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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Application APP 039825.01.01 under Section 95 of the Resource Management Act – PJ Thorton and G Collie – Jetty, Boardwalk, Wave Attenuator, Dredging and Other Associated Activities.

The above Resource Consent Application has come to the attention of our Society. While it is acknowledged that the Northland Regional Council must accept any and all Applications, we are concerned that the notice of this Application fails to provide salient information regarding the legal context in which this matter must be considered.

This context includes the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010, the Northland Regional Policy Statement, which identifies the area as “High Natural Character” and the Far North District Plan, which identifies the adjoining land as an “Outstanding Natural Landscape”.

More particularly, it disregards a previous Environment Court decision (ENV 2006-AKL-000193) that relates directly to the area in question. The Northland Regional Council was a party to this Appeal and signed a consent order under Section 108(2)(d) of the Resource Management Act. This Consent Order is backed by a Covenant signed by the NRC, Ngatiwai Trust Board, Environmental Defense Society, the Eastern Bay of Islands Preservation Society and relevant property owners.

The above Consent Order and Covenant clearly precludes the ability to erect, place, use or keep within the Coastal Marine Area adjacent to the land (or associated with access to and across the land) or permit any other person or organisation of any kind to erect, place or use or keep (on the land) any building, wharf, jetty, marina, boat ramp, or facility associated with access to the Coastal Marine Area (or across the land to the Coastal Marine Boundary) within a setback of 50 (20) metres seaward of (inland from) mean high water mark.

We ask that the Northland Regional Council honour it’s commitments as outlined above.

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