

# BLUE ENERGY IN THE PACIFIC:

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# Managing environmental effects in the ocean

The Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012



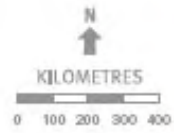
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# What will be covered

- Context for the Act
- Activities covered by the Act
- Purpose of the Act
- How the regime will work
- Regulations under the Act

- Territorial sea (12-mile limit)
- Exclusive Economic Zone
- Extended continental shelf
- Outer limits of the extended continental shelf
- New Zealand–Australian 2004 delimitation treaty



**New Zealand Marine Jurisdictions**

Territorial Sea  
(12nm)

Exclusive Economic Zone  
(12 – 200nm)

Continental Shelf  
(200nm – )

**Crown Minerals Act -**  
Resource Allocation

**Continental Shelf Act -** Resource Allocation

**Maritime Transport Act -** Spill planning and response

**Resource Management Act -**  
Resource consents

**EEZ Act – Marine Consents**

**Fisheries Act -** Allocation and stock management

**Health and Safety in Employment Act -** Health and Safety

Legislation

# Activities covered by the Act

- Petroleum exploration and production
- Seabed mining
- Marine scientific research
- Submarine cables
- Longer term activities including renewable energy generation and carbon sequestration

# Reasons for the Act

- Manage environmental effects
- Regulatory certainty
- Independent decision-making
- Public and iwi involvement
- International obligations

# Purpose of the Act

- Promote the sustainable management of the natural resources of the EEZ and continental shelf



# How the regime works

- The Act establishes the decision-making framework
- The technical detail will be set in the regulations – activities can be classified as permitted, discretionary or prohibited.
- The EPA will monitor and enforce the regime

# Timeframes

- Regulations and Act expected to be in force this year
- Review of the Act within five years

# Marine management looking ahead

- Briefing to the Incoming Minister 2011 highlighted a need for:
  - Fair and efficient allocation of resources
  - Integrated management frameworks
  - Inclusive decision-making
  - Improved information to inform decision-making



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