

Your Comment on the Bream Bay Sand Extraction project

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To Whom It May Concern

The Langs Beach Society thanks "The Panel" for the opportunity to be included in the community groups invitation to make a submission on the Fast Track application by McCallum Bros to extract sand by way of mining from within Bream Bay.

The Langs Beach Society, was formed in 2019 to represent members of the Langs Beach Community in hearings to be held under the Marine and Coastal Area (Te Takutai Moana) Act 2011. The Society has a membership of 130 individuals representing 65 households in Langs Beach. In addition, there is a group of supporters who follow and/or have contributed to the Society's activities. Many of our members are families with a multi-generational association with Langs Beach.

The Society is registered as an Interested Party in the 30 claims for customary rights in the Bream Bay Area, culminating in our first appearance in 2024 at the High Court hearing for MACA claims for the Whangarei Coast. Our aim is to present a comprehensive history of the non-customary use, enjoyment and occupation of the Langs Beach area from 1840 to the present day .

Most of the MACA claims cover extensive areas of Bream Bay including the area specified for sand extraction. Its significant to note we are strongly aligned with a number of those MACA claimants in opposition to the current sand mining application.

One of the primary stated aims of the Langs Beach Society is the continued preservation of the recreational amenity of “The Langs Beach Area” and its environs - which comprises a wide stretch of coastline from Waipu Cove to Bream Tail, including the inshore and offshore marine areas out to the territorial limits.

Langs Beach is a truly iconic East Coast beach - a pearl sanded ocean beach lined with Pohutukawa - winning Best Hidden Gem in the recent NZ Herald Best Beach competition. The beach is extremely popular in summer attracting large crowds from near and far. It has one of the few remaining access points in Bream Bay for the launching and retrieval of sea craft via Langs Cove.

The majority of owners of properties at Lang’s Beach have boats, kayaks, jet skis or sailing boats that they launch from Langs for fishing, diving, sailing, water skiing and other forms of marine recreation. At the height of summer it’s not unusual to see 30 or more tractors parked at the end of Langs Cove. When seas are calm, yachts or launches often anchor in the Cove. Historically, it was a landing spot for passenger services between Auckland and Whangarei. Surfers flock to Langs Beach after storms for reliable inshore breaks. It’s a very special and popular beach.

Whilst the Society is primarily focused on the MACA process, our Members became very interested in the Sand Mining application and it was discussed at our Annual General Meetings including as recently as the December 2025 AGM. The information promulgated by the Bream Bay Guardians Society created an appropriate channel for member interest in Sand Mining while the Langs Beach Society retained a MACA focus. Needless to say, we retain a very healthy interest on this particular issue, in preserving the marine and recreational environment around Lang’s Beach and throughout Bream Bay.

The Langs Beach Society has researched the relevant legislation and discovered a number of overlaps between the MACA Act and the Fast Track Act. The common interest in the environment and recreation amenity of Bream Bay has led the Langs Beach Society to make an independent submission to The Panel.

We have liaised with the Bream Bay Guardians and shared material collated through both our campaigns. We are convinced on a number of matters:

1. The commercial drivers for marine-based sand extraction are questionable and do not appear to justify marine sand extraction over other sources to meet the real demand for sand;
2. There is evidence of significant recovering marine environments of both fauna and flora within the designated area for sand extraction, which will be put under additional risk;

3. It appears highly likely that sand extraction processes will adversely affect the marine environment and consequently the recreational amenity, particularly fishing and diving ; and
4. Whilst the impact of sand extraction on sand levels on beaches maybe debateable, our members concerns are growing alongside the perception that there are changes occurring to Langs Beach, reduced sand levels on Langs Beach over the past decades have been observed by Members who holiday or reside at Langs Beach.

This period of perceived depletion of dunes and sand on Langs Beach aligns with the period that sand extraction has been undertaken at Pakiri and draws parallels with the depletion of the Mangawhai Spit.

The above leads the Society to conclude that industrial sand extraction in Bream Bay is more than likely to impact and/or degrade the recreational amenity of Bream Bay and therefore the greater Langs Beach area.

The Langs Beach Society wishes to state and record its opposition to the sand mining application, specifically and directly relating to the adverse impact mining will have on the recreational amenity of Langs beach and wider Bream Bay area - a key area of focus for the Society and its members.

At the same time, we wish to formally and strongly endorse the Bream Bay Guardians for their comprehensive research and evidence and, their endeavors to represent the collective views of the Bream Bay community in opposition to the fast track application being put forward by McCallum Bros.

For and On Behalf of the Langs Beach Society.

Glenn Clark

Thank you for your comments