

Your Comment on the Bream Bay Sand Extraction project

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Bream Bay Sand Extraction Project under section 53(2)(j) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

As Minister for Tourism and Hospitality, my comments focus on the potential implications of the proposal on Northland's tourism and hospitality sectors.

Tourism plays a significant role in Northland's regional economy, accounting for approximately 5.8 percent of regional GDP and 8.7 percent of employment. The region's natural coastal environment, including areas such as Bream Bay, is a key drawcard for both domestic and international visitors. Protecting the natural character, biodiversity, and recreational value of these coastal areas is therefore important for maintaining Northland's tourism offering.

I note the possible environmental impacts of the proposal, including impacts on marine mammals, coastal processes, biodiversity, and recreational activities such as surfing, fishing,

and diving. These factors contribute directly to the visitor experience and to the viability of tourism and hospitality businesses in the region. Any degradation of the natural environment or reduced access to recreational opportunities could have indirect but meaningful impacts on the sector.

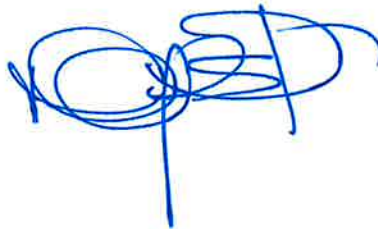
I also note concerns from local communities and stakeholders about risks to marine ecosystems and protected species. Perceptions of environmental risk can affect visitor behaviour and the reputation of the destination, which are key to its tourism offering.

I encourage careful consideration of environmental and recreational impacts, particularly where these may affect the character of Bream Bay and visitor experiences. It will be important that any adverse effects are avoided, remedied, or minimised. Should the project proceed, I encourage the Panel to ensure robust conditions are applied, including:

- comprehensive environmental monitoring
- adaptive management of environmental issues
- measures to protect coastal amenity and biodiversity.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Thank you for your comments

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