amazing species of gastropods that are found in the sand offshore in the deeper waters. We are very lucky to have a sand bay where families can spend their time together. Once the sand is removed, the entire ecology will change and collapse.

We cannot continue to rape our environment for commercial gain. There has to be better answers.
We don't know the environmental knock on effects of this
We don't want sand mining so close to shore and so many beaches being affected.
We don't want them here. We have beautiful beach and seabed, leave it alone
We don't want the beach destroyed and wildlife threatened for the benefit of an Auckland business. Once the sand is gone it will be too late. We love walking on the beach - it is wonderful
We don't want the infrastructure of the bay interfered with
We don't want this fantastic beach ruined. Why should this fast track process be allowed - why? It is just not democratic. Totally opposed to the sand mining
We have a marine crisis in the Bream Bay Area why on earth would you want to allow this to occur and especially with an organisation that has shown contempt and disregard to the environment seeking financial gain at the expense of our future
We have a pristine coastline, please leave it alone
We have lived in this area for 67 years. It is a National treasure not to be interfered with. No one can prove that this will not be detrimental to the seabed. Too late in years to come to replicate what is in existence now
We have lost so much already in terms of damage to the environment. We have the estuary here, Ruakaka River; this is an area of conservation significance. The people have a culture of gathering kai moana, and this will be destroyed by the ecological damage that sand mining will wreak. Our families have swum in our oceans and played on our safe beaches for hundreds of years, and this will all be lost in order to financially benefit the McCallum Brothers. McCallum Brothers sand mining has a proven history of huge ecological destruction, which in turn has a huge impact on the local communities and businesses. Sand mining changes the entire current and movement of water, tides, beach and seafloor structure. The McCallum brothers sand mining has significantly damaged the environments of Pākiri and Mangawhai, eroding coastline, collapsing dune systems, making beaches unsafe, destroying marine habitats, and led to a decrease in marine life diversity and fish populations. Their operations have posed, and pose, significant threat to multiple New Zealand endangered species. Their past extraction from Waihou River in the Hauraki Plains resulted in ecological damage that also negatively impacted local fisheries. Contrary to the McCallum Brothers' claims, there is no "sand crisis". There are so many viable, superior and sustainable alternatives available, such as manufactured sand (which is a better-quality product than marine sand, and achieves higher strength values than traditional marine sand mixes), recycled aggregates, and engineered land sand deposits. The supply and availability of these outweighs the need. There is far more than enough. It doesn't make sense to sacrifice our culture, native fish, fisheries, birds, beaches, and coasts to practically give sand away to a proven harmful entity. Granting the McCallum Brothers the right to sand mine in Bream Bay, or anywhere, is all loss for the region it targets, with zero gain, except to line the McCallum Brothers' pockets. This is especially egregious considering that it is completely unnecessary.
We have not been allowed to scallop for three years. This will destroy beds. Why is this not being stopped?
We have to stop destroying our seabed..... Please !!!!
We must find an alternative. It's vital we look after our ocean & seabed. This disruption to the seafloor so close to land - and a very beautiful part of northland - could have a major impact to our coastline. It's total stupidity to go ahead, dangerous and just plain DUMB. Why would you ruin such beautiful place?
We must protect our precious eco systems and the life that thrives there.
We need Bream Bay to stay in the pristine state it is currently in. Dredging the seabed can only cause irreparable damage to the seafloor and the aquatic life
We need MORE local input into decision making about local resources, NOT less as the govt wants. Fast Tracking cuts out our voice, it needs to be repealed
We need to be restoring our sea beads not destroying them more

We need to learn from the past - this company has taken advantage of the privilege of mining sand in other areas and shown they cannot be trusted. But more importantly, the marine science is clear that the Bream Bay ecosystem will be devastated by sand mining. And there will be no benefit to Northland by allowing an Auckland company to bring their barges up to take the sand away.
We need to protect our marine environment and the associated sealife
We need to protect our natural resources. A proposal for permission for 35 years is ludicrous.
We need to start thinking of the environment more and less about buildings, we need to protect the land, not stuff it. I also don't see why someone wanting to make money and not think about what it impacts is more important. The people of Bream Bay don't want this, it's not affecting the business in Auckland is it!!
We need to stop allowing our marine environments to be destroyed so private companies can profit from resources that belong to all of us and to all our grandchildren. Build with wood, not endless concrete requiring; reuse building and other waste
We need to stop destroying our environment for individuals profit, and start thinking about how our future will look.
We should not be mining sand from the seabed, and definitely should not allow fast tracking of proposals!
We shouldn't support sand mining on our pristine beach because it destroys fragile ecosystems, accelerates erosion, and sacrifices our natural taonga for the short-term greed of commercial ventures.
What is New Zealand thinking?
What's been done to our Moana has greatly affected it already, in a negative way! For the greed of money is the only reason they do this with no thought to the life within the moana.
When walking the Te Araroa trail, I became aware of how special and precious Bream Bay is.
Whilst I understand we need sand for concrete and construction can this not be land based sand mining so it does not destroy our sea bed.
Why allow this, what will it do to our fish, our kai moana, all ruin.
Why are they allowed to do this it will destroy the marine life, the beaches and coast line... not on my watch!
Why can't they mine 20k off shore.
Why do thousands have to suffer for corporate gain?
Why do we have to desecrate the sea bed environment when there are alternatives ? McCallum Brothers do not have a good record of adhering to their promises. The only financial benefit is to McCallum Brothers not the local community. Sea and bird life will be very badly affected if this goes ahead. Do not allow this to happen.
Why do we need sea based sand supply when we have ample existing land based sand suppliers? Why is a company allowed to continue mining when it's already caused damage to its last operation in Mangawhai? Damage to local economy, environmental effects i.e. plumes, endangered wildlife, less tourism, less local business ... not a good look.
Why risk ruining our beautiful Bream Bay beaches. Definitely not in favour of sand mining.
Why risk the destruction of the seabed and sealife in the most beautiful corner of the country, there is no gain for the local community, only profit to a large corporation
Why ruin our beach for sand
Why take Northland resources and use them in Auckland. I'm concerned about the impact this will have on Kai Moana
Why would anyone want to destroy our nature and animals habitat. Isn't global warming doing enough damage and killing of our poor animals due to lack of food. STOP THIS now!
Why would we want to destroy something so beautiful as Bream Bay . Dolphins ,whales and Orca call it home and the government wants to jeopardise that to fast track a private company making profit off the environment instead. CRAZY

Will destroy a pristine bay for future generations to enjoy
Will destroy marine life and foreshore through erosion in our prime fishing area
Will wreck marine eco system and effect recreational fishing
Worldwide seashore and sea bed mining has been shown to cause irreparable damage ecologically to the flora and fauna in and around the sea shore. What restitution is placed on a company who exploits the environment? 35 years of dredging has the potential to cause significant environmental impact tenfold Who then is responsible for this Council Govt =Ratepayers Definitely McCallum Bros
Worried about marine life
You cannot take sand from the bay when there are plenty land base alternatives.
You have to use the least environmentally impactful method to get your sand, not the cheapest
You will destroy the seabed for generations, it possibly might never recover from sand mining and dredging. It's not worth it. Goodbye fish, goodbye shellfish if you continue. This is not right. Stop before you destroy our oceans.

SAMPLE PROFILE

Several demographic questions were included in the survey to provide an indication of the extent to which those participating in the survey collectively represent the wider community of Whangarei and Bream Bay.

Survey analysis would often examine variations between demographic subgroups, seeking to find out if there are marked differences between different groups. That was not appropriate or needed for this survey, because of the extreme weighting of answers towards not being in favour of the proposal for seabed sand mining: it is virtually certain that every demographic subgroup would have a similar pattern of not being in favour of the proposal.

We have a few more questions about the mix of people who have taken part in the survey.

Which one of these best describes you?

Live in Whangarei

Live elsewhere in Bream Bay

Just visiting – I/we own a bach here

Just visiting – no bach but holiday here regularly

Just visiting – holiday here occasionally

Other

	Number of people who answered this question:
	1105
	%
Live in Whangarei	20
Live elsewhere in Bream Bay	44
Just visiting - I/we own a bach here	9
Just visiting – no bach but holiday here regularly	4
Just visiting – holiday here occasionally	3
Other	20
	100

Because of the relatively large proportion describing their connection to Bream Bay as "other", not one of the options listed in the questionnaire, their answers are shown in

the table below. A key theme in these answers is that many of these people express a deep sense of connection and/or belonging with the area.

13 Family members all in Whangarei
A very concerned citizen.
Am a concerned NZer
Am from this area by whakapapa. Currently based in Australia.
Anti seabed mining person
Auckland
Auckland resident, we have family in Whangarei
Australia
Bay of islands
Born and bred on the shores of Whangarei Harbour. Living in Canterbury.
Born and raised in Whangarei and many a hot summer's day was spent at one or other of the Bream Bay beaches
Bream Bay local for 55years
broader perspective on inevitable risks and natural destruction
Canada resident
Caring deeply for the locals both human and non human, and our roles as kaitiaki for this whenua and moana
Completing survey
Concerned Kiwi
Concerned this sets a precedent
Do not live or visit the area but am hugely concerned about the proposal.
Don't think it should ruin a very nice bay
Dune restoration specialist living elsewhere, but have been monitoring Pakiri and Bream Bay dunes for 2 decades +
Family based in Whangarei
Family home is in Bream Bay
Family live here and regularly visit (every fortnight at least)
Family live in Bream Bay
Further north
Grew up here, riding my pony on the beach, and living the dream that these b!\$^ards want to destroy. It's disgusting
Grew up here. Mum still lives here and we visit nearly every weekend. Surf life saving training my kids at Ruakaka
Grew up in Bream Bay
Grew up in Bream Bay, family is here.
Grew up in Portland, and Bream Bay was our place to catch Kai to feed nga whānau, swim and be kaitiaki of the Moana and foreshore. Special place. Very special
Grew up in Ruakaka
Grew up in Takahiwai
Grew up in the area, currently live elsewhere, but still have family in the area and visit regularly.
Have a Bach at Langs Beach. Have been coming for 56 years
Have been there, but don't have to live there to be concerned about the environmental effects
Hawkes Bay.

Home and land-owner in Takahiwai, live and work elsewhere, Trustee of Takahiwai Marae, descendant of Patuharakeke
I actually live in the sounds island but think this is absolutely ludicrous
I am a New Zealander who cares about our environment no matter where it is around or inland New Zealand.
I am from patuharakeke and our ancestors are the kaitiaki of this area and they strongly oppose too.
I care about Aotearoa NZ!
I care about the environment throughout New Zealand
I feel strongly about the degradation of our environment and want to support the people of Bream Bay.
I grew up here.
I grew up in bream bay and have family and friends still in the area, I visit regularly and consider it my hometown
I grew up in Ruakaka and my parents still live there.
I have been coming to Langs Beach to stay regularly since 1957 and still stay in the little bach my parents built then. My brother lived here at one stage full time and worked at Marsden Point. Four generations of our family now have stayed here and enjoyed the environment of Bream Bay over all these years since the early 1950s.
I have family land there and am opposed
I have friends in the area, used to live nearby and sail up. and down the coast. I also care deeply about the fate of Tara iti in the area.
I have lived in Ruakaka actually grew up there
I have previously lived in the Bream Bay area for 30 years.
I have visited in the past and intend to again. I live in Taranaki, where we have our own battle against seabed mining as expedited by the fast track and fast track amendment Acts.
I have walked down Bream Bay on the Te Araroa trail
I live at Pakiri
I live further north but am deeply concerned about ongoing damage to our oceans.
I live here
I live in Bream Bay
I live in Bream Bay at One Tree Point
I live in Herekino
I live in Mangapai
I live in New Plymouth
I live in Northland
I live in Ruakaka
I live in Te Atatu.
I live in the Hokianga and consider Bream Bay an important part of Northland.
I live on the South Island coast and I understand the inter-connectedness of our marine environments and the importance of protecting ecosystems that are already under great stress from the climate crisis.
I now live far from the Coast but the happy memories of my childhood stay with me and I hate the thought of the coastal areas being destroyed for greed
I own a beach house here and spend a lot of time here, and intend to retire here.
I used to holiday at Lang's Beach with my family throughout my childhood, teenage years and early adulthood

I used to spend time there when I was mobile and able to get around so I know the area well. I also am able to keep an overview of the issues and follow the situation on the internet, so I am up to date with the issues.
I was brought up in Whangarei and currently in the Bay of Islands. If Whangaroa ngati kahu can do it we can do it Bream Bay too. Kia Ora
I'm a Local to Bream Bay
International
just interested in what mining proposals companies want to be involved in and how that may affect the environment round about.
Kaipara resident
Kaitiaki mo te taiou
Kororareka/Russell
Langs beach
Live at Lang's Beach
Live at Whangarei Heads
Live Bream Bay
Live directly inshore of the proposed dredging site
Live elsewhere but acting on Bream Bay's behalf
Live elsewhere but love the area and all of our beautiful eco scales.
Live elsewhere in NZ
Live elsewhere in the North Island
Live here in Ruakaka
Live in Poroti
Live in Albany Heights but very concerned about Marine ecosystems throughout the Motu
Live in Auckland
Live in Auckland, but loved Bream Bay when I visited
Live in Auckland, however I grew up in the Northland area
Live in Bay of Islands, previously lived in Mangawhai.
Live in Bream Bay
Live in Bream Bay
Live in Bream Bay
Live in Bream Bay since 1957. Family since 1952
Live in Christchurch
Live in Dargaville, not far away
Live in Dunedin
Live in Hikurangi
Live in Houhora, but stay with friends at Waipu. I can remember when they used to dredge the sand from Parengarenga Harbour entrance, and they had to stop because they sucked that much sand out the waves were coming into the harbour.
Live in Kaiwaka but use all of the coastline between Te Arai and Waipu regularly for coastal recreation.
Live in Mangawhai (3)
Live in Mangawhai which has been impacted by sand mining already.
Live in Manukau Auckland - trying to protect our land and wild life
Live in Maungakaramea, Whangarei visit Bream Bay regularly
Live in neighbouring Mangawhai

Live in One Tree Point (2) ²
Live in relatively nearby suburb of Kaiwaka and use these and surrounding areas regularly waters regularly.
Live in Ruakaka (6)
Live in Ruakaka and Langs Beach
Live in Russell.
Live in South Island but very worried about sand mining
Live in Taiharuru
Live in Tamaki Makaurau (2)
Live in Te Arai but have connections to Waipu
Live in the Lang's beach area
Live in the South Island, but very keen to protect our land from mining interests
Live in the United States, but care about our Earth as a whole!
Live in Titirangi (I realise this may exempt my opinion under the new law :/)
Live in Waipu Cove
Live in Wellington
Live in Whangārei District
Live in Whangarei Heads
Live just south in Mangawhai - often visit
Live near Bream Bay (Kaiwaka)
Live on Waiheke
Live permanently at Ruakaka Beach
Live permanently in Bream Bay
Live permanently in Ruakākā beach
Live right on Ruakaka surf beach.
Lived at Langs beach for 30 years and still in Bream Bay
Lived at Ruakaka for 60 years
Lived here in Ruakaka with my family for 45 years
Lived in Whangarei all my life (75 years) until recently
Lived on our Moana Te Akau Roa. Tangata Mana Whenua Patuharakeke
Living permanently in Waipu with family. Whangarei - love it here. But we won't if this goes ahead!
Local. Don't live in BB but use the beaches frequently.
Long time Ruakaka camper
Live in Mangawhai
Lower Hutt
Mangawhai (5)
Mangawhai resident
Marsden Bay, Ruakaka resident.
Maungakaramea
McLeod Bay
My family has owned a Bach at Langs for forty years, and descend from some of the founders of Waipu (Murdoch McKenzie) - so it is trite to say we are 'just visiting'
My father worked for MCallums in the 60's taking sand. We camped at Pakiri so it has a special place in my heart. I don't think he would support further mining now.

² Where the exact same answer was given by more than one person numbers such as (2) indicate how many times that exact answer was given.

Never been there.
Ngunguru
No connection with Bream Bay
No longer live here
No the place but don't live there
Northland
Northlander
Northlander who visits often
not there
Ocean Beach
One Tree Point (2)
Owned a bach for 15 years until 4? years ago.
Pakiri
Previous resident of Bream Bay and been enjoying the area and beaches of it my whole life. Northland resident now living 40 mins from Bream Bay
Resident of Northland and I care about our beaches
Ruakaka (3)
Ruakaka is my childhood home
Ruakaka village (2)
Ruakaka, Takahiwa
Spend half of time in Bream Bay
Spent childhood in Bream Bay, and still have family there
Spent many years at Langs Beach & love the area.
Takahiwai - Tribal lands of Bream Bay
Tangata whenua (2)
Tangata whenua of this area and living on the coast in Ngunguru.
Te Arai
USA
Used to live in Bream Bay
Used to live in Bream Bay - still visit
Used to swim at the beautiful beach
Used to visit there when I lived in Whangarei.
Visit and have family there
Visiting but spend a good amount of time in Bream Bay
Visitor – day trips
Waipu (2)
We live at Ruakaka Beach
We live close by and holiday and fish in the Bream Bay area
We live here part time 3 to 4 days per week
We live in Ruakaka
We live in Whangarei and own a bach at Langs beach which we regularly stay. We have had our bach for 36 years and are heavily invested in the area, regularly helping with weed control there
We own house and reside 6 months of year
We spend time in this beautiful area
Went to high school in Whangarei
Whakapapa to the area.

Whangarei Heads (3)

Where our family is!

Would like to move there in the near future but not if the sand mining goes ahead.

Which of these age groups do you come into?

Age group	Number of people who answered this question
	1088
	%
Up to 17 years	0.5
18 – 29 years	2.1
30 - 44 years	13.6
45 – 59 years	28.7
60 – 69 years	32.0
70 years or over	23.1
	100.0

Are you ...

Gender	Number of people who answered this question
	1081
	%
Male	32
Female	66
Other/prefer not to say	2
	100.0

Which ethnic group or groups do you belong to?

NZ European

Māori

Pasifika

Asian

Other

Ethnic group or groups	Number of people who answered the question
	1084
	%
NZ European	89
Māori	16
Pasifika	1
Asian	1
Other	5

EPILOGUE

Following the analysis of responses that had been received for this survey up until the meeting of the Whangarei District Council in mid December 2025, it was deemed appropriate to continue publicising the opportunity to take part in the survey up until approximately the end of March 2026, meshing with when this document would need final results potentially to be presented to the panel appointed as part of the Fast Track approvals process.

The survey was publicised in various ways throughout that period, covering the summer holiday period. This was considered a useful add-on, since holiday-makers could feel a strong connection with the area, and might see the survey as a suitable way to express their opinions about the seabed sandmining proposal. In addition to the 1170 people who had participated in the survey up until mid-December, a further 271 participated up until 14 March.

A major community gathering and protest about the proposal was held on 15 March, on the beach at Ruakaka. The survey was actively promoted to people attending that gathering. A further 115 people participated in the survey in the second half of March. Because these people could be argued to be atypically opposed to the proposal, their opinions are shown separately in the table below. Adding them to those who had participated earlier gives a total of 1556 people in total participating in this survey.

The first column in the following table was shown in the body of this report, based on the number of people who had taken part in the survey up until 11 December (as documented in the body of this report). The second and third columns show the equivalent results from people who participated in the survey over the time periods shown, while the right-hand column shows the amalgamated results from everyone who participated.

Following the table discussion is provided noting provisos and cautions about simply adding the more recent survey responses to those gathered up until mid December. That is followed by a graph comparable to that shown in the body of the report, showing the spread of opinions among those who participated in the survey.

The main body of this report listed the comments people made about the proposal, including a summary of those comments. It is clear that the topics written about by people in the post-December part of the survey are very similar to those presented in the main body of the report. Consequently these additional write-in answers are simply listed in full, rather than merged with the comments by the first wave of participants in the survey. As with the comments in the main body of this report, these comments continue to demonstrate the depth of feeling about the McCallums seabed mining proposal, that is widely held in the community.

Opinions of the proposal (This table is based only on those who answered the two questions that give rise to the answers below)	Number of people who had answered up until 11 December 1139 ³ %	Number of people who answered 12 December 2025 – 14 March 2026 255 %	Number of people who answered 15 March – 4 April 2026 111 %	Total number of people in survey 1505 ⁴ %
Strongly in favour	2.5	3.1	3.6	2.7
Moderately in favour	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.4
In favour only a little	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1
Not sure/don't have an opinion	0.3	0.8	0.0	0.4
NOT In favour only a little	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Moderately NOT in favour	1.8	2.0	0.0	1.8
Strongly NOT in favour	95.0	93.3	95.5	94.7
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Comments and provisos

While adding in the answers from people who completed the survey after the initial period leading up to the initial cut-off date of 11 December may seem straightforward, the following cautionary points are useful to note:

1. It is possible that some people may have participated inadvertently in the survey a second time. It is even possible that someone with particularly strong feeling about the proposal may have seen an opportunity to express their opinions a second time over. There were no practicable ways to pre-empt “duplicate” responses for this survey.⁵ Any effects from this source are thought likely to be minimal or so small as to be immaterial.
2. The publicising of the survey after the initial burst of it up until mid December, i.e. over the “summer holiday period” may not have continued with the strong focus on inviting

³ A few people answered some of the questions in the survey but not all the questions. This table shows results from two questions combined, first whether the person is in favour or not of the proposal, then the strength of that opinion. The table is based only on people who answered both those questions.

This base number for the first column was conservatively reported as 1055 in the original release of this report, but the rework of the data for the purposes of the Epilogue showed that number as the 1139 now shown. (The difference is attributable to defining the exact date and time for the cutoff for the main report.)

⁴ As quoted above in the text, a total of 1556 people participated in this survey, when the three phases of data collection are combined. Of those 1556 people 1505 answered both the questions needed for the table above.

⁵ The standard way to do that in an online survey is to disallow a second entry into the survey from the same IP address. That was considered inappropriate for this survey since it was entirely appropriate for more than one person in a household to participate in the survey. There were other ways that multiple entries into the survey from the same IP address could also have been valid, for example if people were using the internet at a community centre or marae. In the first wave of the survey there were very few answers from the same IP address, and examination of those answers showed them to be quite different from each other (i.e. no one had simply replicated their answers in a second or subsequent entry into the survey.)

as many people as possible, from throughout the community, to participate. It is possible that the publicity for the survey could have become more focussed on people inclined not to favour the proposal.

3. The third wave of participants, i.e. those who participated in the survey on or after the day of the large beach gathering/protest at Ruakaka on 15 March, might be thought likely to have been against the proposal – and hence attended the event – or be influenced against the proposal by that event.

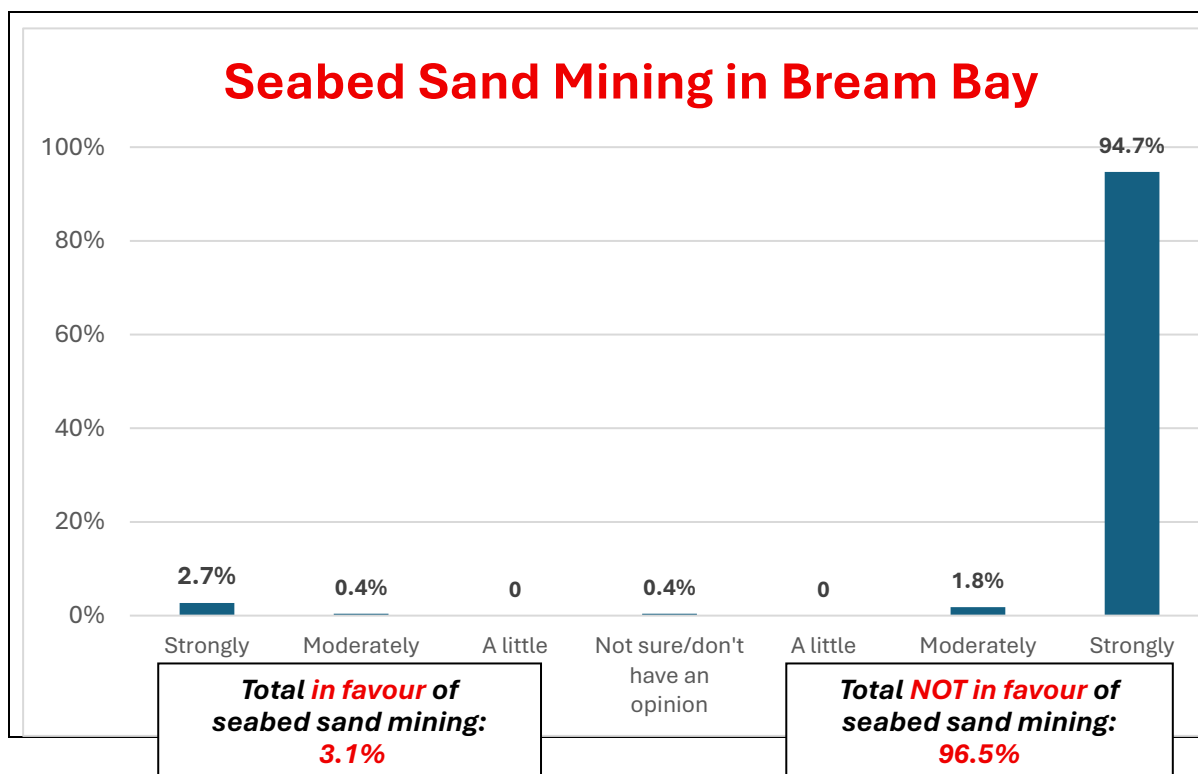
While those points all appear to have some face validity as possibilities, the table above is essentially empirical data that refutes any such explanations: the table shows that the spread of opinions among those taking part in the survey was very very steady across the three phases of data collection for the survey.

To be completely sure that conclusion is valid, statistical tests were done to examine whether the few small differences in the patterns of response could have been “statistically significant”. (That is a standard way to assess whether small differences in results could be “real” trends or whether they are more likely to be simply within the expected variations of any sample.)

The following small trends were tested for statistical significance and all found to be “not significant”, that is, well within the natural variations of sampling:

- The initial result of 95.0% strongly not in favour of the proposal dropping to 93.3% among the “summer holiday” part of the sample (the second column in the table)
- The initial result of 2.5% being in favour of the proposal increasing to 3.1% among the “summer holiday” part of the sample, or 3.6% among people who answered the survey during the third wave of data collection

Those tests further support that combining results over the three periods of data gathering is entirely reasonable. On that basis the following graph was prepared, as the best simple representation of the overall results of this survey. (This graph is an update of the one presented in the main body of the report on page 3.)



Based on the answers of the 1505 people who answered the questions represented in this graph.

Comments about the proposal from people in favour of it (from the “Epilogue” part of the sample only)

I feel there is so much sand out there that it will make no difference.
Sand for the construction area has to come from somewhere. The manufactured sand is not a viable option, manufactured sand requires a high percentage of natural sand to be suitable for use in construction. The quantity percentage of sand removed over the last 80 years from Pakiri & now Bream Bay is below 0.001% of the quantity in the area.
Sand is required to sustain the growth & development in the Auckland / Northland regions. There is not enough sand currently available in the North at normal demand levels. The recent Beca report clearly states at current demand levels which is extremely low. Manufactured sand DOES NOT WORK as a stand alone productIt requires a high percentage of natural sand to be suitable for construction.
Since says not an issue. People are misinformed and emotional
Sand is removed and mined along the Gold Coast of Australia amongst marine mammals and no issues have been identified.

Comments about the proposal from people in NOT favour of it (from the “Epilogue” part of the sample only)

I suppose the sand needs to come from somewhere but 20-50m deep will have scallop beds which would be safe except for sand mining suction. So not keen.
It is not a natural process. Sand mining destroys habitats of known and unknown organisms.

Why shouldn't they take sand closer to their point of sale?

1. It's not their sand, so why do they get to just 'have it' when it's going to RUIN BREAM BAY. (& ruin already existing businesses due to the death & destruction that will ensue-directly caused by SAND MINING) 1b) mcBros don't stick to the rules which we already know - so, why would they adhere to them here? (If anyone IS going to do it, certainly NOT THESE ALREADY NOTED, CRIMINALS) 2. their actions are going to have an effect on our entire Bay and community - businesses, food, entertainment, flora & fauna, ecosystems, the list really does go on. Why should we all pay for their greed? AND who is going to pay for all of our loss (financial - local businesses based around B.B - depreciation of property - who wants to live in a dying wasteland? - which if goes the Pakiri way, the moana will be POISONED too! -mental health - no surf, no swim, no Lil nippers @ the surf clubs, no water-sports, no fishing/foraging/enjoyment of the sea in all it's ways- whats the coast of mental health - quite obviously, health itself will take a big dive in the area too: Who is paying for all of this? ...the taxpayer??? LUXON?! WHO. Our people and their mokopuna. That's who. 4.) If you really wish to mine in this way, hit Auckland where the beaches are unswimmable every year now. (Not to mention other ways) 5. How can this be a viable use of our resources, when we are clearly facing coastal-flooding issues in the area? -check in with the insurance companies, and high-risk flood areas and where they've expanded to. How on earth is removing NON-REPLENISHABLE sand going to HELP with this? 6. It's an unnecessary operation, and any human with decency and respect, knows. Shame this lot are ALL about money. There are NO DECENT, FAIR, LOGICAL REASONS, for the sand mining in BREAM BAY to go ahead. Ya'll know. Kia Kaha.

Absolutely leave Bream Bay alone.

after the result of sand mining at Pakiri Beach. I do not want the same for Bream Bay !!!!!

An absolute disgrace that the proposal has got this far. No way should a private company be granted permission for 35 years, devastating for the environment and our community!

Bream Bay already is impacted by so many commercial activities as it is. The port already means there is a lot of container ships coming in and out. We don't need another high impact activity in this area.

Bream Bay beaches are some of the most beautiful in NZ. The sand on the beaches comes and goes with the weather. The proposed volume of sand to be mined is very likely to wreak havoc on the seafloor, destroy marine life environments, and prevent the beaches from regenerating their sand properly when washed away by weather events. I am strongly opposed to this operation.

Bream Bay Fishing and Surfing beaches are pristine environments that are important for our recreation and tourism

Bream Bay has been our home with our four children for 45 years. It is a jewel in our lives. It is unfathomable to consider any value at all in this. Our environment is already crying out. Nature is wreaking havoc everywhere and with increasing regularity. When is enough, enough? People that choose to live in this area do so because they value its beauty. We choose not to live in a city. We have had to make compromises for in order to live in a healthy environment. Transport costs, education, employment opportunities, banking and post facilities etc. If Auckland wants sand, take sand from the many beaches close by. But then who wants their water front properties in Piha, Mission Bay, Northcote Point, Devonport, Orewa, Browns Bay ..,,,,,,,,,,,,, ruined by sand mining? Don't steal from us because that is exactly what this is about.

Bream Bay is a 'closed' bay system. The sand that exists, came from the volcanoes of the North Island via a river flow to the Firth of Thames , and will not be replaced. Dredging will cause extreme weather events to cause more sand to be eroded from the dunes. This was evident when Marsden B Power Station cooling pipeline was built and the effect that Cyclone Bola had on the Dunes. On top of this is the serious ecological effects within the Bay Sand Ming will destroy what we love about this area

Bream Bay is a national treasure. Popular and beautiful beaches and fishing. Tourist attraction. Mining would endanger all of this and affect the beauty of the bay and disturb fish life. A hard no

Bream Bay is beautiful and such a drawcard to the area from all over the country and indeed the world. Would hate anything to jeopardise the fishing and beautiful beaches of the area. Once its gone its gone for good 🙄
Completely outrageous
Comprehensive studies show NZ does not require more Sandmining. McCallum brothers are untrustworthy. They breached their permit off Paklri multiple times and were taken to court. We do not want such a firm operating in Northland. Environment studies show Sandmining will damage the environment and may have long-term effects on the coastline. Lastly there is no employment or financial benefit to Northland.
Could have devastating effect on fisheries and tourism
Damage to Bream Bay over time will be horrific
Damage to seabed and environment is to great and unnecessary
Definitely wish to oppose this. Save our beaches, and our marine life.
Destroying our ocean bed, scallops, fish, sand and no economic reason at all to do so.
Disgraceful proposal, short term gain for a private firm at the expense of a beautiful natural treasure.
disruption to our sea life of any kind.
Disturb fishing grounds. There are other sources of sand
Don't ruin our environment and marine life
Economic case does not stack up
Fast track should is breach of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and is undemocratic.
Fast track works on some things, but mining the seabed is an unknown
Fast tracking is NOT a solution that has best interests of anybody but those making profit from our local environment. Fast tracking allows/promotes business to exploit people and the environment for their profit. There is no upside to our local community or the environment.
Feel extremely incensed by this proposal. Such a beautiful beach and we ruin it by allowing sand mining.
Find an alternative like recycled concrete
First and foremost the destruction of habitat of precious marine life. Altering the sea bed which could affect local activities such as surfing. No fast track should be available as the potential impact on the environment and local flora and fauna must be properly understood before any decision can be made. Also, lots of local people oppose this, and their reasons should be heard. NO FAST TRACK!
get em outta here
Go and fuck another seabed somewhere else
Greedy corporation not caring about community or the environment
High risk of coastal/marine degradation, minimal return for Northland
How is a company able to plunder our natural landscape, leisure resource and way of life for their profit and the people have no option? This is stepping back in time 200 years when the squires disregarded the peasants as collateral. Stop this behaviour now. The people won't rest!
How to destroy an area of natural beauty and destroy sealife at the same time.
I am absolutely against mining of sand from Bream Bay the fore shore must be left as it is
I am opposed to the seabed mining and the more I read about it the more wrong it seems. New alternatives are available. I was also shocked to read that the Pakiri mining was not properly monitored by Auckland council. Corporate greed once again
I am strongly against the sand mining proposal in bream bay, I like to fish and surf and the sand mining could have devastating effects on the beaches and fishery
I am strongly NOT in favour because of the Mining Damage to the Coast and There IS an Alternative.
I am very upset by this proposal and the potential environmental impacts of the mining.

I can't believe how blinding greed is! The damage which sand mining has already caused is there for all to see. SO SEE IT, you greedy, wicked, destructive people and think of the health of the environment, the wildlife and future generations of people for a change.
I do not agree with seabed mining, especially when the product is available through many other sources including manufactured sand. The negative impact of sea bed mining in our area far far outweighs any economic gain for our region (next to none and likely only token attempts to placate the local community). I am deeply concerned about the lack of consideration of the impacts of this project on our environment, marine and on land and on how we use our beach and bay. I am strongly opposed to this proposal.
I do not understand why we need sand taken from the precious environment of the sea bed when it can be manufactured easily, including superior grade sand required in construction. I feel that mining sea sand would only benefit MBL, yet would have dire consequences for the environment with major negative consequences. This would include adverse economic impacts on the Northland region, including people's livelihoods', not to mention the devastation on marine life. NZ is meant to be a country proud of protecting its environment. How can seabed sandmining even be considered?
I do not want these people to stuff our beach's so they can make a profit!!!, think about all the damage they will cause, a lot of the damage will not be seen for years and by then it will be too late!!
I don't believe our communities need our natural resources pillaged for their own benefit, and disregarding the environmental impacts that occur.
I don't see any positive benefits for Bream Bay from sand mining only for the McCallum Brothers and Auckland.
I grew up in Bream Bay and have fond memories of collecting cockles etc with my grandad on the sand bars there. Let nature be.
I have grave concerns as to the impact on the seabed and the marine life that inhabit the proposed area of mining.
i oppose this - there are major issues regarding the proposed fast track project to sand mine in Te Akau Bream Bay: Threats to snapper fisheries, regenerating scallop beds, and local tourism \$270M revenue for private company, zero benefit for local communities Environmental breaches by mining company at Pakiri / Mangawhai False economic benefits - and the alternatives that exist.
I see no benefit for the Northland community, it is only a benefit for the dredgers and their business. The affect noticed in former sights show how we will be affected for no benefit. Will they pay for our 4 lane highway? The ecological cost will be huge for all and future generations
I strongly oppose seabed sand mining in Bream Bay on the basis of: 1. The damage it will do to the environment, including the seabed and sand dunes. 2. The negative impact it will have on bird life and marine life. 3. The negative visual impacts that will affect tourism to the area. 4. The negative visual impacts to local residents. 5. The negative impact to property values in the area. 6. The substantial length of time it will take for the environment to recover after mining has finished. 7. A fast-tracked approach silences the views of tangata whenua and other stakeholders. Full consultation should be undertaken as this is a decision that impacts multiple generations to come.
I'm concerned about the negative environmental impact on a closed sand system. Non regenerative.
If McCallum are so good they can keep mining at Pakiri. Oh that's right they stuffed up Pakiri and they can't mine there any longer. Why should we let them do the same to Bream Bay?
If only the McCullum people would be true to themselves - what do they really see they are doing to our finite world.
If they continue to mine our seabeds these will have lasting negative effects on our mokopuna. NO TO SEABED MINING!
I'm flabbergasted that seabed sand mining is even being considered for this cherished gem of a bay. I walk the beach throughout the year and observe the constant changes taking place to sand levels and distribution. This in turn affects the dunes and the wildlife inland. The dunes seem to repair themselves after the numerous major storms we have experienced lately. This is a result of the

combined effects of free sea bed sand, tides and winds. Remove the sand and there is no material to rebuild the dunes with. No dunes = no natural barrier = flooding
In addition to its own intrinsic worth, ocean biodiversity is a key mitigating factor against the impact of climate change. Protecting this marine environment will also help protect fisheries and natural resources far beyond the directly affected area. There is absolutely no public good in allowing this extractive and destructive mining to proceed.
It is highly damaging to the environment in a sensitive area to the locals.
It is hugely unfair to Northland iwi and locals to have their treasured coastline trashed for private gain
It is outrageous that something so important for future generations should be allowed to be fast tracked without proper consultation. There is no need for sand mining - there are viable alternatives that do not involve the decimation of our ecosystems.
It is probably more in size than Mt Manaia. This is going to ruin the undersea environment and ultimately draw sand from surrounding seabeds and beaches already being compromised by climate change. We have to find other solutions than concrete such as ash.
It will destroy seabed
It will impact on all the sea life in that area and the foreshore. Even though the company says it is removing sand from off shore the ecological systems are all connected and it will impact on the sea life, sea shore and the seabed. What are we leaving for our grandchildren and the generations thereafter?
It will ruin a beautiful part of the northland coast line a thousands of people live there and enjoy Bream Bay beaches everyday
It would be an environmental disaster for this proposed seabed sand mining operation to be approved. The impact on the foreshore of bream bay would be devastating for the rare and endangered birds that nest there. This has been proven by the effects of the Pakiri operation. Bream Bay is a very important recreational area for the Whangarei District and brings many visitors to the district and who boost the economy for the people who live here.
It would be insanity.
It's a terrible idea and brings no value to Northland - only further destruction
It's disgusting that these people can profit off and exploit other creatures habitats and destroy our beautiful nature.
It's totally unnecessary to desecrate and decimate a beautiful area where you can create sand out of other things or source elsewhere just because it's a cheaper and local doesn't mean it should be used. There is no value you can place on something irreplaceable!
It's unethical and destructive to environment and livelihoods- it's a hard no from me and my family
It's a definite NO to taking sand, that will not regenerate to save our beautiful Bream Bay for future generations
its environmental destruction!! and already been rejected in this area
It's not necessary to ruin this bay, there are other options for sand. I am worried the beach will become unsafe for swimming and that the sand dunes will be lessened leading to problems with the houses along the beach. It's not fair to take something and give nothing.
Its unnecessary environmental vandalism. We cannot let this happen. The price to our beach is too high. What about our grandchildren. Very short sighted ,greedy . And unnecessary.
Keep away from our beautiful area
Lack of public notification and transparency. Being rushed through with gross lack of public information. Everyone has the right to be informed in order to make the best decision for all. Stop rushing things through in the dead of night. Speak to the intelligence of the people.
Leave it pristine
Leave Nature/mother earth as is we as humans have already damaged so much of earth for money.
Leave our beautiful bay alone
Leave our beautiful beaches alone please

Leave our environment alone! We have lost so much already, its time to really start looking after and restoring what we have left.
Leave our mutu alone!
Leave the sand where it is. If they want to ruin somewhere they can do it in their backyard. We don't want them here ruining this precious area.
Long term environmental destruction with no local benefit (in fact local detriment) to line the pockets of a few. Existing sources and new recycling technologies are a better option.
McCallum brothers have a history of skirting the rules and doing damage further south while sand mining. We don't need the sand to be used in concrete mining. The environment damage cannot be easily monitored. They are an Auckland company so all money made goes out of the area. We have endangered surefire that will be affected.
McCallum have proven that they don't respect the environment with their seabed scraping & damage down the coast at Pakiri. Their commercial rationale appears flawed as Auckland has sufficient sand reserves to support the construction industry. Bream Bay has unique sea life we need to preserve. And a community which depends on the Moana for food.
McCallum make profits at vast environmental expense for which they are not held accountable.
McCullum's have not been honest about their sand take from the Pakiri-Mangawhai area for many years. There are huge trenches (verified photos underwater)where they have more recently been taking more than allowed, while they appealed the decision and eventually dropped the appeal and moved on to Bream Bay. There are plenty of other options available and existing to provide sand material for construction.
Mining the sea bed is a terrible idea
Negative impacts for Te TaiTokerau and the environment
Never give up the fight for our sand
Nil significant local benefit to sandmining. Unclear and likely devastating detrimental impact on the environment. Bream bay significant tourist attraction which sandmining could negatively impact. Negatives for the community FAR outweigh the positives
No benefit to Northland. Destroys sea life. Decrease in biodiversity. Should not happen.
No consultation with Iwi, marine specialists or public is outrageous!
No justification for this application. 0 regional benefit apart from McCallums buying support from some Iwi groups 0 national benefit. 0 'need' for offshore sand. ONLY beneficiaries are a McCallum Bros. Fails the Fast Tract test. Apart from that it's an environmental disaster for Bream Bay.
No real consideration has been given to the environmental impact of this mining & the impact on the whole community.
No sand mining in Green Bay reason why I've seen the damage it's done to Tiara Beach over the years so no sand mining in Bream Bay
No thank you
No way should 35 year consent be given for anything. We feel dredging for sand will impact the recovery of the marine life and change the beautiful beach in the future negatively.
once the seabed is removed that leaves a hole on the seabed stretching for some kilometers, Bream bay has Cyclones often and the danger here is the dip in the ocean floor and the pressure it will have under the surface. This will cause a substantial impact to the foreshore and dunes. Im seriously concerned for the impact with that and the impact on fish, sealife in the future.
One of the most beautiful places, not only in Aotearoa but in the world. A taonga that should be protected from corporate greed at all costs
Our bay (Bream Bay), it's ecosystems and the finite amount of sand therein are finely balanced and very precious to us. Removing sand will disturb that balance and damage the bay and the life therein.
Our environment must be protected by our generation for the generations still to come. Corporate greed must not be tolerated

Our environment should not be exploited
Piss off Auckland
Please help protect this precious taonga for our future generations to enjoy.
Please try to get sand from other sources. The Bream Bay ocean is just too important to our ecological system
Proposal is an environmental disaster for Bream Bay and the local environment
Protect Bream Bay!
Removal of sand result in beach erosion as storm damage to beach will not be able sand to be replaced.
sand is disappearing from my area as it is
Sand mining destroys ecosystem thereby compromising the life cycles of diverse living organisms.
Sand mining in Bream Bay is totally unacceptable. There is no need for Sand to be taken in this way. It will destroy this environment - all for the profits of a few greedy people.
Sand mining is destructive to the environment and Bream Bay needs to be protected.
Sand mining is detrimental to the environment and local community.
Sand mining is not sustainable and alternatives should be investigated. I am strongly against it and happy to help in any way to stop this happening.
Sand mining the Bay, will seriously impact the whole environment within and around it. This includes the marine, bird and flora and habitat of this area endangering them all. It will be an eyesore on a popular and currently beautiful area where generations have accessed and enjoyed it. It will be changed forever. Would those who approve or are involved in this happening want it in their backyard? I think not! Stop it now!
Sand mining will alter the whole eco system of Bream Bay. When sand is removed in vast quantities, sand from further away will move to fill the void this disrupting the beaches, sand dunes and aquatic life.
Sand mining will destroy the eco system, seabed, beach shape and surf
Sand takes millions of years to form. It should be left there for the protection of the marine environment
Seabed sand mining is highly destructive. It destroys the sea bed itself where small fish, sea creatures & sea birds feed, clouds the sea water destroying the natural environment.
Seriously concerned about a. the impact of the beaches with taking this much sand away and b. the impact on the health of the seabed and subsequent ecosystem. Economic sandmining can take place onshore on low-value farmland, which has minimal ecological impacts.
Shane jones is not correct about the sea bed in question being a desert. It will be after dredging. Note we can't scallop dredge, so why dredge for sand.
stop fucking up our country so you can sell our sand to saudis
Strongly disagree with the proposal - the beach is a tourist destination, the mining is destructive to the seabed. The fast process that denies communities the right or opportunity to participate is WRONG, indicative of poor governance and undermines (no pun) one of pillars of a democratic society.
Te Pouwhenua o TKT is not Te Parawhau. Fast track is so wrong. We can stop this with people power
Terrible idea, leave the ocean alone
The McCallum Bros proposal is outrageous and demonstrates a blatant lack of environmental concerns, aided by the Fast Track process.
The adverse environmental effects far outweigh the need for private profit from the pillaging our earth - this is our land, our sea - it deserves respect and care, we cannot be letting it be scarred and gouged by anyone under our watch, the adverse effects to our world will affect us all and it is our job to provide care to the earth that sustains us.

<p>The bay marine environment is a significant part of this community in terms of why we live here, economy, tourism, ongoing resource for kai Moana and the undeniable beauty which replenishes the spiritual aspect of our lives.</p>
<p>The Bream Bay seabed is an essential taonga for present and future generations to be able to enjoy, without the unprecedented threat of sand mining. It is an important habitat for marine and bird life also, and a food source and peaceful environment for the community and visitors to Te Tai Tokerau. As such, this company must be denied access to sandmining here.</p>
<p>The business of mining sand off Bream Bay, which is going to affect the environment for ever, should never be 'fast tracked' as there is no way of restoration once all that sand has gone. Mc Callum Brothers need to investigate a new business venture that is helpful for people and the environment, not just to make money for themselves in the space of their lifetimes</p>
<p>The environment and the wishes of residents must be prioritised well ahead of private profiteering.</p>
<p>The Fast Track bill has done nothing but allow people access to ruin resources quicker</p>
<p>The fast track process is terrible local communities should have their voices heard, this proposal will damage Bream Bay and only benefit McCullum Bros and to be decided by a bunch of people that their decisions wont effect is ludicrous</p>
<p>The fast-track process for sand mining in Bream Bay is an exceptionally 100% prime example of an incompetent thought. Only to benefit a private company for not in high demand sand that will have no financial benefits to the local economy or local employment except to benefit a private business company wallet and to see the seabed destruction at one of the most beautiful recreational and tourism areas in New Zealand. Sea life will be eradicated beneath the destructive jaws of the might privately owned McCallum Brothers dredge. To see the incompetent thoughtless attempt to fast-track seabed mining for sand that is not in exceptionally high demand extracted from one of Northlands most magnificent tourism areas is beyond me. For a government to say something needs to be a fast track priority does not mean it should be fast tracked or even happen at all if product is not urgently required to stop the country from financially falling to its knees to keep New Zealand going but only to line the pockets of one company at the cost to thousands of people that use the area for recreational purposes and tourism which benefits all of us. I am in disbelief that consideration for seabed and costal environmental destruction is even on the cards to be fast tracked for not in exceptionally high demand sand. While I believe in progress and fast-tracking urgent New Zealand requirements the savage destructive sand dredging and annihilation of the seabed in our front yard is not one to be fast tracked or even for consideration.</p>
<p>The long-term damage of seabed mining to the marine ecosystem, the erosion it creates, and the destruction of the wider environment outweigh the economic benefits. The damage to the environment is too significant to put a monetary value on.</p>
<p>The midi um and long term impact in the ecosystem and in people's life will be huge and irreversible.</p>
<p>The mining of the sand causes so much destruction of the environment , its simply ridiculous to think this can carry on for absolutely years and think that its not causing major harm... All for 1 company's profit. This is especially ludicrous when there are Satisfactory alternatives available. I very strongly oppose the sand mining.</p>
<p>The proposed mining is not justified by either demand or need for sand taken from the ocean</p>
<p>The results of sand mining in the Parengarenga Harbour have been disastrous to the local environment and destroyed the ability of the bar to protect the harbour due to the amount of sand removed.</p>
<p>The risk to the environment and sea life is too high. There is enough sand from other resources available for this not to be necessary. Public resource for private profit is NOT ok.</p>
<p>The sand in bream bay will not replace itself. What we have here now is all we will have . Taking it away will have a detrimental effect on the beach's, the sea bed and the ecosystem that supports the bay. If they are so keen to sand mine they should mine in their own backyard .</p>
<p>The sand is a free good for the community and visitors to enjoy not for one company to take for a profit. The long term effects of sand mining on the environment has been documented from the</p>

Pakiri Beach experience. Bream Bay has a growing population and the loss of sand from dunes and the beaches over time from weather events and mining combined could be catastrophic to the settlements near the sea.
The seabed is a delicate and important marine environment and seabed mining seriously disturbs this ecosystem destroying many forms of life.
The whole area is too fragile to consider mining sand
There are better and closer sand solutions near Auckland. Leave our beach alone
There are more environmentally friendly ways of producing this product
There are other avenues for the construction companies to produce concrete. There are no avenues available when they do irreparable damage to a marine ecosystem that is already in danger. There is also the possibility of creating dangerous swimming beaches (like Pakiri) and the damage that could do to the local economy and standard of life for Northlanders.
There are other more suitable sources for providing sand for Auckland's needs
There are other options for sand to make concrete without taking sand from a Bream Bay. This sand removal will damage Bream Bay's ecology, scallops, dolphins, endemic birds and change the beach shape in a negative way.
There are plenty of places to mine sand which will have less impact on people and environment. They cost more because they are more remote. Why should we be the cheap option.
There is a reason it has not been approved before the fast track bill enabled it to push forward. Stop trying to avoid due process, our community do not want it.
There is an unseen but important marine ecosystem that will be destroyed to meet a need for sand that could and should be supplied from sources that don't inflict environmental harm
There is limited economic justification for the project. The current justification seems to be heavily aligned to the developers. Alternative economic analysis is required. I do not trust the fast track process which is oriented to government support for big business and does not seem to provide for community or environmental concerns.
There is more to be gained economically, socially and environmentally (and the three are linked) by preserving the sand beds than from mining them. There ARE alternative ways for the Auckland construction industry to get its sand.
There is no need for more sand to be mined. Enough on hand already for NZ construction & alternatives are being created. The fragile ecosystem of the marine environment will NEVER recover. The pristine coastline of Bream Bay is a jewel...swimming, fishing, surfing, being at one with nature. There is NO economic benefit for Northland.
There is not enough known for certain about how the beach and sand dunes will react to compensate for the sand that is extracted
There is nothing to gain from the mining only long term ramifications to our environment that need to be realized. The consequences are huge and will cost the environment a lot. 35 years is a long time to mine our sea beds. Please do not approve this project and do your research into the longstanding and short term problems. We already have many risks with flooding and global warming without adding more erosion to our community and it will ruin our fishing and sea life in the area.
There will be massive environmental destruction, no benefit to the local community and this company are known for their poor environmental practices.
This area is heavily used by recreational fishermen and is a beautiful beach. Having a sand mining operation will have detrimental effects in the region particularly as cruise ships are coming into the port. This look is certainly not positive to overseas passengers nor the local community.
This bill is detrimental to our taiao Mining this sand is going to cause damage to the environment and cause massive repercussions for generations to come. Leaving nothing for our mokopuna
this has already been disallowed by the environment court just down the coast, why is it even being considered here???

This has to be stopped, it's criminal to even consider sand mining in Bream Bay. how dare they think they have the right to do this!
This has to be stopped. The environmental damage will be irreversible for generations to come. People of the future will look to the damage and wonder it was ever allowed in the first place. Like all previous environmental damage, the answer will be 'Greed' !
This is a sacred, publicly owned seabed. Destroying the environment, sacrificing so many creatures' lives, while creating desertification of a natural resource, for personal gain, is about as vile as it can get. This is not what we stand for. We have to protect Papatūānuku & keep these private 'investors' away.
This is a zombie project that has been comprehensively reviewed and declined at Mangawhai / Pakiri, moved a few miles up the Coast to Northland and is expecting an easy path through with the Fast Track process. There is no sand crisis, no economic benefit, and an existential risk of destruction to our cherished marine and coastal environments. This project will set back our transition to more sustainable sources and must be stopped.
This madman has to be stopped from wrecking Bream Bay after 80 years of destroying Pakiri and also helping in collapsing the beach at Omaha
This mining will destroy the large scallop beds in the area. And we cannot even have one. The economic viability to the area has not been proven. Just. Another menace to navigation.
This National government is guilty of buttering the bread of the rich - at the expense of the environment, and the social cohesion of our society. 'Fast-track' activities such as the one discussed here are just one presentation of this bias.
This proposal flies in the face of all the evidence about the potential harm that will occur across the seafloor area of Bream Bay. The damage will not be repairable and will add pressure to the already increasing threats from climate change, and existing degradation of the wider adjacent Hauraki Gulf area and the port of Whangarei.
This proposal is all about a private company seeking personal gain by removing sand from a pristine environment at no benefit to the local community, at a cost to the ratepayers and to provide a service which can be met by other sand suppliers at much less adverse environmental impact
This type of mining is short sighted in the scale life on this planet
This will absolutely destroy the marine life ecosystem for years. We have already had restrictions imposed on us for recreational fishing. This is just another nail in the coffin.
This will destroy sealing for generations all for concrete production, this is disgusting and not the future Bream Bay wants
To consider such a delicate and sensitive activity under the Fast Track legislation is a disgrace. Unbelievably the applicant has been significantly fined by the Environment Court for the blatant disregard for the conditions imposed under their Pakiri consent.
Too much at risk ecologically in a struggling ecosystem. Get the sand from somewhere on land where it can be managed more effectively and effects more visible
Totally against further destruction of a vitally important and already threatened local seabed, please leave it alone!
Totally unnecessary greed on their part, set to cause untold damage.
The eco system around the entrance to the harbour is already compromised. Sandmining on this scale would destroy the environment completely. It is totally unacceptable.
Way too close to the shore line .
We are completely against any seabed mining There are options available that don't require the decimation of the environment
We are kaitiaki of our environment this will get all marine life in the sand mining..Go Away
We only have one chance look after our sea beds
We should be protecting our seabed as it provides for us and certainly don't agree with fast tracking such a proposal

We've seen what has happened to the pipi bed (no longer) after dredging the harbour to accommodate deep water port. We are in our 60's and since our childhoods it was part of our summer activities - we could always come home with a feed of pipis if fishing wasn't good. So many families have such happy memories of head down bum up picking for pipis but now that is a distant memory that future generations will never get to experience

Why allow a Money making scheme destroy our environment?

Why destroy our fishing and recreation area. The bay is so beautiful and the dolphins, whales sharks are too important for a company to come in and destroy . No no no. Keep away McCallums.

Why do we have to desecrate the sea bed environment when there are alternatives ? McCallum brothers do not have a good record of adhering to their promises. The only financial benefit is to McCallum brothers not the local community. Sea and bird life will be very badly affected if this goes ahead. Do not allow this to happen.

Why should a profit-making company be allowed to destroy our seabed when there is plenty of sand from inland pits anyway. They just don't have to buy the land , nor do they or anyone else know the consequences of their proposed actions.

Why would any person destroy the environment for personal gain?? It's a pretty dick move if you ask me and nearly any GOOD person 😞 😞

Why would I be in favor of something that would negatively affect the coastal environment and sea life well they get to take away all the profits

Will cause irreversible damage to Bream Bay beaches and ecosystems. Our sand was brought to the area millenniums ago mostly via the Waikato River which no longer supplies this area. This means the sand will not be replaced when removed by the brothers. Our beaches will degenerate into rocks and water, taking the economy of Bream Bay with it. There is no reason to grant a permit when (a) sand could be mined from the West Coast where it can be replaced; (b) there is a company nearby which is successfully producing sand so the need is not there. Also (c) it cannot be argued it will provide employment for the area. It is an Auckland company which employs Aucklanders not folks from Bream Bay/Northland.