Proposed Regional Coastal Plan: Kermadec and Subantarctic Islands
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Dear Sarah

NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE SUBMISSION – PROPOSED REGIONAL COASTAL PLAN: KERMADEC AND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS

The following New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) comment is provided in response to the Proposed Regional Coastal Plan for the Kermadec and Subantarctic Islands.

Surface water activities in the Subantarctic Islands – controls on access to zones close into shore

The NZDF supports the exemption (note 2) providing for vessels of the Royal New Zealand Navy when involved in activities for any of the purposes listed in section 5 of the Defence Act 1990.

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Glossary - ancillary craft

The NZDF seeks the amendment of the definition of 'ancillary craft' by including RHIBS (rigid hull inflatable boat) and LCM (landing craft medium) as additional craft within the meaning of the definition. These craft are essential to RNZN ship to shore operations around the islands. The RHIB is 7.26 metres in length and will operate from Offshore Patrol Vessels or frigates, while the LCM is 27 metres and will operate from HMNZS Canterbury. Many of these activities will also be in support of Department of Conservation resupply missions to the islands.

Please keep the NZDF informed on future development of the Proposed Coastal Plan. If you have any questions in respect of the above material please contact Mr Gary Penefather on (04) 4960 394.
Yours faithfully

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