
TW-2026-873 Infrastructure Commission - Invitation to comment - FTAA Referral - FTAA-2511-1150 - Te Ākau Bream Bay Sand Extraction Project - McCallum Brothers

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Tēnā koe,

[REDACTED] *Application Lead – Bream Bay Sand Extraction project*

Thank you for the email regarding the Bream Bay Sand Extraction Project. We appreciate the Panel reaching out to the Commission regarding the application for resource consents and wildlife approvals by McCallum Brothers Limited.

The Commission will not be making a specific comment on the application.

We recognise that such applications for use of the coastal marine area may raise a range of issues regarding allocation of rights and protections for such areas. We also recognise the importance of essential materials, goods and services needed to build, operate and maintain infrastructure in the long-term.

In general, we would not ordinarily provide detailed comment or technical advice on a resource consent application. However, the Commission does provide a range of functions and services to support infrastructure projects, including:

- **[Infrastructure Priorities Programme \(IPP\)](#)** - Until recently, the Commission has run a standardised independent review process, available to any project or proposal relating to infrastructure or the provision of infrastructure anywhere in New Zealand. The IPP assess the merits of a project in terms of meeting New Zealand's strategic objectives, whether it represents value for money and be a project or solution that can actually be delivered.
- **[National Infrastructure Pipeline \(Pipeline\)](#)** - The Commission hosts a database of projects to facilitate and support planning and delivery of projects anywhere in the country. The Pipeline, and insights generated from it, provide a forward view of planned infrastructure projects to highlight industry and workforce capacity needs. The Pipeline builds on recommendations in the [National Infrastructure Strategy](#) (2022) and the [National Infrastructure Plan](#) (2026) regarding increasing the resilience of supply of essential materials, goods and services needed to build, operate and maintain infrastructure.
- **Insights and research** - The Commission develops and publishes a range of research insights and guidance. In 2024, we commissioned GNS to develop a resource to support strategies and spatial planning of local authorities recognising that efficient utilisation of aggregate resources is important to supporting infrastructure development and reducing operational and transport costs

related to extraction of raw materials. The resource, which provides regional summaries for high growth areas, is available here: [Aggregate Opportunities Modelling for New Zealand](#). We note this resource does not specifically cover offshore sand resources or the Bream Bay offshore deposits, but notes:

“...it is crucial that we better understand, plan and utilise our aggregate resources to ensure our infrastructure providers have a reliable and affordable supply of aggregates and any impacts on the environment or our communities are managed. Built Infrastructure requires large quantities of aggregate material for roading and construction and ideally, aggregate resources are extracted in close proximity to their markets.”

I can also confirm that the Bream Bay Sand Extraction Project has not been submitted to either the Pipeline or the IPP.

I hope that this information is useful context for the Panel.

Ngā mihi,

Nā, Pippa

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