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Dear Submitter

AOTEA (GREAT BARRIER) MARINE RESERVE APPLICATION

An application for an Order-in-Council to establish a marine reserve on the north-east side of Great Barrier Island (Aotea) was notified by the Director-General of Conservation, as applicant, on 2 August 2004. As you submitted on this application I am writing to you to advise you of my decision.

I have considered the objections and, in terms of section 5(6) of the Marine Reserves Act 1971, have decided not to uphold any objection. I have reached this decision on the grounds that none of the objections meet the criteria contained within section 5(6)(a) to (e) of the Act. As part of taking this decision I have decided to exclude the Whangapoua Beach area from the proposed marine reserve to allow the continued opportunity to fish in this location. I have included the attached plan to show you the amended boundary.

After considering all the information before me, I consider that a marine reserve at Great Barrier Island (Aotea) is in the best interest of scientific study, of benefit to the public, and that it is expedient that the area should be declared a marine reserve. I will recommend to the Governor-General the making of an Order-in-Council to declare the area a marine reserve if the Ministers of Fisheries and Transport concur.

I believe the proposed Aotea (Great Barrier) Marine Reserve application is compelling and will contribute significantly to the Government's marine protection goal.

Yours faithfully

Chris Carter
Minister of Conservation